### **Routine Immunization Coverage Survey**

Polio High Risk LGAs Northern Nigeria, 2014-2015

**CDC** - Nigeria

**NSTOP** 

**NFELTP** 

**NPHCDA** 

### **Project Goal**

As part of efforts to strengthen the routine immunization program, NSTOP planned to conduct coverage surveys in high-risk LGAs during 2014 to evaluate routine immunization coverage in children 12–23 months of age

# **Objectives**

- 1) To estimate LGA-level RI coverage
- To estimate coverage in recent polio vaccination campaign rounds
- 3) To describe reasons for non-vaccination
- 4) To identify primary sources of vaccination information
- To train the LGA immunization program team on conducting future household surveys

#### **Intended Use of Data**

Summary reports will be developed for each LGA

 Results will be reported to the state-level and national NPHCDA immunization program staff

- Data will be used to evaluate the vaccination coverage of polio and other antigens in high-risk LGAs
  - Useful for regional planning
  - Documenting Nigeria's progress towards polio eradication

#### Survey methodology

- Cluster survey
- Two-stage selection of clusters and households
  - Cluster selection
    - "Enumeration Areas" from 2006 census (NPC)
    - Using PPS
  - Household and child selection
    - Households selected by movement through cluster from a randomly selected start point
    - Collect information on ONE child 12–23 months of age within the selected household

#### Survey methodology

- A total of ~210 children interviewed per LGA
  - 30 clusters (EAs) in each LGA
  - Quota of 7 children in each cluster
  - Sample size
    - 420 → 393 (2 LGAs in pilot phase)
    - 7980 → 7422 (38 LGAs in phase 1 & phase 2)
- Maps and GPS coordinates used
  - For each selected cluster
  - Used for locating starting point and movement plan

#### Questionnaire

- Standardized paper interview questionnaires
  - Bi-lingual in English and Hausa
  - Read aloud by trained interviewers
- Interview questions include
  - Socio-demographic information
  - Vaccination history from routine immunization
  - Vaccination history from most recent polio IPD round
  - Awareness of opportunities for routine immunizations
  - Reasons for non-vaccination

### **Project Phases**

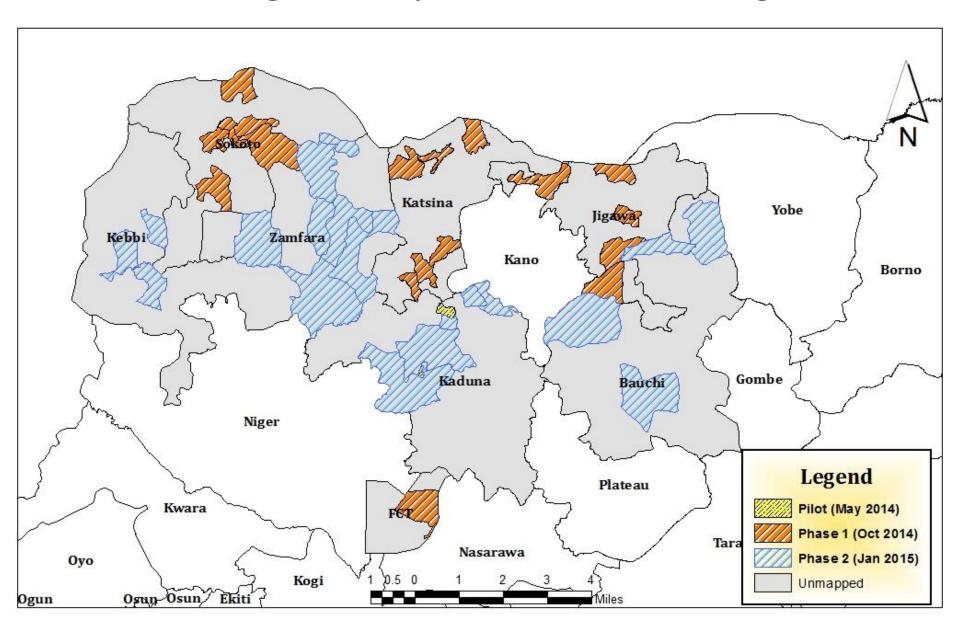
- Field testing of survey instruments
  - February 2014
  - Administered questionnaires to English and Hausa speaking women around FCT
- Pilot phase
  - May 2014; 2 LGAs in Kaduna state
- Phase I
  - October 2014; 19 LGAs (due to resource limitations, Ebola)
- Phase II
  - January 2015; 19 additional LGAs

