



# NATIONAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

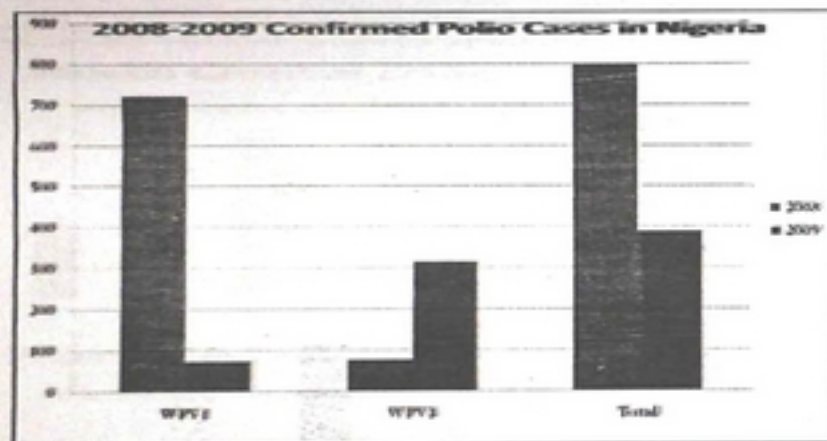
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## GOVERNORS LEAD THE MARCH TO ERADICATE POLIO

Our dear country Nigeria is one of the remaining four polio-endemic countries in the world today. Poliomyelitis, otherwise known as polio, is an incurable disease that paralyzes children especially those aged between zero and five years. The Federal Government, in its determination to rid the country of the scourge of polio, engaged all stakeholders including the traditional leaders and the State Governors in the crusade.

The 36 State Governors, under the auspices of the Nigerian Governors' Forum formally joined the crusade on 2nd February 2009, with determination to interrupt the spread of the virus and improve primary health care service delivery. They made a declaration of commitment at a special session on health convened by His Excellency, President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua. The communiqué was signed by the Honourable Minister of Health, Prof. Babatunde Osotimehin and the Chairman of the Nigerian Governors' Forum



and Executive Governor of Kwara State, Dr. Bukola Saraki. They adopted five action plan to interrupt the transmission of the polio virus in the States and in the Country. These include:

1. Providing active leadership of Polio eradication activities (including routine immunization) and primary health care, in general, in the State and directing LGA Chairmen to ensure that all children under 5 years are reached and vaccinated during any polio eradication activity in the State;
2. Improving the operational quality at the LGA level in our States by Chairing quarterly meetings with all the LGA Chairmen to loosely review the planning, implementation, and results of polio eradication activities, routine immunization/primary health care and identify remedies for poor-performing LGAs;
3. Allocating additional financial and human resources to strengthen Primary Health Care so that it can sustain routine immunization services and improve implementation of campaigns (Immunization Plus Days) in the State;
4. Reporting back to His Excellency, the President through NEC on a quarterly basis on the status of polio eradication efforts, including routine

immunization, in the State.

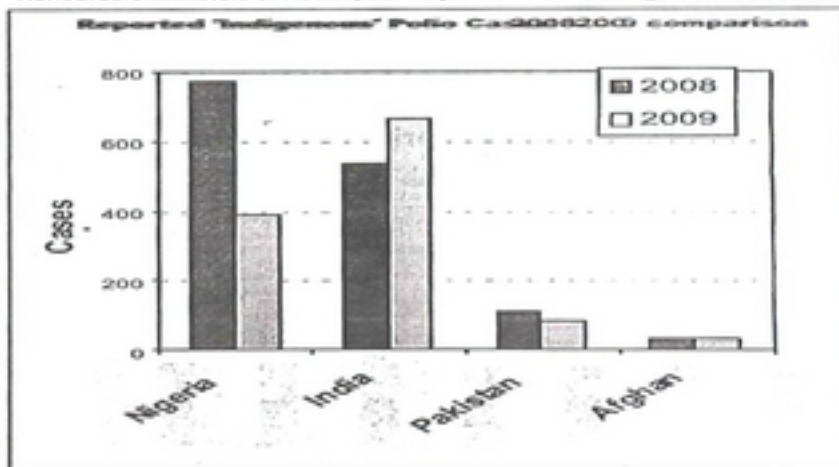
5. Improving Primary Health Care as a more holistic plan to addressing the issue of immunization through community health insurance schemes.

