

# Lessons from government-led FP Programming: Hear from TCI Graduating States

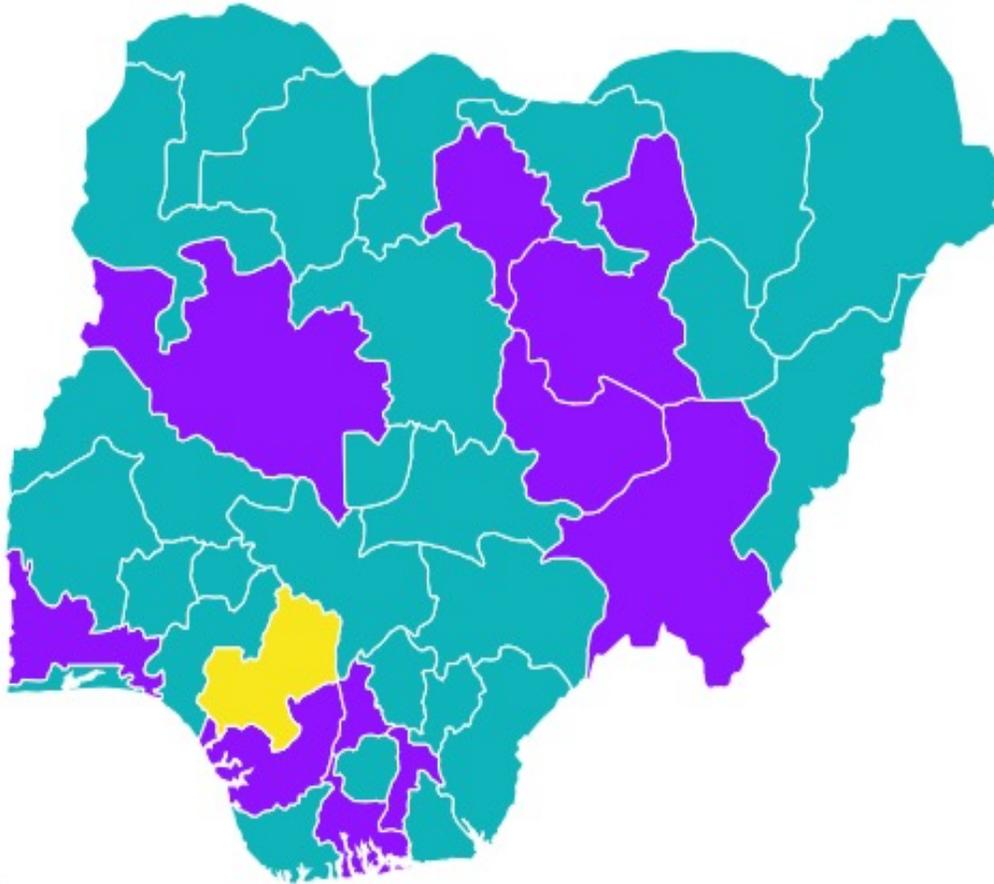


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# TCI in Nigeria

## GOAL

Greater self reliance of state governments to scale up **FP and AYSRH** best practices to sustain improvements in urban health systems and increase use of contraceptives, especially among the urban poor



- ❖ Funded by BMGF, Comic Relief, Bayer AG and private philanthropists
- ❖ Five Regional Hubs: **Nigeria**, India, East Africa, FWA and Philippines
- ❖ Implemented by **Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs** in Nigeria
- ❖ Commenced in Sept 2016 | Currently in Year 5
- ❖ **14** Implementing States | **137** LGAs/cities
  - ❖ Niger, Delta, Bauchi, Ogun, Kano
  - ❖ Anambra Plateau, Rivers, Abia, Taraba, Edo
  - ❖ Nasarawa, Lagos, Gombe
- ❖ Graduating in June 2021: **Niger, Delta & Bauchi** States

Start-up → Surge → Pre-graduation → Graduation



# PANELIST

Dr. Rilwanu Mohammed is the Executive Chairman, Bauchi State Primary Health Care Development Agency.

He is passionate about community development, reproductive health and family planning and actively promotes family planning in his personal and official capacities.

