



# SOKOTO STATE

## IMMUNIZATION BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY

# ANNUAL SCORECARD 2025

# ABOUT THE SCORECARD

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The Africa Health Budget Network (AHBN), in collaboration with the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) with support from GAVI, is implementing the Zero Dose Learning Hub (ZDLH) in Nigeria targeting Kano, Borno, Bauchi, and Sokoto States to address zero-dose immunization gaps. AHBN component of the ZDLH focuses on reaching missed communities through Advocacy, Stakeholder Engagement, Budget Tracking, and Accountability to improve immunization coverage.

To ensure the accountability is entrenched, ZDLH and its partners have developed a comprehensive ZDLH Accountability Scorecard for Immunization Budget Tracking, Accountability, and Sustainability at the sub-national level. The scorecard is designed to measure and track progress and performance aimed at increasing and sustaining Routine Immunization (RI) coverage to reduce zero-dose children. For operational purposes, Gavi defines zero-dose children as those who have not received the first dose of Penta 1 (or DPT1).

The scorecard is structured into three categories: budget summary, health financing and accountability & service delivery and transparency. Data collection covered desk review, secondary analysis of existing budget data, key informant interview and exit interviews at the facilities. The scorecard data are being scored as dark green (target achieved), light green (demonstrated achievement), amber (progressive achievement), red (no achievement), where data is not available the indicator is scored as black.

The ZDLH Accountability Scorecard serves as a vital tool for tracking state government and partner commitments, with respect to financial and non-financial performance. The scorecard provides actionable insights for improved decision-making, with recommendations for advocacy to be led by the ZDLH Community of Practice (CoP) members, state level CSOs, professional bodies and the media. Its implementation will enhance transparency, strengthen immunization systems, and drive sustainable progress in reducing zero-dose children at the sub-national level.

The ZDLH acknowledges and deeply appreciates the contributions of the Sokoto State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SSPHCDA) for actively participating in the development process of this scorecard and for providing access to accurate data that enriched its quality and relevance.

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## Immunization Budget Accountability Scorecard 2025

### BUDGET SUMMARY AMOUNT (NGN)

Indicators	2 0 2 3	2 0 2 4	2 0 2 5
Total Annual State Budget in Absolute Figure	198,501,095,129	450,488,477,777	526,882,142,484.39
Total Approved Health Budget for State in Absolute Figure	26,865,710,550	30,415,441,399	41,869,252,083.91
Total Budget Allocated to PHC Agency by State in Absolute Figure	710,094,736	1,575,535,812	10,696,854,692.00
Total Budget Allocated to Immunization Services by State in Absolute Figure	20,000,000	220,000,000	365,410,127
Absolute Amount contributed by the (MoU) partners in the immunization basket fund	550,000,000	300,000,000	300,000,000
Absolute amount of government contribution to the basket fund	20,000,000	220,000,000	365,410,127
Absolute BHCPF received by the state PHCMB from NPHCDA	550,425,768	411,030,070	218,337,313.59
Absolute amount allocated by the state as 25% counterpart fund for BHCPF	70,000,000	70,000,000	389,347,156.75
Absolute amount received by the BHCPF implementing PHCs from the SPHCMB	223,229,022	146,766,000	
Absolute amount received by BHCPF implementing PHCs as DFF from NPHCDA	0.00	0.00	384,000,000

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## Immunization Budget Accountability Scorecard 2025

### HEALTH FINANCING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Indicators	Score		
	2023	2024	2025
Proportion of approved State budget allocated to the health sector	13.5	6.75%	9.90%
Proportion of health sector budget released by State government quarterly	40.2%	45.7%	25.29%
Proportion of the annual approved state immunization budget released into the basket fund	65.8%	40.7%	100%
Proportion of MoU partners annual allocation released into the immunization basket fund	96.4%	57.69%	
Timely contribution of the MoU basket fund by state government			
Timely contribution of the basket fund by partners			
Proportion of fund from the basket fund account disbursed for immunization		100%	
Proportion of the state 25% counterpart funds released for BHCPF in State	12%	13%	
Proportion of BHCPF disbursed through the SPHCMB to PHC facilities	40.5%	35.76%	

#### Definition of Keys

Target Achieved  
(Sustainable)

Demonstrated Achievement  
(On-track)

Progressive Achievement

No Achievement

Data not Available

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## Immunization Budget Accountability Scorecard 2025

