

## PROJECT REPORT

<b>Project Title</b>	USAID TB LON 1 &2 Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) Project
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<b>State of Implementation</b>	Akwa Ibom State
<b>Country</b>	Nigeria
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## **SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY-KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

During the 12-month implementation of the project, the consultants achieved the following :

### **1. Increased domestic resources for TB control from Government and Private sector and institute a system for expenditure tracking of financing for TB control interventions within the state:**

- Set up 15 member Cross River State TB DRM TWG.
- Facilitated setting up of a dedicated account for TB program in the State was successfully opened and activated with Globus Bank.
- Facilitated development of memo of N5,000,000 for capacity building for HCW, the memo is currently on the table of the Deputy Governor of the State with assurances of its approval.
- Built the capacity of the State TB Program Manager on memo writing.
- Facilitated advocacy for increase in annual budget for TB from N5,000.000.00 to N125,000.000.00 in the 2023 budget preparation cycle.
- Successfully facilitated a strong and sustainable interface, cooperation and collaboration between health ministry and the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Budget, Office of the Accountant General of the State and other relevant Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAS) to drive adequate and sustainable funding of TB control interventions in the State.
- Instituted the TWG as a functional system for tracking utilization of funds and other resources from Government and private sector for TB control.
- Facilitated identification, profiling and engagement of private sector organizations for mobilization of additional resources for TB control.
- Facilitated development of proposal and advocacy tools for generating funds and other resources for TB control from private sector organizations
- Facilitated submission of proposals soliciting for support for TB control activities to 4 profiled private sector organizations in the State.

### **2. Support Akwa Ibom State integrate TB treatment and care into the minimum health benefit package in the state health insurance scheme:**

- Facilitated release of funds to CRSHIA for the enrolment of civil servants in the State by the Executive Governor of the State
- Over 40,000 civil servants and political office holders successfully enrolled on CRSHIS.
- Facilitated the generation of a line list of 1,333 TB patients by the LGA TB supervisors for immediate enrolment on CRSHIS through the BHCPF vulnerable population fund of the state.

### **Critical Constraints / Challenges:**

- Paucity of revenue in the State with high demand from several competing sectors, hence there is severe competition for the available funds
- It is extremely challenging for the SA to the Executive Governor on Health to secure an audience with the Executive Governor for approval the TB memo



## SECTION 2: KEY OBJECTIVES



To support Cross River State integrate TB treatment and care into the minimum health benefit package in the state health insurance scheme.



To work with the state TB program and other TB stakeholders to address key identified gaps in the sustainability capacity assessment results for Cross River State.







To institute a system for expenditure tracking of public financing of TB within the state.

## SECTION 3: STRATEGIC STEPS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES

STEP	DATE	ACTIVITY	OUTCOME/ RESULT
1	1st – 31st October 2021	Desk Review of the “Report of Sustainability Capacity Assessment for Cross River State TB and Leprosy Control Program and State Health Insurance Scheme” as well as other relevant policy and literature documents on the Cross River State TB program, Budgeting and Finance policies and practices as well as the Cross River State Health Insurance Agency and Scheme.	Development of strategic plans and interventions to address key gaps identified within allowable budgetary limits and Terms of Reference of the consultancy.
2	28th October – 30th November 2021	Desk review of the policies, procedures and activities of the CRSHIA.	Detailed information and insight into the operations of CRSHIA and CRSHIS, identify gaps and provide solutions.
3	26th October 2021	Entry level meeting with Director of Public Health, Cross Rivers State Ministry of Health, Manager State TB and Leprosy Control Program and the Director General Cross River State Health Insurance Agency (CRSHIA)	Buy in, cooperation and commitment of the Director of Public Health, State TB Program Manager and Director General to achieving the objectives of the DRM Project

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4 	21st January 2022	Meeting with High Level Policy Makers on Domestic Resource Mobilization for TB services in Cross River State.	Obtained their buy-in and support in achieving increased Government and private sector funding for TB, and ensure TB services is integrated into the benefit package of the CRSHIS.
5 	21st January 2022	Setting up of the 15 Member Cross River State TB Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) Technical Working Group (TWG).	AKS TWG set up to drive mobilization of resources for TB program from Government and private sector as well as ensure Tb services is integrated into the benefit package of CRSHIS.
6 	24th February 2022	Inauguration of TB DRM TWG by the Honourable Commissioner for Health.	TWG became functional.
7 	30th March; 2022; 27th April 2022; 24th May 2022; August 28th June 2022; 26th July 2022; 30th August 2022; and 28th September 2022	Monthly Review Meetings of the AKS TWG	Development of strategies, identification and finding solutions to challenges of mobilizing resources for TB control from Government and private sector as well as Integration of TB services into the Cross River State Social Health Insurance Scheme.

