

ANNEXE

SUCCESS STORIES

A CASE OF A VCM DISPELLING MYTHS IN KANO

The household of Mallam Abdulkarim is located at Titin Faska settlement of Sabon Gari ward, less than 3Km from the main town of Tudun Wada, Tudun Wada LGA. There are two children in the household – Murja (14 months) and Sa'id (18 months). Both children have never been vaccinated as their parents were long reported as habitually non-compliant. They belong to the Shi'ites sect who has extreme religious ideology and misconception about immunization especially Oral Polio Vaccine. This led to their resistance in allowing their children to be vaccinated.



Figure 10: One of the children being immunized during April 2018 round

Rabi Lawal, the CGPP Volunteer Community Mobilizer (VCM) of Titin Faska, is active and well-known in the community. As a result of her influence in the community, coupled with intensive house to house mobilization and after so many trials and follow ups, she was able to convince the head of household to accept the vaccine for his children. After he was convinced, the household head said in hausa “*har yanzu dai bamuga yaron daya mutu ba saboda rigakafin polio saboda haka nima na karba polio duk lokacin da akey azo ayi ma iyalina ko ina nan ko bana nan*” meaning “*there is no single child that has lost his life because he is immunized with polio vaccine therefore, my children should be immunized every round whether I am around or not*”. The children were immunized during April 2018 IPDs.

The Power of Interpersonal Communication (IPC) Skills in Addressing Skepticism and Lack of Trust

Anoma community in Jajeri Ward of Karasuwa Local Government Area in Yobe State rejected vaccination during the African Vaccination Week. This was made known during evening review meeting on Day three the ward focal person reported block rejection based on the daily implementation work plan.

During the meeting the state, LGA team assigned the CGPP Local Government Area Coordinator (LGAC)



and CDC NSTOPER to go meet the community members to address the issues and vaccinate the children involved. During the visit to the settlement the team conducted a Dialogue with all the caregivers of the settlement, the reason giving by the caregivers is the Lack of Free drugs at the health facility when the client visits the health facility. ‘When we or our children get sick, we can’t get medication in the hospitals, but you want to help the children when they don’t need any’ according to the community

members. The team made them understand that because of the compromised immunity level of the children, an infection could be double tragedy. They saw reason and understood that the dangers of contacting a killer disease is far beyond just the malaria they are talking about. They accepted to immunize the children after a long argument.

After the sensitization meeting the community leader remarked that: *'Ba wanda Yataba zuwa Yawayarmanadakai Kamar Yadda Kukayi saboda haka a madadin mutanen Garin Zamu cigabada Karban Alluran Rigakafi a Kadayaushe idan mutanan sukazo'*. Meaning no other person tried to explain these issues patiently before now. They made a commitment to be taking their children for Routine Immunization at the health facility.

VACCINATION IS A SURE WAY TO IMMUNIZATION

Malam Mohammed Bashir of house No 061 (VCM number) in Market road Ungwan Rimi ward, has a four years old daughter, Falmata Barshir who was said to have never received Oral Polio Vaccine since birth. The caregiver who migrated from Maiduguri said they don't accept vaccination because the vaccine is not important in their children's life.

The Volunteer Community Mobilizer (VCM) and Volunteer Ward Supervisor (VWS) continued engaging the head of house hold on dialogue, but he said *"I am only listening to you because you are an elderly woman but I have told you that this immunization is not important to my children and I will not allow them to take it"*



The VCM and VWS reported the issue to Sarki Shehu, the community leader. He summoned the head of household after listening to his reasons, he told him that the same people who assisted him in rescuing his brother from Boko haram are the ones promoting the vaccination and he is trying to influence other people against the vaccine. He asked him if he had witness any harm caused as a result of the vaccination which he answered no. Sarki was able to explain to him the importance of vaccination and the implication of making the child vulnerable and susceptible to infections.

At the end he apologized to Sarki and told the VCMs *"go to my house immediately, vaccinate my daughter and if possible vaccinated my pregnant wife so that the unborn child can benefit from it"*.

CGPP Community-Based Organization (CBO) Coordinator's participation in Active Supportive Supervision together with LGA Coordinator played a vital role in Resolving many Noncompliant Children In Gadaka/Shembire Ward During March 2018 H2H campaign in Fika LGA, Yobe State

Tsohuwar Kasuwa in Gadaka found to be one of the settlements that have the higher number of noncompliance reported during the ward review meeting at the clinic. Gadaka ward being one of the wards that recorded noncompliance, CGPP immediately agreed to ask the team to go back to the affected area. For that reason, the CBO M&E said this is CGPP's area of expertise. CGPP went and intervened which led to success in vaccinating 28 eligible children across 7 Households.

In Tsohuwar Kasuwa CGPP team met with members of the Households where a dialogue was conducted and so many issues were discussed because of that the team were able to resolve 7Household and 28Children in day three of the implementation. Thus, Gadaka recorded the lowest number of non-compliance across the ward because the number of immunized children increased while the number of non-compliance decreased.



THE BENEFIT OF PERSISTENCE IN KATSINA STATE

The engagement of community mobilizers to create awareness amongst community members on the importance of accessing Routine Immunization services, adopting Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) techniques and utilizing

Ante Natal Care across the focal Local Government Areas of Katsina state has significantly upgraded the RI coverage and performance in the state.

Daki tara (a settlement of Kudu 2) is known for its poor access to Routine Immunization, even after a compound meeting was conducted by the Volunteer Community Mobilizer (VCM), Karima Shehu and Volunteer Ward Supervisor (VWS), Zainab Muhammad. Some caregivers were still not able to access RI services, a chronic non-compliance household was discovered by the VCM involving 5 children under 1 years with no RI card and a strong-willed father who does not welcome guests into the house. The issue was reported to the CGPP VWS. The VWS made a visit to the house head, greeted him with deep respect and using her Excellent IPC skill, explained calmly the significance of RI services and the 5 visits to the RI Health facility for the completion of RI vaccines. The household head was amused by her attitude towards him and her convincing lecture. He introduced his family members to them and promised his full support and submission. He instantly took the children to the nearest health facility for vaccination.



VCM administering the vaccine