



# ACTION FOR VIRAL HEPATITIS CAMPAIGN

BORNO MAIDUGURI, NORTH EAST NIGERIA



**BORNO STATE  
GOVERNMENT**



# PROJECT SUMMARY

## ■ LANDSCAPE / OVERVIEW OF BORNO STATE

Borno state is one of the prominent states in north eastern Nigeria with Maiduguri as its capital. It was created in 1976 and its present Governor is Alh Kashim Shettima.

Borno State consist of twenty-seven (27) Local Local Government Areas and seven (7) emirate councils that advise the government on cultural and traditional matters.

A great part of Borno State lies in the chad formation. The plateau is a rugged terrain overlain by a number of well-preserved hills and rocks. The bulk of the state lie on a vast open plain which is mostly flat and undulating.

The main source of living for the Borno people include but not restricted to: farming, fishing, cattle rearing, and trading. Most recently the state discovered crude oil in the chad basin. This will in no small way boost the revenue of the state.



## STRENGTH/CAPACITY OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

There are several health care centers in Borno state but because the state is the frontier of the ongoing assault between Boko Haram militants/terrorists and the government the bombardment of the city has taken its toll and have resulted in the closure of most of these facilities. The staff have either run away for security purposes, buildings destroyed or drugs and equipment looted then carted away.

Prominent medical centers still standing include: Borno Medical Center, State Specialist Hospital Borno and University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital.

In the light of the above; counselling, treatment, training personnel, screening and vaccinating for Viral Hepatitis has taken a back seat.





## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT THROUGH PCNI (PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON NORTH EAST INITIATIVE)

The federal government of Nigeria has decided through the PCNI to tackle the scourge and spread of **Viral Hepatitis** in north east Nigeria through Viral Hepatitis Advocacy in partnership with Yakubu Gowon Center & Partners.

This consortium of partners consists of organizations that come together to work alongside Yakubu Gowon Center to curb the spread of **Viral Hepatitis**. They include:

Centre for HIV/AIDs & STDs Research (CHISTRE)  
Moriah Trust Limited  
Philips Pharmaceuticals Nigeria Limited (PPNL)

This consortium is led by Yakubu Gowon Centre

## REPORT COVERAGE

This report covers the activities of Ministry of Health Borno State, PCNI and the representatives of Yakubu Gowon Centre & Partners.

### ■ ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE STATE

1. Courtesy visit to the offices of the Honorable Commissioner of Health Borno State and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health Borno State
2. Meeting with the Hospital Management Board
3. Micro – meeting/planning with project stakeholders
4. Training of state health team
5. Screening and Vaccination at the three (3) allotted centers



## REPORT COVERAGE

To give honor to whom its due, The YGC & Partner's team led by Dr Ezekiel Omede paid a courtesy visit to the offices of the Honorable Commissioner of Health Borno State and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health Borno State who were unavoidably absent but were ably represented by Dr Salisu Kwagadura (Chief Medical Director Hospital Management Board) who received the team and expressed gratitude and appreciation to the PCNI and YGC & Partners for the health intervention saying it was long overdue in the state.

He assured the team of the state government's support for the duration of the intervention.





A pre training/micro-planning was held and it was attended by the core group (YGC & Partners, PCNI) and representative of the State Specialist Hospital Dr. Laraba .A. Bello.

The meeting was led by Mr. Nduka Ozor. During the meeting the **Viral Hepatitis** Help Desk was created at the State Specialist Hospital and Dr Bello was appointed The State Focal Person for Viral Hepatitis.

In this meeting, every proposed activity for the duration of the health intervention was reprocessed so that no detail will be overlooked.



The trainees of the state health team is made up of nurses, healthcare workers, lab scientists and hospital administrators.

The trainees were further divided into smaller breakout sessions to enhance comprehension and get 'hands on' with the process

The training was facilitated by Dr Laraba Bello. The trainees were also screened and vaccinated for **Viral Hepatitis**. This was to fortify them is they go into the field to work. The YGC medical team screened and vaccinated the trainees.





## REPORT COVERAGE

According to Dr Bello, this intervention came at the right time because the media feedback on **Viral Hepatitis** in the state is a call to action.

Knowledge of **Viral Hepatitis** is limited amongst the public especially in the north east region thus putting everyone in the region at risk. According to research, the average prevalence of Hepatitis B in Nigeria is between 11 – 13.7% which means that up to 20 million Nigerians are affected. These figures are even higher than those of HIV/Aids but they don't make the news for one reason or the other.

**Viral Hepatitis** is an inflammation of the liver caused by one or more of the five (5) major Hepatitis viruses referred to as Type A, B, C, D and E.

According to the National Population Commission, the 2006 census estimated population for 2016 puts the total population of the Project states at 39,094,366 people. Going by the national prevalence rates of 11% for Hepatitis B Virus and 2.2% for Hepatitis C Virus, 5,160,456 are possibly living with either Hepatitis B or C virus or both (Hepatitis B = 4,300,380 and Hepatitis C = 860,076). Also critical is the protection of about 40 million people who are currently not infected but seriously exposed to getting infected.



The heart of the Viral Hepatitis Campaign in Maiduguri Borno State, is the screening and vaccination of IDPs, IDP returnees and indigenes.

The medical team (which includes the newly trained health workers) were posted to the three (3) screening and immunization centers within Maiduguri:

Bakassi IDP Camp  
Yerwa Maternal & Child Care Centre  
State Specialist Hospital

Approximately twenty thousand (20,000) people were screened and vaccinated. Individuals that were screened positive were counselled by the YGC medical team on ground and referred to the Viral Hepatitis Help Desk at the State Specialist Hospital.







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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This project “VHEP Intervention” is an avenue to show the federal government’s commitment to healthcare delivery and also to curb the spread of Viral Hepatitis in Nigeria.

We use this opportunity to express gratitude to Borno state government, PCNI, YGC & Partners and all that contributed to the success of this health intervention.



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