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## QUARTER EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## **ICHSSA3 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT**

**LGAS: SULEJA, MUNYA, TAFI, GURARA, PAIKORO, BOSSO, CHANCHAGA,  
BIDA, AGAIE, AND LAPAI/GULU.**

**Period covered: January -May 2023**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Integrated Child Health and Social Services Award (ICHSSA 3) is a USAID funded five-year project targeting Kano and Niger state. The project is a consortium of three organizations led by Society for Family Health (SFH) with Save the Children International (SCI) and American International Health Alliance (AIHA). ICHSSA 3 aims to reduce the impact of HIV and AIDS on orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and therefore assist in attaining epidemic control. The goal is to ensure that OVC are cared for and protected by their households, communities, local and state governments. ICHSSA3's life of project target is 118,999 beneficiaries in Niger and Kano States. The Project focuses on four result areas to achieve the project goal: 1) Households have increased access to basic services and care for OVC, 2) Communities ensure that OVC secure their rights, 3) Local and State Governments deliver basic services and detect and respond to child rights violations, 4) Prioritized targeted services for specific OVC sub-populations utilized.



CCMWs Conducting C-IYCF in Madalla and Gbacidan Community in Chanchaga & Suleja L.G.A respectively.

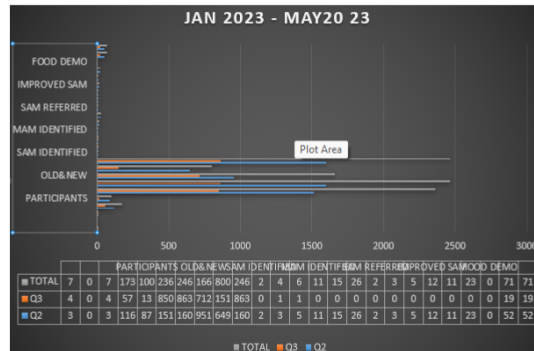
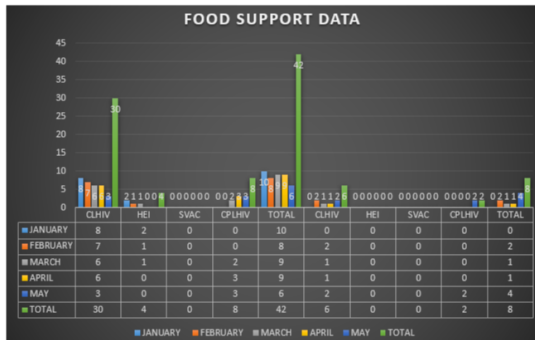
Elohim Foundation is the sub-awardee on ICHSSA-3 project, currently implementing in Suleja, Tafa, Gurara, Paikoro, Munya, Bosso, Chanchaga, Agaie, Lapai and Bida LGAs in Niger state.

The project actively collaborates with LGA Social Welfare Officer, Nutrition focal person, TB supervisors, Director of health, NSCAP, NGSACA, Government hospitals, Primary healthcare centres, Human right commission, Ministry of women affairs, Ministry of Education, Niger state National population council, Police and Civil Defense commission in order to provide holistic and efficient services to the beneficiaries,

ICHSSA3 project provides services to children and adolescents living with HIV/AIDS (CALHIV), children of Key population and children within other categories of vulnerability with wide range of services in the home, facilities, and communities, such services are Education, social, protection, economic, health, Emergency food support and psychosocial services respectively. The caregivers of the beneficiaries benefit through Empowerment Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA), Income generating activities (IGA) and provision of Agricultural improved seedling for households' sustainability, stability and building resilience. The project empowered the community members through establishment of child protection committee (CPC) to rise to the occasion to protect children in the community from all forms of child abuse and molestation. The provision of emergency food support ensures that unsuppressed CALHIV, became suppressed by the end of the Enhanced Adherence Counseling (EAC) while maintaining continuum of care and drugs adherence.

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- VILLAGE Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) formed: \_\_\_\_\_CG VSLA: 7, Adolescent VSLA: 0
- Community –Infant and Young Child feeding Forum(C-IYCF) \_\_\_\_\_Total cohort’s sessions held (173)
- Nutrition Assessment\_\_\_\_\_Total No of VCs assessed: 6028 (M:2399 & F:3629).
- Number of OVC identified and received nutrition services during the reporting period (medical and community nutrition services) 2080 (F:696 & M 1384).



## 2023 HEPATITIS DAY PROJECT REPORT

### ACTIVITY LOCATION:

AKURE – ONDO STATE AND BOSSO, CHANCHANGA, GURARA, SULEJA AND PAIKORO LGAs, NIGER STATE RESPECTIVELY.

### DATE OF ACTIVITY:

28<sup>th</sup> July - 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2023.

