



# Improving Access to Healthcare in Kano

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In this series, Dr Halima Muhammed Mijinyawa, the Executive Secretary of the Kano State Contributory Healthcare Management Agency (KSCHMA) speaks about how PERL's support to strengthen the Agency is yielding results and increasing in the access to healthcare in the state.

The Agency was established in 2016, but implementation commenced in 2018 and right from the onset, we have had interactions with PERL. The first activity that was supported by PERL was organising a media parley with various radio stations and TV stations. This was to sensitise the populace on the scheme and implementation process, and facilitate awareness. This was followed by both virtual and physical trainings on the basic concept of M&E. In 2020, PERL supported the development of an M&E framework.

PERL also supported the development of a 10-year strategic plan for the Agency, which was developed in 2021 and we are looking towards its review. Recently, PERL supported the development of a dashboard which is in its final stages of completion, we have gone through a series of implementation meetings, the staff of the Agency and liaison officers in the LGAs have been trained on how to use the dashboard.

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The trainings have yielded positive results. With the trainings, we have been able to collect, analyse, and interpret data. Through the results, we know the nature of diseases that have been seen at the facilities, after being analysed, we have a meeting and chart a way forward. For example, the most common disease is malaria for primary care and for secondary cases, its severe malaria. It enables us focus attention on that, the information is then relayed to the Ministry of Health.

With the results that we have seen, more people are accessing the facilities, which is one of the objectives of the scheme. Right from the onset, PERL has been rendering the required support, the relationship has been fantastic. I think this is a great achievement and we are grateful for the support.



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