### SERVICE DELIVERY AND TRANSPARENCY

Indicators	Score		
	2023	2024	2025
Proportion of under-one children (infants) who received Penta 1 in BHCPF implementing facilities in zero-dose affected LGAs	58.7%	85.9%	73%
Proportion of under-one children (infants) who received Penta 3 in BHCPF implementing facilities in zero dose affected LGAs	51.9%	76.7%	69%
Percentage of care-givers interviewed and satisfied with immunization services received in the BHCPF implementing facility at zero dose affected LGAs		76.4%	72.9%
Proportion of BHCPF designated PHCs benefiting from DFF directly from the NPHCDA gateway			
Active participation of state level CSOs during the government convened regular meetings of RI Technical Working Group (Former SERICC)			
Active participation of state level CSOs during the state immunization taskforce			

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### DISCUSSION PAGE

Penta 1 coverage declined from 86% in 2024 to 73% in 2025, while Penta 3 coverage declined from 77% to 69% over the same period, representing decreases of 9% and 8%, respectively. These declines were reportedly due to occasional stock-outs of vaccines, including Penta, and delays in the timely release of immunization funds in Sokoto State.

In 2025, the State Primary Health Care Development Agency received ₦218 million from the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) under the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF). These funds are intended to support implementing health facilities in the State for key activities such as vaccine procurement, essential drug supply, service delivery, and outreach programs. Direct Facility Funding (DFF) to PHCs in Sokoto State has commenced during the last quarter (Q4) of 2025, timely disbursement of these funds was essential to ensure that allocated funds were effectively deployed to improve immunization coverage and strengthen primary health care services.

The sustained improvement in the allocation of the immunization budget over 2023, 2024 and 2025 to the tune of ₦20 million, ₦220 million and ₦365 million respectively is commendable and can largely be attributed to the consistent advocacy and engagement efforts by Community of Practice members, CSOs, and development partners. These stakeholders have actively participated in policy dialogues, budget reviews & tracking, and immunization planning meetings, leveraging evidence from routine monitoring, scorecards, and community feedback to influence government budgetary decisions. Their persistent engagement has helped prioritize immunization funding, strengthen accountability mechanisms, and ensure that resources are increasingly allocated to support routine immunization and reduce zero-dose children.

The proportion of the annual approved state immunization budget released into basket funds has increased from 0% in 2023 to 50% in 2024 and 100% in 2025. This progress is attributed to the enhanced participation and advocacy of Community of Practice (CoP) members in immunization activities, including active engagement in Immunization working group meetings.

### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

1

We acknowledge the release by the Sokoto State Government of ₦365,410,127 for immunization programs, which represents a positive step in ensuring adequate funding for routine immunization activities. To build on this progress, the government is encouraged to maintain the timely release of all approved immunization budgets in 2025 and beyond.

2

Sokoto State Ministry of Budget and Planning should strengthen data transparency by leveraging existing platforms, including government websites, to regularly publish timely and comprehensive quarterly budget performance reports. This will enhance public access to information, support independent tracking, and promote accountability in resource allocation and service delivery.

3

The Sokoto State Government should ensure the timely release of immunization funds to implementing facilities, as delays contribute to increase in drop-out rates between Penta 1 and Penta 3. Prompt and predictable funding will enable facilities to maintain vaccine availability, follow up with caregivers effectively, and improve overall immunization coverage and completion rates.

4

Given that the State Government has allocated ₦389,347,156.75 as its 25% BHCPF counterpart funding, Community of Practice members are encouraged to intensify advocacy by engaging to track fund disbursements and prompt the government to release funds on time, ensuring that resources are efficiently utilized to strengthen service delivery at implementing facilities.