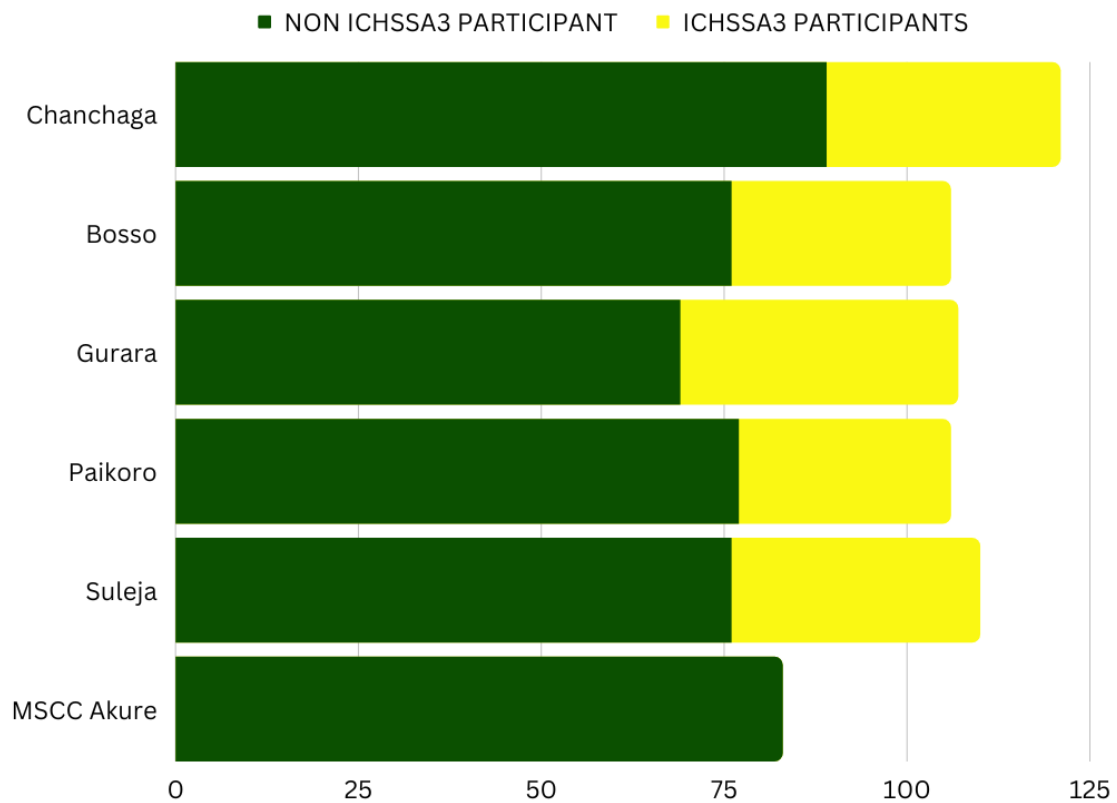
Elohim Foundation marked this year’s World Hepatitis Day event from the **28<sup>th</sup> of July, to the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2023** in Correctional Center Akure Ondo State and Suleja, Paikoro, Chanchanga, Bosso and Gurara LGAs in Niger State respectively. The event was marked with support from Society for Family Health (SFH) ICHSSA 3.



