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Ebonyi State Health Profile

Salt Of The Nation





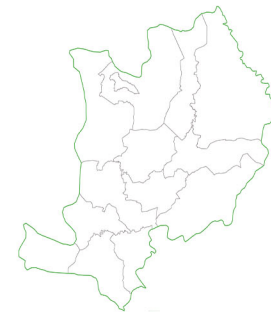
Your Excellency,

This profile gives a snapshot of the key health indices in your state as well as some of the key actions your excellency needs to prioritize to build a stronger and resilient health system for better health outcomes.

Signed

DG NGF

Get to Know Ebonyi State



Ebonyi state, ranked 34th in terms of population size and has a population density of 596 persons/km².



Created
01/10/1996



Land Mass
5,670 km²



Population
3,381,035



LGAs
13



Political Wards
171



Under 1 Population
135,241



Under 5 Population
676,207



Women of Child Bearing Age
743,828

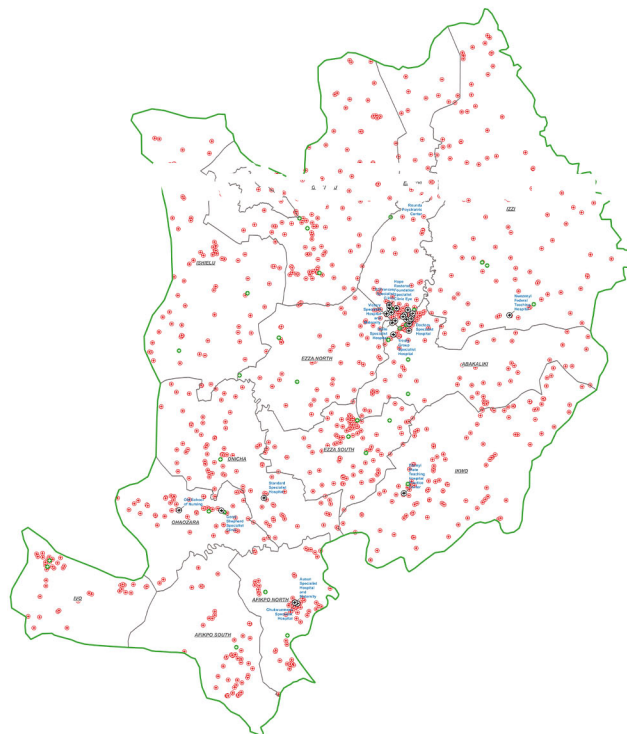


Pregnant Women
169,052

Health Facility Distribution



Ebonyi State has adequate number of health facilities for its population size based on the standard of 1 basic health unit per 10,000 population.



Primary Health Facility Secondary Health Facility Tertiary Health Facility Local Government Area Boundaries State Boundary



Primary

665

Public: 499

Private: 166



Secondary

19

Public: 14

Private: 5



Tertiary

3

Public: 3

Private: 0

Health Facility
Per Capita

2/10,000
Population



Call to Action

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2. Aim at ensuring at least one **FUNCTIONAL** primary health care centre per ward in line with the national PHC revitalization strategy.

Human Resource for Health



The number of skilled birth attendants is far below the recommended minimum standard required to be on path to 'ending preventable deaths by 2030'.



Health Training Institutions

Institution	Public	Private	Admission Quota
College(s) of Medicine	3	0	300
School(s) of Nursing & Midwifery	3	1	-
School(s) of Health Technology	1	7	-
School(s) of Pharmacy	0	0	-



Human Resource for Health

Occupation	Number	Density (Per 10,000 Population)	Target (WHO)
Doctors	11	<1	10
Nurses/Midwives	37	<1	30
Community Health Workers	766	2	10
Pharmacists	21	<1	2.5



Call to Action

The State government should **PRIORITIZE** investments in Human Resource for Health (HRH) by:

1. Developing a realistic comprehensive HRH plan (including an implementation plan) that includes a minimum HR requirement for the different types of health facilities, taking into account the fiscal space of the state.
2. Recruiting based on the implementation plan (including incentives to retain).