## **Study Population**

- Target: children 12–23 months of age
- In polio high-risk LGAs with NSLO assigned
  - Pilot phase
    - Kaduna (2)
  - Phase 1
    - Katsina (6)
    - Jigawa (6)
    - Sokoto (6)
    - FCT (1)

- Phase 2
  - Bauchi (4)
  - Kaduna (6)
  - Kebbi (3)
  - Zamfara (6)

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## **Training and Fieldwork**

- Training
  - Central & State level for supervisors
  - LGA level for interviewers

- Fieldwork
  - Team supervision by NFELTP residents
  - Senior supervision by central and state NSTOP officers
    - Conducted spot checks
    - Assisted with finding settlements and cluster start points

## **Data Entry and Analysis**

- All data were entered in an electronic database
  - CSPro software (free software)
  - In Abuja at the NSTOP office
  - Supervised by NSTOP data management team
  - Hired data clerks + NFELTP residents

Data analyzed using SAS and SPSS

# LGA RESULTS – MARU, ZAMFARA STATE

#### Results of HH visits in MARU LGA

	N (%)
1+ Eligible child	159 (82.0)
No eligible child	34 (17.5)
No one home	1 (0.5)
Vacant dwelling	0 (0.0)
Missing	0 (0.0)
Refusal	0 (0.0)
Total	194

Results of the interview with mother or caregiver of eligible infant age 12-23 months

Completed questionnaire	159 100.0)
Mother/Caregiver absent	0 (0.0)
Total	159

#### Socio-demographic factors of survey population

	MARU LGA
	N (%)
Sex	
Male	62 (44.0)
Female	79 (56.0)
Number of children	
1	16 (11.3)
2-4	58 (41.1)
5+	58 (41.1)
Missing/Don't Know	9 (6.4)
Highest level of maternal education	
None	10 (7.1)
Primary	4 (2.8)
Secondary	3 (2.1)
Post-secondary	1 (0.7)
Quranic schools	122 (86.5)
Missing	1 (0.7)
Highest level of household head	
education	
None	1 (0.7)
Primary	4 (2.8)
Secondary	7 (5.0)
Post-secondary	5 (3.5)
Quranic schools	123 (87.2)
Missing	1 (0.7)
Rural	127 (90.1)
Urban	14 (9.9)
Total	141

#### Access to RI in MARU LGA

	N (%)
Ever use of RI*	45 (31.9)

<sup>\*</sup>denominator = all eligible children (141)

#### **Vaccination card findings**

35 (77.8)
22 (62.9)
4 (18.2)

<sup>†</sup>denominator = ever use of RI (45)

<sup>¶</sup>denominator = ever received vaccine card (35); required interviewer to see card

<sup>§</sup> denominator = card retention (22); complete DD/MM/YY on card for BCG, OPV1/OPV2/OPV3, DPT1/DPT2/DPT3, Measles

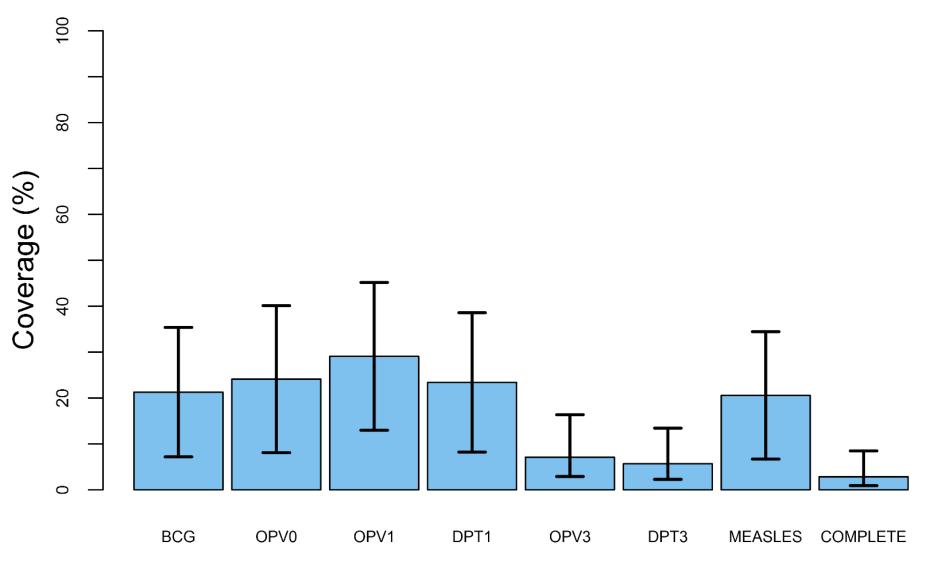
<sup>\*\*</sup>based on revised Nigeria EPI schedule

