

**TOUR BY THE NIGERIA
GOVERNORS' FORUM
SECRETARIAT TO CROSS RIVER
STATE FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER –
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 2009.**

PRESENTATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER
FOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH

BACKGROUND

- Governor's Forum(GF) formed in February ,2009 in collaboration with Bill Gates Foundation for the Improvement of PHC and specifically tackle Vaccine preventable diseases through Polio eradication and strengthening Routine Immunisation through mobilisation of political and religious leaders.

RESPONSE BY THE GOVERNOR OF CROSS RIVER
STATE SENATOR LIYEL IMOKE TO THE GF
COMMITMENTT

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

1. Establishment of the CRSPHC Council with HE as Chairman-3 council meetings held.
2. Development of CRS PHC Blue-Print(Final) draft produced with the assistance of CIDA. The draft formed the bedrock of the State Strategic health Development Plan of the FMOH (NSHDP).
3. Development of a draft law for the CRSPHCDA.

PHC CONTD

- Selection of Bekwarra and Obubra for the start of Tuls Chanrai Foundation of PHC.
- Strong collaboration with the National Primary Health Care Development Agency(NPHCDA) in the following areas relating to the attainment of MDGs 4&5-Keying into the GAVI funds for RI strengthening with back up counterpart funds from State and LGAs.
- 2009 MDG-CGS for PHC, MDG-NHIS,
- Free Health for Under fives and pregnant women.

PHC CONTD

- NPHCDA and Health System strengthening for Obubra and Obanliku LGAs. Needs assessment for Obubra PHC facilities has been completed.
- NPHCDA and the Midwives Service Scheme(MSS). Selection of Health facilities based on the MSS cluster Approach
- ii) Final selection and Ratification of the clusters and facilities.
- iii) Assessment of proposed health facilities

NPHCDA and MSS

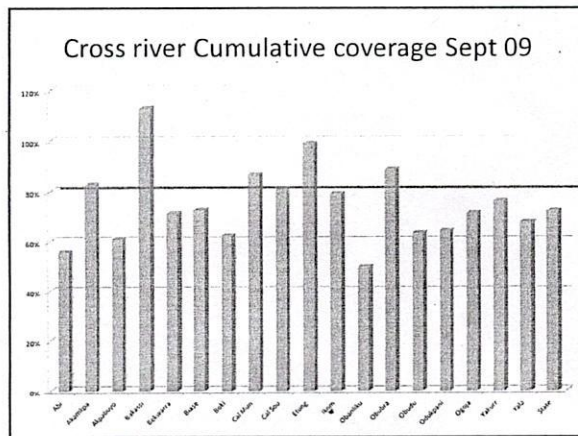
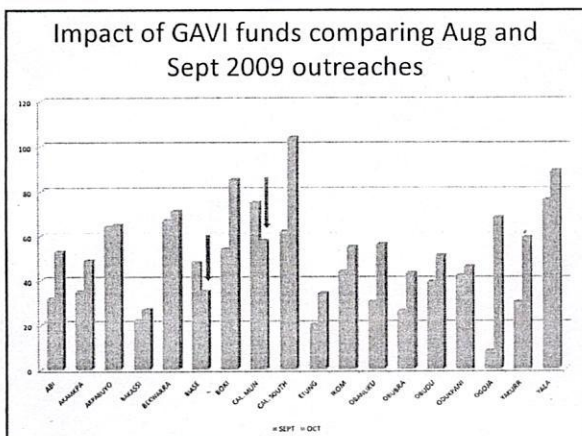
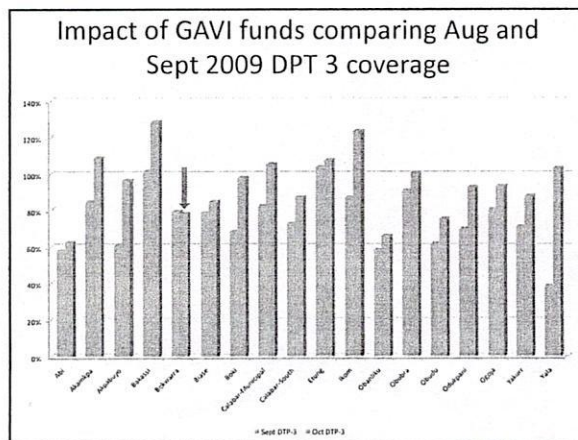
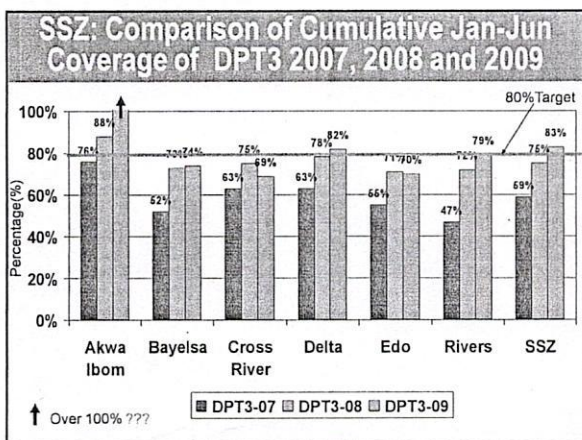
- for implementation of the MSS
- iv) Mobilization and Deployment of 61 retired but able and unemployed midwives for the scheme. 45 have accepted to be posted to the 4 clusters in the State
- v) Training of 4 midwife tutors as Master trainers on Life Saving skills (LSS) for the MSS
- vi) Mobilization of Ward Development Committees /Training on Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) .

GF and Vaccine preventable Diseases.

- Conducted 3 rounds of NIPDs which HE has personally flagged off.
- Mop-up campaign in 4 LGAs on discovery of Wild Polio Virus in Adadama, Abi LGA in April 2009. The cost of this campaign was borne entirely by the State .
- Presentation to the Joint Accounts Committee of the MOLG by the Comm. Health on their roles and responsibilities to form LGA Task force on Immunization.

Progress on GAVI support

Coverage of RI had fallen to 69% by June 2009. With GAVI support from Sept, 2009 the RI coverage is 72%. It is expected that State and LGAs counterpart funds will improve the coverage to 80% by Dec.09. On the other hand lack of this support and the difficult terrain of CRS will make its attainment impossible.



Summary

- The GF has positively promoted the implementation of PHC in the State through the establishment of the CRSPHC Council, development of a PHC Blue Print, extensive collaboration between the State with NPHCDA leading to such programmes as the GAVI, MSS ,Health System strengthening, Improvement in RI activities and Polio Eradication Initiative for WPV free CRS.

Conclusion

- The inauguration of the GF is a welcome project that puts the Chief executive of each State at the driving seat of PHC activities. This should be strengthened to ensure that Nigeria uses it to attain all the MDGS.

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