Health Financing



Ebonyi state is not investing adequately in health as evidenced by the low annual budgetary allocation, poor budgetary release and a per capita expenditure on health of N1,647.1; this may have contributed to some of the poor health outcomes in the state.

Allocation - FY 2022



Total State Budget

₦145.4 bn



Allocation to Health (%)

₦7.6 bn (5%)



Percentage Health Allocation to PHC

₦0.2 bn (3%)

Performance - FY 2022



State Budget Performance

₦127.3 bn

88%



Health Budget Performance

₦5.6 bn

73%



Health Expenditure Per Capita

₦1,647.1



Call to Action

The state should gradually work towards \$29*(N12,000 approx.) per capita and invest more in health insurance.

Reference: ((prorated state contribution from \$86 per capita – WHO recommended) World Health Organization. (2018)..

Health Insurance



The state has a functional state social health insurance scheme which has not made health insurance mandatory. Also, the non-release of equity fund and Government/employee contribution for the formal sector would negatively impact on the scheme.

Scorecard (2022)

Indicator	Status
Existence of a State Social Health Insurance Agency	
Health Insurance Made Mandatory	
Equity Funds Release	
Government Contribution For Formal Sector	
Employee Contribution For Formal Sector	

Total No. of Enrollees



37,045

Target Not Met

Target Met

No Data



Call to Action

The State Government to ensure Health insurance scheme is mandatory, ensure regular and timely release of equity fund, and fast track government and employee contribution into the scheme.

PHCUOR Scorecard

Primary Health Care Under One Roof



Ebonyi state has performed well in its implementation of the Primary Health Care Under One Roof policy – a governance reform to improve PHC implementation and integration.

Scorecard	
Indicator	Status
Existence of a State Primary Health Care Board	●
Existence of Approved Minimum Service Package That Is Linked To SSHDP	●
Existence of Costed Service Delivery/Investment Plan	●
Provision Made For Investment Plan In The Annual Budget of The Last Year	●
PHC Programmes And Staff Moved To SPHCB From SMoH and SMoLGA	●

● Target Not Met
● Target Met
● No Data



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2. Ensure one **FUNCTIONAL** PHC per ward as per minimum service package for healthcare delivery outlined in the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) guidelines for the revitalization of PHCs.

Nutrition Scorecard



The state has a functional state committee on food and nutrition. However, the state does not have a nutrition department in relevant MDAs and most of the nutrition interventions are funded by partners which is not sustainable.

Scorecard

Indicator	Status
Existence of State Committee on Food and Nutrition	●
Presence of Nutrition Departments In Relevant MDAs	●
Budget Line For Nutrition In Key MDAs	●
Release of Fund For Nutrition (2022)	●
Availability of Multi-Sectoral Plan of Action For Nutrition	●
Availability of Government-Owned Creche	●
Approved Six Months Paid Maternity Leave.	●
Government Spending Greater than/Equal to Partner Spending	●

● Target Not Met
 ● Target Met
 ● No Data/Missing Validation



Call to Action

The state government should:

1. Set up nutrition departments in relevant MDAs (- at minimum in the following MDAs: Health, Agriculture, Budget and Planning, Women Affairs, State Primary Health Care Board);
2. Develop MSPAN and ensure prompt release of funds for its implementation;
3. Approve 6 months paid maternity leave.

Drug Management Agency (DMA) Scorecard



| Ebonyi state does not have a Drug Management Agency.