# Reason for not receiving all vaccinations through routine health services in MARU LGA\*

	N (%)
Access to RI	30 (25.9)
Knowledge/Education	42 (36.2)
Illness/Side effects	12 (10.3)
Other: Mother too busy, plan to do it later	11 (9.5)
Misc	21 (18.1)
Total	116

<sup>\*</sup>asked of all participants who responded 'no' to any RI and 'no' to receiving all vaccinations; questionnaire responses combined into categories

#### MARU Coverage estimates by antigen\*



<sup>\*</sup>all coverage estimates combine maternal recall + vaccine card data; complete coverage = 8 antigens (BCG, OPV 1, DPT 1, OPV 2, DPT 2, OPV 3, DPT 3, Measles); does not include OPV doses from SIAs.

# Source of information about RI in MARU LGA

	N (%)
Health worker	23 (16.3)
Polio campaign vaccinators	5 (3.5)
Loud speaker/town announcer	59 (41.8)
Poster/banner	0 (0.0)
Radio	31 (22.0)
Television	0 (0.0)
Mobile telephone/SMS	0 (0.0)
Newspapers/magazines	0 (0.0)
Husband/family/neighbor/friends	0 (0.0)
Women's groups	1 (0.7)
Mosque/church	0 (0.0)
Community leader	0 (0.0)
Community mobilizer/VCM	20 (14.2)
Not heard of routine immunization before	1 (0.7)
Don't know	1 (0.7)
Missing	0 (0.0)
otal	141

# Reasons to vaccinate in MARU LGA

	N (%)
What information helps to decide to vaccinate	
children through RI services	
Safety of vaccine	101 (71.6)
Side effects of the vaccine	0 (0.0)
Why vaccinating my child is important	14 (9.9)
What diseases vaccines protect against	4 (2.8)
If sick children can receive the vaccine	1 (0.7)
Time/place for routine vaccination near my home	7 (5.0)
Schedule for vaccination of child	8 (5.7)
Whether my husband/family approves	5 (3.5)
Whether my religious leader approves	0 (0.0)
Whether my community leader approves	0 (0.0)
Other	1 (0.7)
Missing	0 (0.0)
Total	141

## Participation in SIAs in MARU LGA

	N (%)
Participation in <u>December 2014</u> SIA	121 (85.8)
Reason for not participating	
House not visited by team	3 (15.0)
Child absent	0 (0.0)
Vaccine safety/fear of adverse event	0 (0.0)
No felt need	0 (0.0)
Religious/cultural reasons	0 (0.0)
Political reasons	1 (5.0)
Too many rounds	0 (0.0)
Other unmet health needs	0 (0.0)
Mother refused, no reason given	0 (0.0)
Husband/head of HH refused	0 (0.0)
Child sick	1 (5.0)
No mother/cargiver consent given	2 (10.0)
Unhappy wth team	0 (0.0)
Postponed until another time	0 (0.0)
Not aware of campaign	1 (5.0)
Campaign vaccine is not as good as vaccine	
offered through routine health services	0 (0.0)
Don't know	7 (35.0)
Other	0 (0.0)
Missing	5 (25.0)
Total	20

