Innovative Active Delivery of TB Care to Refugee Populations in Rural Communities of Taraba State, Nigeria

LOCATION Three LGAs (Sardauna, Gashaka and Kurmi) and 1 Special Development Area (Ngada) in Southern part of Taraba State

TARGET POPULATION(S) 79,108 Refugees in the 3 LGAs and 1 SDA of Taraba State

IMPLEMENTERS AND PARTNERS A consortium made up of Janna Health Foundation (JHF) and Sufabel Community Development Initiative (SCDI), TB Programme at National, State and Local Government levels

OBJECTIVES
1. To identify and establish linkage with relevant stakeholders for successful implementation of the project.
2. To establish a system for conducting active TB screening among refugees.
3. To conduct active TB case finding in refugee camps and host communities in order to improve TB case notification among refugees.
4. To monitor and evaluate the implementation of the project.
5. To conduct a comparative study on the prevalence of TB (and HIV) among refugees and the general population.

CONTRIBUTION TO REACHING KEY UN HLM TARGETS BY 2022. Nigeria is expected to contribute 1,179,600 (~3 percent) of the 40 million TB cases to be diagnosed and treated globally by 2022 according to the UNHLM targets. This project aims to notify 400 new TB cases from the refugees targeted with this intervention.

ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE TB STRATEGIC PLAN. The current NSP (2015 – 2020) recognized the need to implement innovative TB case finding especially among key and vulnerable populations in order to close the gap in TB case detection. The NSP also recognizes bottlenecks related to CRG which include access to services, poor knowledge and awareness on TB and high patronage of alternative care (traditional healers and patent medicine vendors).
JHF and SCDI are formally registered Community Based Organizations with almost a decade of experience in the implementation of projects among key and vulnerable populations in North East Nigeria. The 2 organizations are led by experienced Programme Managers on TB, Leprosy and HIV who have over 20 years’ experience in Programme Management in their respective States. The 2 organizations have an active board which guides all activities planned and implemented.