Scorecard

Indicator	Status
State Has Established An Autonomous DMA Backed By Law	
DMA Is Capitalized	
At Least 60% Of The Focal Ward PHCs Is Capitalized	
DMA Has Pharmagrade Warehouse With Adequate Capacity	
State Has A Single Supply Chain System	
State Manages Last Mile Delivery	

Target Not Met
 Target Met
 No Data



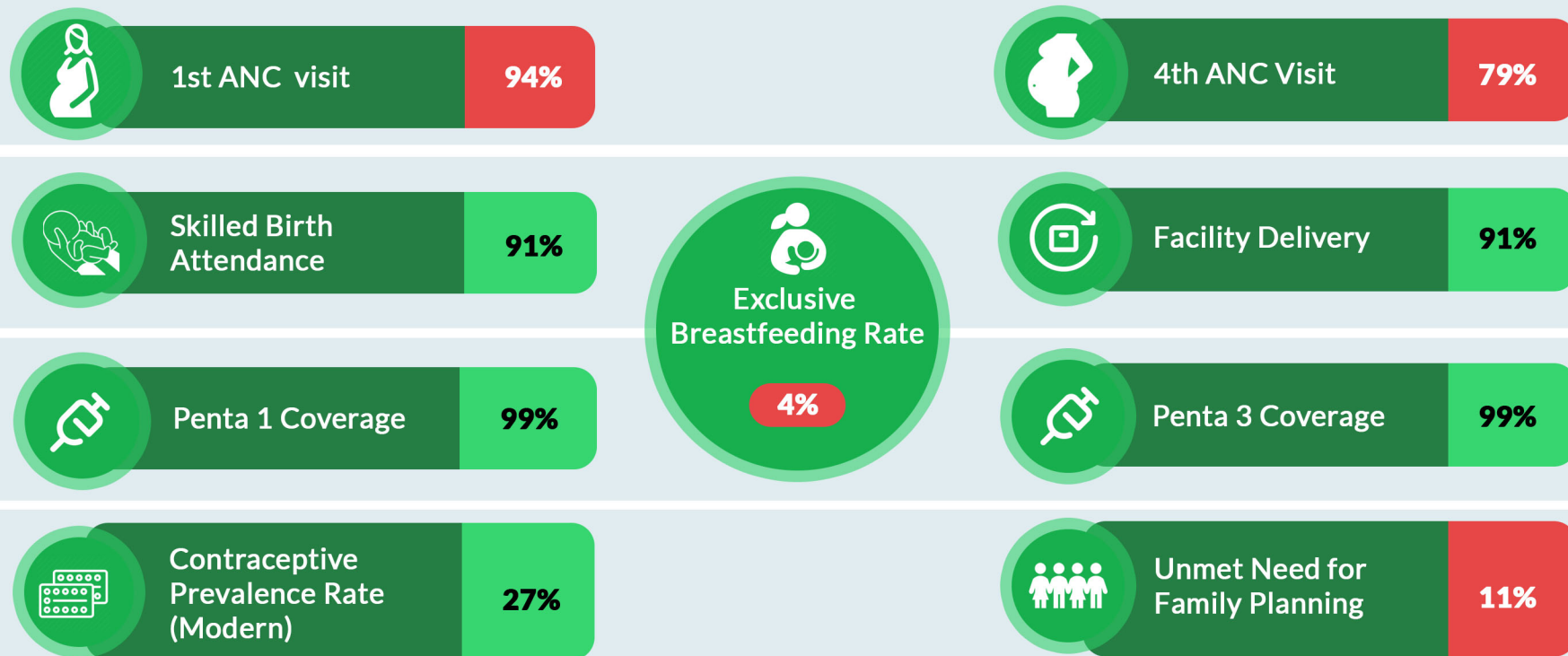
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Access and Service Utilization...



There is good access to and utilization of immunization services however access to antenatal and family planning services is low with about 11% of women-in-union needing family planning services not having access to it.



Call to Action

The state government should:

1. Sustain its performance on immunization services.
2. Identify and address barriers to access and utilization of antenatal and family planning services.

Access and Service Utilization



The state has high unmet needs in terms of treatment for Children living with HIV and only provides 3 doses of malaria prophylaxis for about half of its pregnant women.