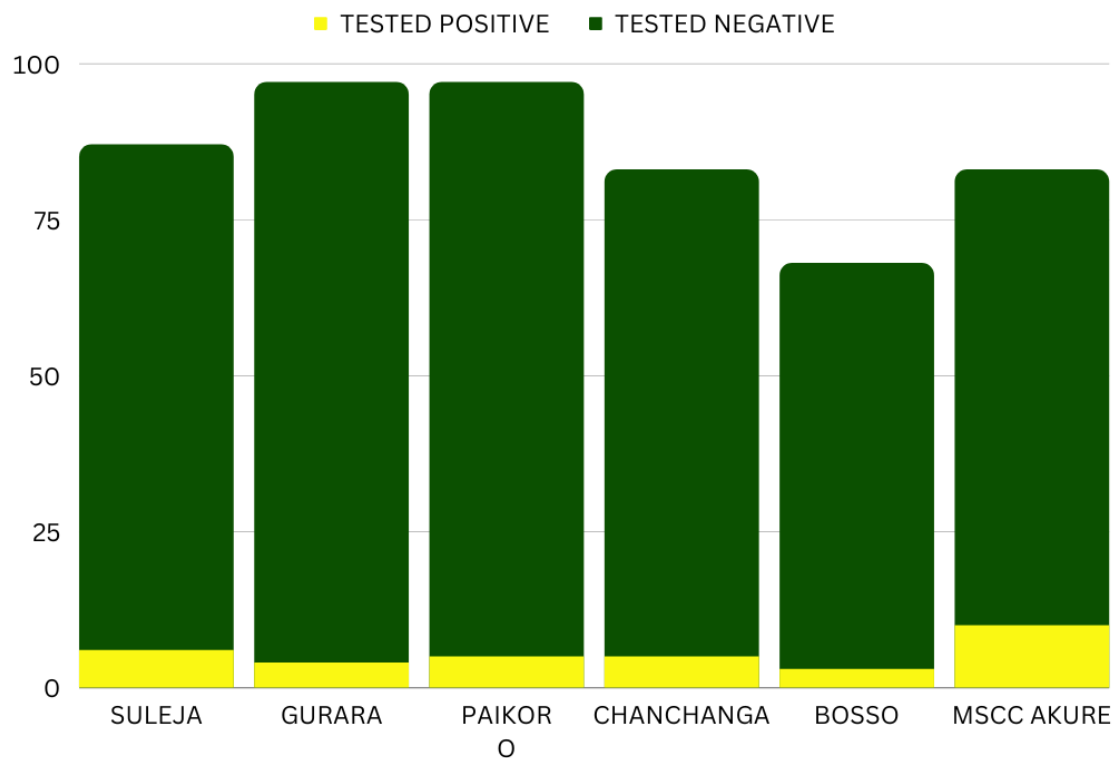
**RESULTS:**

A total number of **550 (M:143 F:407)** participants attended the events across the 5 LGAs. Out of these 550 participants, 163 participants (30%) are ICHSSA3 beneficiaries.

The table below contains the breakdown accordingly:



F333) of which 163 ICHSSA3 beneficiaries were among those tested.  
The chart below contains the breakdown accordingly:



*EF Staff facilitating on Hepatitis and its preventive measures at Bosso, Chanchanga and Gurara LGAs.*

### **VACCINATION**

Out of 482 participants that tested Negative, **68** (M30 &38F) from Bosso and Chanchanga LGAs were vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine and they were issued with vaccination cards that will be used to track their second and third doses. Participants were appreciated and educated on the importance to complete their HBsAg vaccination, and the event came to an end and light refreshment was provided to 550 participants.

### **OUTCOME**

- Among the 550 participants 163 (30%) are ICHSSA3 beneficiaries.
- The total number of people tested during the World Hepatitis Day event were **432** (124males and 308Females) out of 432participants tested, **23**(10M&13) participants were tested HBsAg positive across the 5LGAs and were referred for treatment hospitals.
- A total number of **409 (M114& F295)** participants tested Negative across the 5 LGAs.
- **68**(M30 &38F) participants were inoculated with hepatitis B vaccine by the certified Nurses in Bosso and Chanchaga LGA respectively.
- The 23persons that were confirmed positive for HBV were referred to Asokoro General Hospital, Abuja, General Hospital Minna and FMPC Gawu for further analysis and treatment.

### **CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED**

- High cost of Hepatitis B vaccine which limited the number of people vaccinated despite their willingness to take the vaccine.
- 409 that tested negative but only 68 received 1<sup>st</sup> does vaccination across the 10 LGA in Niger state.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- Regular awareness creation to the community dwellers on important of Hepatitis preventive measures and vaccination should be maintained.



*Lab Technicians conducting Testing to communities' dwellers @Paikoro LGA.*



*Photograph of tested participants inoculated with Hepatitis B Vaccine @Bosso/Chanchaga LGA.*





## VISION

**Elohim Foundation  
Envisions a  
Sustainable human  
society.**

## MISSION

**To provide social  
intervention services  
that addresses the  
challenges of  
sustainable human  
society, through  
people centred  
approaches in both  
urban and rural  
communities.**

**OBJECTIVE(A)**

a) To provide community based public health intervention: health promotion and point of care services, while promoting universal access to healthcare for the general public and vulnerable populations.

**OBJECTIVE(B)**

b) To provide child focused family-based interventions in promotion of a safe environment for the comprehensive development and well-being of vulnerable children, in the best interest of the child; within and outside Humanitarian Action.

**OBJECTIVE(C)**

c) To promote sustainable Community development and environmental protection and conservation practice that support the attainment of sustainable human society.

**CROSS-CUTTING OBJECTIVES****A & B**

a) To improve the socio-economic status of the rural and urban poor.

b) To promote a culture of Good Governance and transformational leadership.

**C**

c) To create awareness on the dangers of Conflict/ violence, human trafficking, child abuse and irregular migration while mitigating its impact among victims in promotion of the rights and dignity of human life and the need for global peace.

**D**

d) To promote knowledge and skills acquisition necessary for human and societal development in attaining human sustainability.

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