He has facilitated the adoption of TCI's high-impact best practices in the state. He ensures that funds are appropriated to family planning in the state each year.



# PANELIST

Dr. Philomena Okeowo is a public health practitioner whose professional work spans decades. Her passion for women, children, reproductive health and public health in general stems from a burning desire to ensure access to affordable health services for the poor and vulnerable.

She is the Director of Public Health, Delta State Primary Health Care Development Agency. Dr. Okeowo led the team that wrote the Expression of Interest to partner with TCI in 2017 and continues to work assiduously to see the manifestation of the results of the partnership.



# PANELIST

Barr. Rachael Obodo-Obunseli is a trained Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Specialist, Gender Specialist, Health Rights Advocate and Policy and Budget Analyst.

She leads civil society platforms in Delta state on the Sustainable Development Goals, open budget and tax justice and engages in budget analysis, tracking and monitoring of project implementation.

She is currently the Chairperson of the Advocacy Core Group (ACG) in Delta state.



# PANELIST

Dorcas Talatu Abu is a trained nurse with over 15 years of experience providing reproductive health and other health services. She has strengthened the capacity of over 1000 health workers to provide quality family planning services.

She currently serves as the State Family Planning Coordinator with the Niger SPHCDA. She supports the implementation of donor-funded projects including TCI, Marie Stopes, CHAI, ARFH and Pathfinder.



# PANELIST

Hajara Yahaya serves as Bauchi State's family planning coordinator. She provides direction and oversight for family planning in Bauchi State. She has worked extensively with and built the capacity of health care providers on family planning.

Hajara works seamlessly with implementing partners, media, civil society and community organizations in creating demand as well as improving access to quality family planning services to women of reproductive health in Bauchi State.



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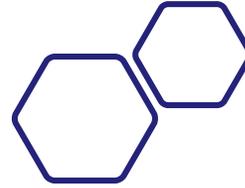
Mr. Abraham A. Bako is a researcher and information specialist providing support to Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health, Immunization, HIV/AIDS, Family Planning, Nutrition, Malaria and Gender programs in Niger state.

He has over 9 years of experience in program support, information management, data analysis and use and has supported the implementation of donor-funded projects such as AFENET and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-funded Niger State MOU.

He is currently the state monitoring and evaluation officer for Niger SPHCDA and has supported UNICEF as a technical facilitator on the development of the RMNCAH+N scorecard.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Panelist



- Briefly describe government leadership for FP program in Bauchi state in the past few years. Tell us what it was like before and what has changed?



**Dr. Rilwanu  
Mohammed**

## FAMILY PLANNING OVERVIEW OF BAUCHI STATE



Population  
**7,000,000 +**

Annual Growth Rate  
**4.2%**



Total Fertility Rate  
per NDHS 2018  
**5.3**

Contraceptive  
Prevalence Rate  
**6.5%**

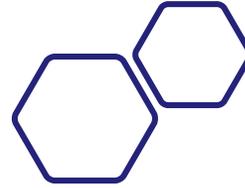


Unmet need for  
Family Planning  
**20.8%**

# TCI Partnership Impact

- Consistent fund releases from FP budget line
- TCI contributed to a 53% increase in adjusted annual family planning client volume when comparing baseline period (12 months before TCI Implementation) with the latest period, ending in March 2021.
- This amounts to 22,688 family planning clients in TCI demonstration LGAs, representing **more than half of the FP clients recorded in Bauchi state** for the same time period.
- This increase is even more impressive in that **98% of the increase constitutes LARC acceptors.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Panelist



- Which FP high impact interventions worked best in Delta state and why?
- Which ones will Delta state continue to implement post-TCl support?



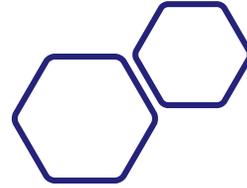
**Dr. Philomena  
Okeowo**



## High Impact Practices That Worked Best in Delta State

- Facility-based in-reaches
- Coordination across thematic areas/departments and partners
- Social mobilization
- Strengthening data quality & M&E systems for data for decision-making

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Panelist



- How has the FP funding landscape changed in Delta state and what role did the Advocacy Core Group play?
- Will state government be able to fund implementation of HIs going forward without sole dependence on partners?



