

In this series, Dr Tijani Husseini, the Executive Secretary of the Kano State Primary Healthcare Management Board (KSPHMB) speaks about how PERL's support to the Board is improving accountability and transparency. This is ensuring that the people of Kano State have improved access to healthcare

Improved accountability and transparency is ensuring that people have greater access to healthcare in Kano

The State Primary Healthcare Management Board has been working with PERL since 2021, starting with the institutional needs assessment that was supported by PERL at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board's capacity to respond to the pandemic was assessed, and a lot of interventions were implemented because of that assessment.

We worked with **PERL** improving on accountability and transparency especially governance, at the Primary Healthcare level. We looked at the financial processes, the Board's organogram, and how financial accountability is implemented. The Board also developed tools and processes to ensure that transparency and accountability is improved at the Primary Healthcare level.

We realised that there are a lot of resources in the Primary Healthcare pipeline, and unless we improve how these resources are utilised, we might not be able to achieve Universal Health Coverage. Through PERL's support in enhancing transparency, we have outlined various things needed to ensure that we improve on how funds are utilised.

Improved accountability and transparency is ensuring that people have greater access to healthcare. It means our facilities are running better, and this has translated to better quality of services and overall improvement in the quality of life for the people of Kano State.

Our relationship with PERL has been on for almost three years, and over this period of time, PERL has been a very supportive partner, they have come up with robust implementation plans and activities that have led to improvement in our own processes.





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