## Participation in SIAs in MARU LGA

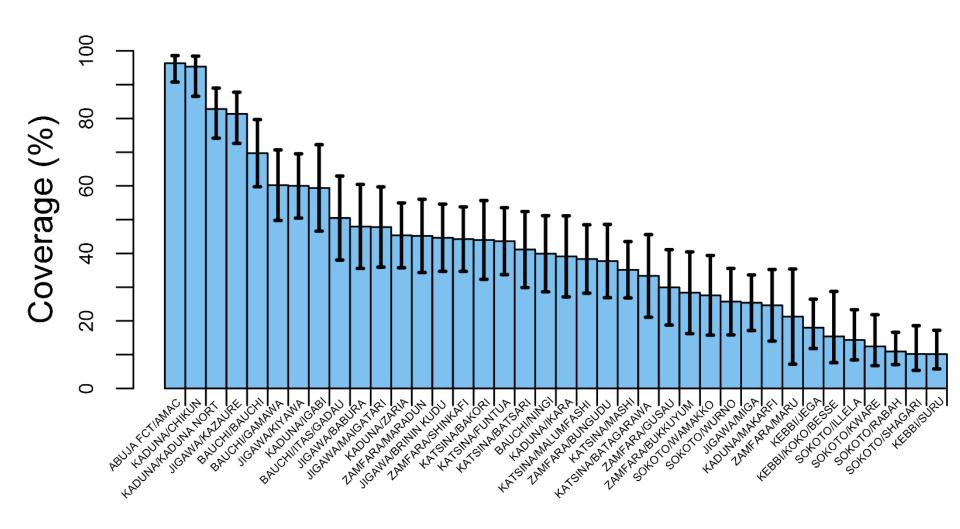
	N (%)
Participation in <u>November 2014</u> SIA	120 (85.1)
Reason for not participating	
House not visited by team	3 (14.3)
Child absent	1 (4.8)
Vaccine safety/fear of adverse event	1 (4.8)
No felt need	0 (0.0)
Religious/cultural reasons	0 (0.0)
Political reasons	1 (4.8)
Too many rounds	0 (0.0)
Other unmet health needs	0 (0.0)
Mother refused, no reason given	0 (0.0)
Husband/head of HH refused	1 (4.8)
Child sick	0 (0.0)
No mother/cargiver consent given	0 (0.0)
Unhappy wth team	0 (0.0)
Postponed until another time	0 (0.0)
Not aware of campaign	1 (4.8)
Campaign vaccine is not as good as vaccine	
offered through routine health services	0 (0.0)
Don't know	8 (38.1)
Other	0 (0.0)
Missing	5 (23.8)
Total	21

# Source of information about Polio SIAs in MARU LGA

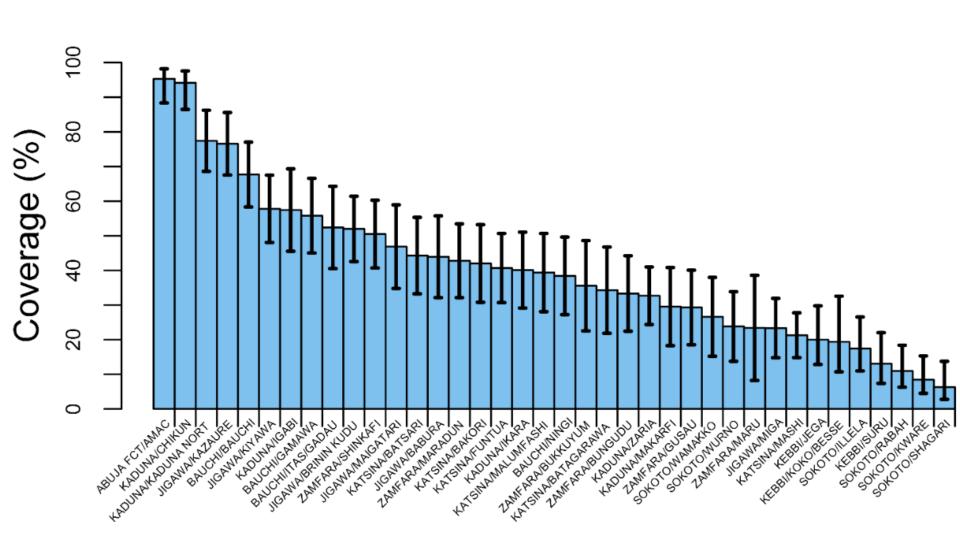
	N (%)
Main source of information about polio	
campaigns	
Health worker	22 (15.6)
Polio campaign vaccinators	4 (2.8)
Loud speaker/town announcer	59 (41.8)
Poster/banner	0 (0.0)
Radio	30 (21.3)
Television	0 (0.0)
Mobile telephone/SMS	0 (0.0)
Newspapers/magazines	-
Husband/family/neighbor/friends	0 (0.0)
Women's groups	1 (0.7)
Mosque/church	0 (0.0)
Community mobilizer/VCM	23 (16.3)
Not heard of polio campaigns	1 (0.7)
Don't know	1 (0.7)
Other	0 (0.0)
Missing	0 (0.0)
Total	141