One year after, it is obvious that the Governors' interventions have contributed immensely to the success story recorded in the polio eradication efforts in 2009. A dramatic 90% reduction in cases of the paralytic disease was recorded last year. An unprecedented feat was the fact that in the last six months of 2009, only 31 cases of polio were recorded. Also, on the global scene, Nigeria achieved the greatest success compared with other polio endemic countries of Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

Our traditional leaders have also played immeasurable role in this crusade to rid the country of polio. In particular, since the direct intervention of the Northern traditional leaders under the leadership of His Eminence the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Abubakar Sa'ad III, most of the challenges in the Polio Eradication efforts are being surmounted.

Consequently, the whole world in unison has agreed that Nigeria is on the verge of eradicating Polio. All that is required now is for all hands to be on deck.

On behalf of Nigerian children, we wish to congratulate the Governors, the Honourable Ministers of Health, our Royal Fathers and Religious leaders for a



Job well done.

However, experts have advised that Nigeria needs to tighten up all loose ends to avoid backsliding. Hence we want to appeal that we all need to do more work to achieve our collective goal of interrupting the transmission of the polio virus this year.

We also appeal to our fathers and mothers that we are getting to the end of the race. So they should give the health workers all the needed cooperation to protect our dear children from polio and other child killer diseases now!

Together, we can eradicate Polio from our communities, our LGAs, our States and indeed, our country, NIGERIA!!!



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## Governors' Abuja Commitment: The Journey So Far

### Implementation Status Scores

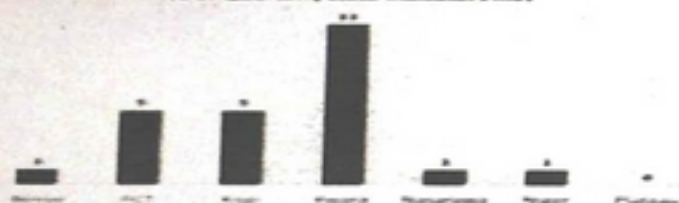
At the end of 2009, the implementation status of the Governors' February 2009 Abuja Commitments were assessed using the following criteria: 1. Personal involvement of HE Governor in public event in support of Polio e.g. meeting with key stakeholders, flag off ceremonies 2. At least one meeting between Governor (or his representative) with LGA chairmen to discuss priority actions to improve polio eradication/routine immunization each quarter 3. At least one meeting between Governor (or his representative) with traditional leaders to review their involvement in Polio Eradication/Routine Immunization each quarter 4. At least one meeting of State Task Force or similar high-level oversight committee established by Governor to oversee polio eradication/routine immunization activities each quarter.

The performance of each State was scored thus:

- If an indicator is achieved in each of the last three quarters of 2009 i.e. Q2 (Apr-Jun), Q3 (Jul-Sept) and Q4 (Oct-Dec), a score of 3 is awarded [Example: Governor or his representative meets with LGA chairmen at

### North Central Zone

No. of Quarterly State Indicators met



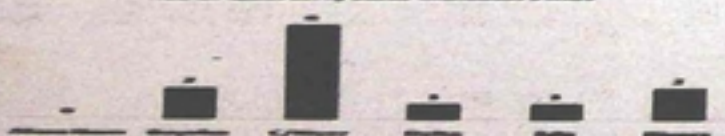
### North West Zone

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### South South Zone

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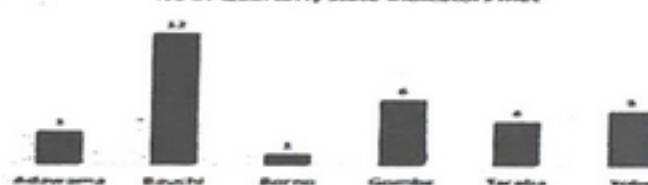
least once in each quarter).

- If an indicator is achieved in only two of the last 3 quarters of 2009 i.e. Q2 (Apr-Jun), Q3 (Jul-Sept) and Q4 (Oct-Dec), a score of 2 is awarded.
- If an indicator is achieved in only one of the last three quarters of 2009 i.e. Q2 (Apr-Jun), Q3 (Jul-Sept) and Q4 (Oct-Dec), a score of 1 is awarded.
- If an indicator is not achieved in any of the last 3 quarters of 2009 i.e. Q2 (Apr-Jun), Q3 (Jul-Sept) and Q4 (Oct-Dec), a total of 0 is awarded.

Note: The Highest possible Score is 12, while the lowest possible Score is 0 for each State.

### North East Zone

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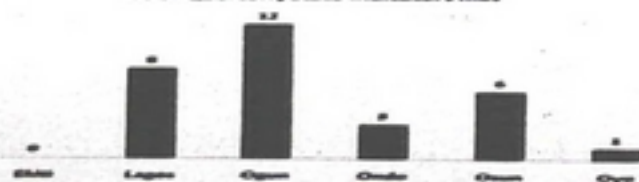
### South East Zone

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