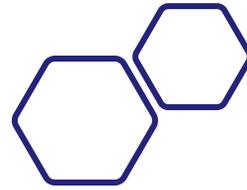
**Barr. Rachael Obodo-Obunseli**



**Advocacy Visit with the  
Wife of the Delta state  
Governor**



## 4<sup>th</sup> Panelist



- What lessons have you learned working with TCI in Niger state?
- What would you say has been the most valuable experience working with TCI in your state?



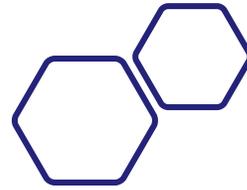
**Dorcas Talatu Abu**



## Lessons Learned & Most Valuable Experience Working With TCI in Niger State

- 72-hour makeover
- Integration of family planning with MNCH week
- In-reaches
- On-the-job training
- Getting high impact interventions into the Annual Operational Plan (AOP)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Panelist



- Are there government systems and structures to support the gains recorded on the FP program in Bauchi state?



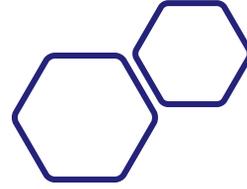
**Hajiya Hajara  
Yahaya**

## Government Systems & Structures to Support FP Programming in Bauchi



- Advocacy Group Group
- Budget line for FP
- Coordination meetings
- AOP and basket funds
- Technical working group
- Interfaith forum
- Supportive Supervision and OJT
- 72-hour makeover
- Service providers trained on importance of data for decision-making

## 6<sup>th</sup> Panelist



- What are some of the Niger state's plans to sustain the family planning gains made so far with using data for decision making?
- What recommendations do you have for TCI to improve its operations in new states or geographies?



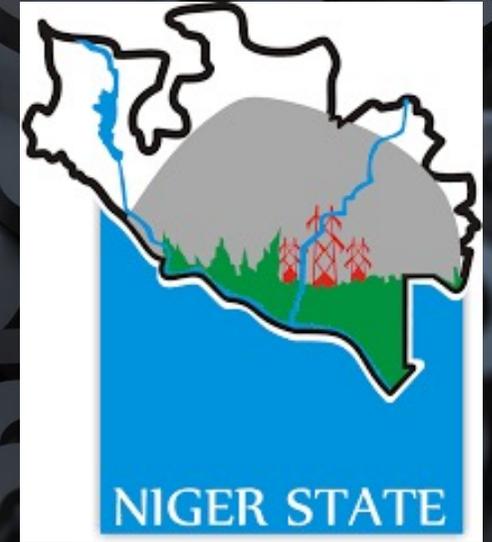
**Abraham A. Bako**



## Niger State's Plan to Sustain FP Gains With Improved Data

- Control room system
- Supportive supportive and OJT
- Data quality assurance
- Incentive for best performing LGA
- Institutionalization of run charts
- Expansion to more LGAs
- Increased funding for Supportive Supervision





Any questions for our panelists?

# Lessons Learned From Across Graduating States

- Start with the end in mind: State personnel being a major part of the planning stage of the TCI partnership, they were able to lead implementation seamlessly.
- Being in the driver's seat of program implementation empowered states to coordinate activities of implementing partners effectively.
- Coordination is key to achieve desired outcomes more cost-effectively.
- The states reported that it was extremely beneficial to receive TCI's guidance on how to identify and select members for the ACG, interfaith forum, SBCC committee, etc. to ensure their commitment.
- These structures are key in ensuring financial release, coordinating demand generation activities with service delivery and creating an enabling environment especially in communities that have been traditionally resistant to FP activities.
- TCI technical support teams are embedded in the state, which engendered easy collaboration and increased trust among all stakeholders.
- Implementing partners should set realistic timelines and goals/objectives when planning with the state, bearing the state's governance structure in mind.
- To ensure that FP receives maximum attention, FP should be integrated into every possible activity at state, LGA and community levels.





Thank you!