## SECTION 4: ACHIEVEMENTS



### OBJECTIVE 1

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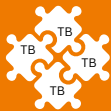
### ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1 Set up 15 member Cross River State TB DRM TWG.
- 2 Worked through the TWG, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance and Office of the State Accountant General to set up a dedicated account for TB program in the State was successfully opened and activated with Globus Bank.
- 3 Facilitated development of memo of N5,000,000 for capacity building for HCW (from the TB AOP). The memo is currently on the table of the Deputy Governor of the State with assurances of its approval.
- 4 Built the capacity of the State TB Program Manager on memo writing.
- 5 This is the first memo from the TB program for over 10 years
- 6 Facilitated advocacy for increase in annual budget for TB from N5,000.000.00 to N125,000.000.00 in the 2023 budget preparation cycle.
- 7 For the first in the health sector, the consultants successfully facilitated a strong interface, cooperation and collaboration between health ministry and the ministries of Finance and Budget as well as Office of the Accountant General of the State to drive TB control agenda in the State
- 8 Instituted a the TWG as a functional system for tracking utilization of funds and other resources from Government and private sector for TB control



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## OBJECTIVE 2

**Support Akwa Ibom state integrate TB treatment and care into the minimum health benefit package in the state health insurance scheme.**



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- 9 Engagement of private sector for mobilization of additional resources for TB control
- 10 Facilitated development of proposal and advocacy tools for engagement of private sector organizations to generate funds and other resources for TB control.
- 11 Proposals soliciting for support for TB control activities submitted to 4 organizations.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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- 4 All 1333 TB patients will be enrolled on the vulnerable population scheme of the CRSHIS.

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- 1 Work with the state TB program and other TB stakeholders to address key identified gaps in the sustainability capacity assessment results for Cross River State.

## SECTION 5: CRITICAL CONSTRAINTS & CHALLENGES



Paucity of revenue in the State with high demand from several competing sectors, hence there is severe competition for the fund available.



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## SECTION 7: OBSERVATIONS, ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION



1. This TB DRM TWG brings together senior level (Director and PS) stakeholders from the Ministries of Health, Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Accountant General, House of Assembly, Private Hospitals and other Departments and Agencies to a round table to discuss and drive agenda solely aimed at mobilizing resources for sustainable financing of TB interventions in Cross River State.
2. In less than 8 months, the TB DRM TWG has achieved modest success in the mobilization of resources by State actors for health interventions in the State.
3. According to the TWG members, this is the first time a memo will be developed by the State State TB program in several years.
4. Engagement of private sector organizations to support TB control interventions in the State, through well-crafted proposals is happening for the first time in the State with support from the consultants.

## SECTION 6: RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEXT STEPS



The TB DRM TWG needs to keep building on its modest success by ensuring it continues meeting regularly.



The USAID TB LON 2 DRM project has demonstrated potential to mobilize resources from Government and private sector for TB control in Cross River State.



Other activities requiring funding for optimized domestic resource mobilization will include conducting Actuarial Studies to review how TB can be realistically integrated (in phases, based on penetration and population coverage) into the benefit package of the CRS HIS.



There is a dire need for sustained and increased funding for the USAID TB LON 2 DRM project to ensure it can scale its activities to include interventions that will impact directly on health financing for TB in the State. Some of these activities will include capacity building workshops on memo writing, proposal writing, budgeting, Integrated Public Sector Accounting Systems (IPSAS) etc., for all relevant stakeholders in the State.



The consultants will continue to engage the SA Health, PS Ministry of Health and Ag PS Ministry of Finance to follow up with the Deputy Governor for approval of the N5,000,000.00 memo for capacity building of frontline Healthcare Workers in the State.



The proposals and advocacy tools will be finalized and submitted to the four organizations as soon as possible by the DRM Desk Officer.



The consultants will also continue to work with the SA Health, PS Ministry and Ministry of Budget to ensure the N125,000,000 TB budget is retained on the 2023 Appropriation Law.



Continue working with the State TB Program and CRSHIA to enrol all 1,333 TB patients on CRS HIS and full integration of TB services into its benefit package.