# HEALTH FINANCING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Indicators	Scoring Sheet				Data Source
	Target Achieved (Sustainable)	Demonstrated Achievement (On-track)	Progressive Achievement	No Achievement	
Proportion of approved State budget allocated to the health sector.	15% of state budget allocated to health sector	10% - 14.9% of state budget allocated to health sector	5 -9.9% of state budget allocated to health sector	Less than 5% of state budget allocated to health sector	State Approved Budget
Proportion of health sector budget released by State government quarterly	80% or more of the total health budget was released	70% - 79.9% of the total health budget was released	50-69.9% of the total health budget was released	Less than 50% of the total health budget was released	State Budget Performance Report
Proportion of the annual approved state immunization budget released into the basket fund	80% of the annual approved state immunization budget released into the basket fund	79.9% - 60% of the annual state immunization budget released into the basket fund	69.9%-50% of the annual state immunization budget released into the basket fund	Less than 50% of the annual state immunization budget released into the basket fund	Fund Release Notification
Proportion of MoU partners annual allocation released into the immunization basket fund	35% or more of MoU partners contributions in the PHC budget	20%-34.9% of MoU partners contributions in the PHC budget	10 - 19.9% of MoU partners contributions in the PHC budget	Less than 10% of MoU partners contributions in the PHC budget	State Approved Budget
Proportion of Timely contribution of the MoU basket fund by state government	If the state contribution is made in the first quarter	If the state contribution is made in the 2nd and 3rd quarter	If the state contribution is made in the forth quarter	If no contribution is made by the state across all the quarters	State Approved Budget
Proportion of Timely contribution of the basket fund by development partners	If the development partners contribution is made first quarter	If the development partners contribution is made 2nd and 3rd	If the development partners contribution is made forth quarter	If no contribution is made by the partners across all the quarters	State Approved Budget
Proportion of fund from the basket fund account disbursed for immunization	80% or more of the basket fund was disbursed for immunization and PHC	70% - 79.9% of the basket fund was disbursed for immunization and PHC	50-69.9% of the basket fund was disbursed for immunization and PHC	Less than 50% of the basket fund was disbursed for immunization and PHC	State Approved Budget
Proportion of the state 25% counterpart funds released for BHCPF in State	80% or more of the state counterpart funds released for BHCPF	70% - 79.9% of the state counterpart funds released for BHCPF	50-69.9% of the state counterpart funds released for BHCPF	Less than 50% of the state counterpart funds released for BHCPF	Secondary analysis of state level BHCPF report
Proportion of BHCPF disbursed through the SPHCDA to PHC facilities	80% or more of the BHCPF disbursed through the SPHCDA gateway to PHC facilities	70% - 79.9% of the BHCPF disbursed through the SPHCDA to PHC facilities	50-69.9% of the BHCPF disbursed through the SPHCDA to PHC facilities	Less than 50% of the BHCPF disbursed through the SPHCDA to PHC facilities	BHCPF Newsletter



# SERVICE DELIVERY AND TRANSPARENCY

Indicators	Scoring Sheet				Data Source
	Target Achieved (Sustainable)	Demonstrated Achievement (On-track)	Progressive Achievement	No Achievement	
Proportion of under-one children (infants) who received Penta 1 in BHCPF implementing facilities in zero-dose affected LGAs	80% or more under-one children received Penta 1	60-79.9% under-one children received Penta 1	50-69.9% under-one children received Penta 1	Less than 50% under-one children received Penta 1	DHIS2
Proportion of under-one children (infants) who received Penta 3 in BHCPF implementing facilities in zero dose affected LGAs	80% or more under-one children received Penta 3	60-79.9% under-one children received Penta 3	50-69.9% under-one children received Penta 3	Less than 50% under-one children received Penta 3	DHIS2
Utilization status of the BHCPF at the implementing facility in zero dose affected LGAs in relation to immunization	80% or more utilization achievement from report	60 - 79.9% utilization achievement from report	50 - 69.9% utilization achievement from report	Less than 50% utilization achievement from report	Sokoto State desk officer BHCPF
Percentage of care-givers satisfied with immunization services received in the BHCPF implementing facility of zero dose affected LGAs	80% or more of enrollees satisfied with at least 4 of the six criteria	60 - 79.9% of enrollees satisfied with at least 4 of the six criteria	50 - 69.9% of enrollees satisfied with at least 4 of the six criteria	Less than 50% of enrollees satisfied with at least 4 of the six criteria	Enrollee interview
Proportion of BHCPF designated PHCs benefiting from DFF directly from the NPHCDA gateway	100% of BHCPF designated PHCs are benefiting from DFF directly from the NPHCDA	80% - 99.9% of BHCPF designated PHCs are benefiting from DFF directly from	50% - 79.9% of BHCPF designated PHCs are benefiting from DFF directly from	Less than 50% of BHCPF designated PHCs are benefiting from DFF directly from	Data not available
Timely contribution of the MOU basket fund by state government	Four quarters contributed timely	Three quarters contributed timely	Two quarters contributed timely	One or zero quarters contributed timely	State budget performance report
Active participation of state level CSOs during the government convened regular meetings of RI Technical Working Group (Former SERICC)	In every meeting, at least two state-level CSOs in participation	In every meeting, at least one state-level CSO in participation	Irregular state level CSOs participation	No state level CSO participation	Attendance sheet and pictures
Active participation of state level CSOs during the state immunization taskforce	In every meeting, at least two state-level CSOs in participation	In every meeting, at least one state-level CSO in participation	Irregular state level CSOs participation	No state level CSO participation	Attendance sheet and pictures





