

CHALLENGE FACILITY FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

Innovative Active Delivery of TB Care to Refugee Populations in Rural Communities of Taraba State, Nigeria



LOCATION Three LGAs (Sardauna, Gashaka and Kurmi) and 1 Special Development Area (Ngada) in Southern part of Taraba State



TARGET POPULATION(S) 79,108 Refugees in the 3 LGAs and 1 SDA of Taraba State



IMPLEMENTERS AND PARTNERS

A consortium made up of Janna Health Foundation (JHF) and Sufabel Community Development Initiative (SCDI), TB Programme at National, State and Local Government levels

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

PROBLEM STATEMENT — The project targets thousands of refugees that fled the political crisis in Southern Cameroon. It is known that refugees have high rates of TB. The human rights barriers being addressed include poor access to health services, poor vaccination coverage, high patronage of traditional and other informal health service providers, low level of knowledge and awareness among others factors. These factors account for high rates of TB among refugees.

AIM — This project aims to develop and pilot outreach screening and active case finding model for displaced persons (refugees) in camps and host communities in Sardauna, Gashaka and Kurmi LGAs including Ngada development area of Taraba State.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To identify and establish linkage with relevant stakeholders for successful implementation of the project.
- 2 To establish a system for conducting active TB screening among refugees.
- 3 To conduct active TB case finding in refugee camps and host communities in order to improve TB case notification among refugees.
- 4 To monitor and evaluate the implementation of the project.
- 5 To conduct a comparative study on the prevalence of TB (and HIV) among refugees and the general population.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENTS



CONTRIBUTION TO REACHING KEY UN HLM TARGETS BY 2022. Nigeria is expected to contribute 1,179,600 (~3 percent) of the 40 million TB cases to be diagnosed and treated globally by 2022 according to the UNHLM targets. This project aims to notify 400 new TB cases from the refugees targeted with this intervention.



ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE TB STRATEGIC PLAN. The current NSP (2015 – 2020) recognized the need to implement innovative TB case finding especially among key and vulnerable populations in order to close the gap in TB case detection. The NSP also recognizes bottlenecks related to CRG which include access to services, poor knowledge and awareness on TB and high patronage of alternative care (traditional healers and patent medicine vendors).

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ABOUT JANNA HEALTH FOUNDATION

JHF and SCDI are formally registered Community Based Organizations with almost a decade of experience in the implementation of projects among key and vulnerable populations in North East Nigeria. The 2 organizations are led by experienced Programme Managers on TB, Leprosy and HIV who have over 20 years' experience in Programme Management in their respective States. The 2 organizations have an active board which guides all activities planned and implemented.