HIV Prevalence

0.7%



ART Unmet Needs in
*CLHIV

38%



LGAs with TB
Molecular Diagnostic
Machine

62%



TB Treatment
Coverage

25%



Malaria Prevalence

25.7%



IPTp3 Coverage

42.9%



New Cases of
Hypertension

6,524



Call to Action

The State Government should ensure at least one functional molecular diagnostic machine per LGA, scale up ART treatment for CLHIV and expand coverage of IPTp3.

CLHIV – Children Living with HIV, ART – Antiretroviral Therapy, IPTp3 – Intermittent Preventive Treatment of Malaria for Pregnant Women (3rd dose +)
Reference: HIV health Sector Report 2021, NTBLCIP, NMEP, DHIS2

Health Outcomes

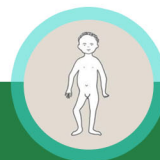


Despite the progress in immunization there is still a significant number of zero-dose children, high numbers of children with stunting & wasting, and unacceptably numbers of childhood mortalities in the state.



Zero Dose Children

1,139



No. of Children with Stunting

58,127



No. of Children with Wasting

4,844



No. of Children who Die before 28 Days of Life (Yearly)

94



No. of Children who Die before 1st Birthday (Yearly)

278



No. of Children who Die before 5th Birthday (Yearly)

2,590



Call to Action

The State Government should prioritize investments in maternal and child healthcare services, including nutrition interventions, immunizations, and healthcare infrastructure to improve the health outcomes of children in the state. It is also important for the state to work with key partners to identify and target communities with unvaccinated children.

- i. Stunting: Children Shorter in Height-for-Age
- ii. Wasting: Children with Low Weight-for-Height
- iii. Zero-dose: Children who failed to receive any routine vaccination - never reached by routine immunization services

Flagship Projects



This page details the key flagship projects ongoing in Ebonyi state that the Government needs to sustain.

S/N	Title	Description
	No data	No data

Partner Mapping



S/N	Implementing Partner	Intervention	Geographical Coverage
1	AMURT	HIV/AIDS	State Wide
2	Excellence Community Education Welfare Scheme	Malaria	State Wide
3	Global Health Supply Chain	Immunization	State Wide
4	UNICEF	Malaria	State Wide
5	US President Malaria Initiative	Behavioural Change Communication	State Wide
6	USAID (Breakthrough Action Nigeria)	Service delivery, policy development, governance	State Wide
7	USAID (IHP)	Immunization, surveillance, social mobilization, emergency logistics	State Wide
8	WHO	COVID-19 vaccination	State Wide

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The NGF is supported by a secretariat which is the technical and administrative arm of the Nigeria Governors' Forum. It is a policy hub and resource centre that sets agendas & priorities to enable the forum to meet its set objectives. The Secretariat serves as an interface between federal MDAs, development partners, and states. The Secretariat has several units including Health, IGR, Economics, Legal, Education, Agriculture, Peace, and Inclusive Security.

The Health Team

The health unit of the NGF Secretariat is responsible for coordinating all health-related interventions being championed by the secretariat. It is committed to catalysing a stronger health system and better health outcomes at the subnational level in line with national goals and strategies.

Our Vision

Is to be the leading go-to resource and learning hub for catalysing subnational health development and contributing to health SDGs.

Our Mission

Is to keep the NGF informed and up-to-date on health priorities and promote evidence-based decision-making & actions, accountability, and learning for better health outcomes at the subnational level.

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We leverage our convening powers to support States to achieve their health goals through Evidence Generation, High-Level Advocacy, Resource Mobilization, Accountability and Partnerships, and Capacity Building. We also engage with key federal MDAs, such as the FMOH, NHIA, NPHCDA, FMFBNP, and Office of the Vice President.

Our Team

The health team is a multidisciplinary team that includes high-profile professionals that have excelled in different fields of endeavour including Advocacy, Health Policy Analysis, Health Systems Strengthening, Public Health, Health Financing, Health Information System, Immunization, Supply Chain, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning.

Our Health Partners

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