

Janna Health Foundation (JHF)

Activity Report; December, 2018

JHF is implementing 3 projects in Adamawa State. These are:

- The STOP TB Partnership's Challenge Facility for Civil Society (CFCS) Round 8 project
- The Nomads TB REACH Wave 6 Scale up Project
- The IDP Wave 5 Scale up Project

CFCS R 8 Project:

JHF's STOP TB Partnership's Challenge Facility for Civil Society (CFCS) Round 8 project in Nigeria is in its 7th month of implementation. The project started in June 2018 and is being implemented in 12 of the 21 LGAs (Northern and Central Senatorial Zones) of Adamawa State. The CFCS R8 intervention focuses on Nomadic schools and their host communities with emphasis on the detection of childhood TB cases. Through strategic advocacy, JHF was able to secure the support from some of the host LGAs who have been providing diagnostic kits for malaria, anti-malarial drugs, multi-vitamins and anti-helminthic drugs. JHF's collaboration with the State Agency for Control of AIDS led to sustained supply of HIV Rapid Test Kits for use in the target population across the 12 LGAs. Other humanitarian activities of JHF also attracted additional services to the targeted population, for instance, through JHF's collaboration with the World Health Organization on cholera control, the capacity of JHF staff was built on community Cholera control and this has become an addition to the already existing services being provided to the Nomadic Schools and their host communities. The cholera epidemic has been contained and JHF's efforts contributed immensely to this success.

All CFCS R8 activities planned in the month under review were successfully implemented. These activities include:

- Active screening for TB and HIV in the nomadic schools and Host Communities
- Active transportation of presumptive TB Case sputum samples and retrieval of results to the presumptive TB cases
- Transportation of children under 5 years to the facilities where childhood TB cases can be diagnosed by trained Medical Officers
- Active linkage of diagnosed TB & HIV cases to identified TB/HIV service delivery points for treatment, care and support
- Awareness creation among target population on TB, HIV, Cholera and Malaria
- Community outreach targeting school children and their immediate Host Communities.

These activities were implemented by trained Community Volunteers under the supervision of JHF, the State TB programme Team and the State Project Team headed by the Agency for HIV/AIDS Control.

CFCS R 8 Project Results:

In the 12 targeted LGAs for this intervention, 7,512 persons were verbally screened for TB/HIV, 697 presumptive TB cases were identified in December including 36 under 5 presumptive childhood TB cases. Of all presumptive TB cases identified, sputum samples were collected from 632, out of which 39 all forms of TB cases were detected including 31 Bac+ and 5 under 5 Childhood TB cases. Of the 697 presumptive cases identified, 621 had HCT out of which 9 were found to be HIV+. All TB and HIV cases detected were linked to treatment, care and support services.

TB REACH Wave 5 IDP Scale-up Project:

This project aims to actively detect TB (and HIV) cases from IDP Camps and Host Communities in 4 LGAs of Adamawa State which are Mubi North, Mubi South, Yola North and Yola South. The project started on 1st October 2018, however, active TB case search started in November. 15 Volunteers, 5 DOTS staff and laboratory focal persons were oriented on the project in each of the 4 LGAs.

Results from the TB REACH Wave 5 IDP Scale-up Project:

In December 2018, 3,096 IDPs were verbally screened in camps and host communities, 209 presumptive TB cases were detected, sputum samples were collected from 192 of the 209 presumptive TB cases detected, collected samples were transported and tested by Xpert out of which 18 All Forms of TB cases were detected including 14 B+ TB cases. A total of 196 presumptive TB cases had HCT out of which none were found to be HIV+. All TB cases detected were enrolled on treatment in the 4 LGAs.

Nomads TB REACH Wave 6 IDP Scale-up Project:

JHF is also implementing the above project in collaboration with KNCV TB Foundation in Adamawa and Taraba States. In Adamawa State, the project covers 17 of the 21 LGAs and aims to detect TB cases from Nomadic Communities, settlements and grazing reserves in the State. 102 Volunteers and 50 DOTS Staff have been trained on the project which will be officially flagged off in Adamawa State this January, 2019.

Results from the Nomads TB REACH Wave 6 IDP Scale-up Project:

So far in December, 10,435 persons were verbally screened across 17 LGAs of Adamawa State, 739 (7%) presumptive TB cases were detected out of which sputum samples were collected from 633 and transported for Xpert diagnosis. Due to the high traffic of sputum samples on the few Xpert sites in the State, 51 presumptive TB cases were screened using AFB sputum microscopy. A total of 85 All Forms of TB cases were detected including 75 B+ TB cases. All TB cases detected were enrolled on treatment. Of the 739 presumptive TB cases detected, 642 had HCT out of which 20 were found to be HIV+. These were linked to ART sites for Treatment, care and support.



JHF Volunteers screening Nomadic School children, collecting sputum samples and sharing results with Nomadic Community leaders



JHF staff screening Nomadic Communities in Adamawa State

Key challenges encountered across these interventions include:

- Accessibility problems to some hard to reach areas
- Difficulties in transporting childhood presumptive TB cases
- Security challenges in some targeted LGAs

The following are recommendations proposed to meet the stated challenges:

- JHF will continue to advocate for the establishment of DOTS sites within (or proximal to) Nomadic Communities and schools

- JHF would ensure that health education is strengthened by CVs during TB screening exercises to improve on efforts by community leaders to support transportation of <5s for TB screening by Medical Officers

Thank you!

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