# SUMMARY: COMPARISON OF ALL PHASE 1 & PHASE 2 LGAS

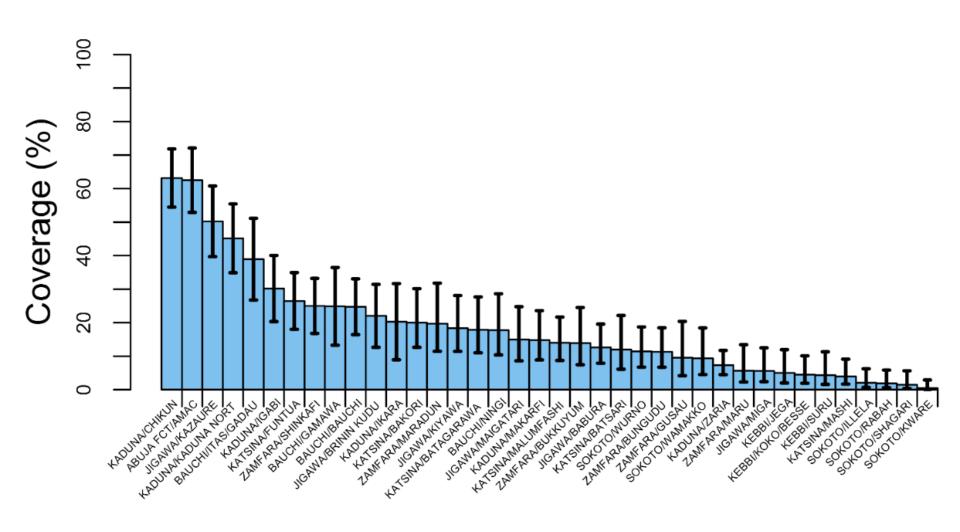
#### BCG Routine Immunization Coverage by LGA



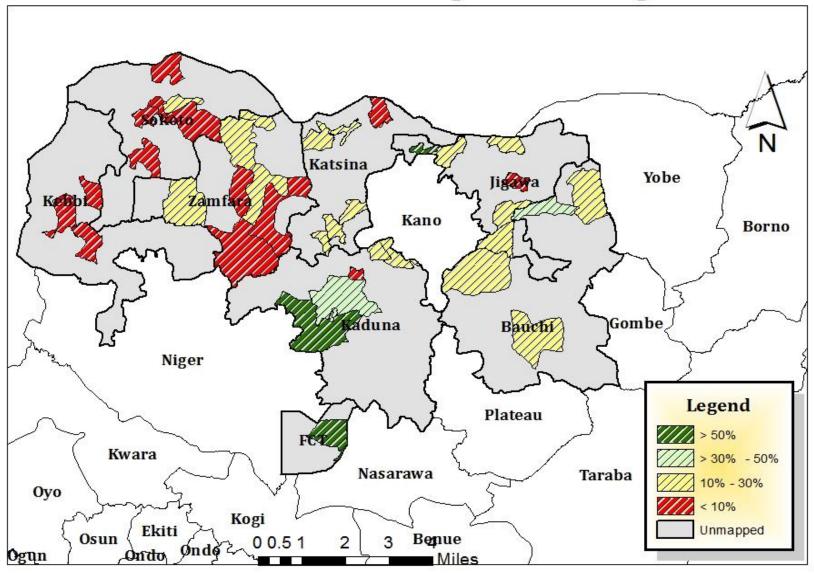
DPT1 Routine Immunization Coverage by LGA



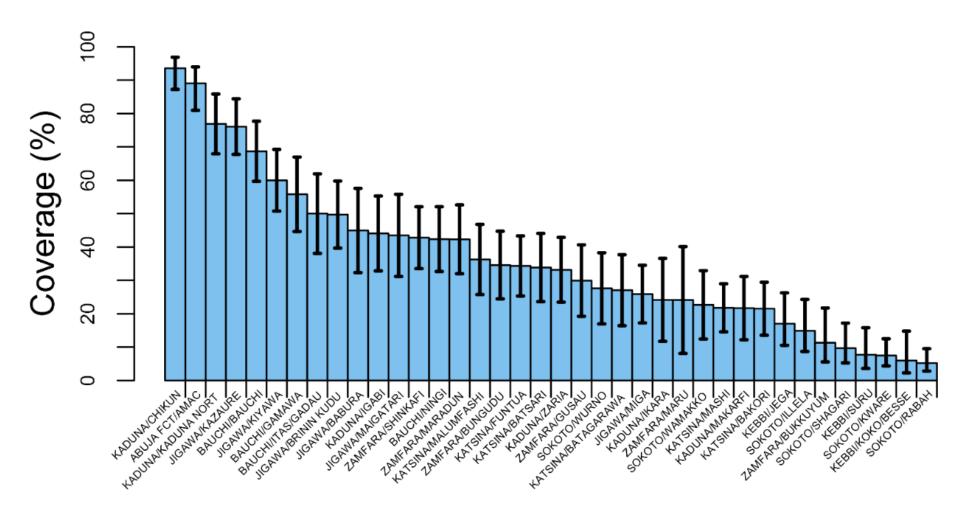
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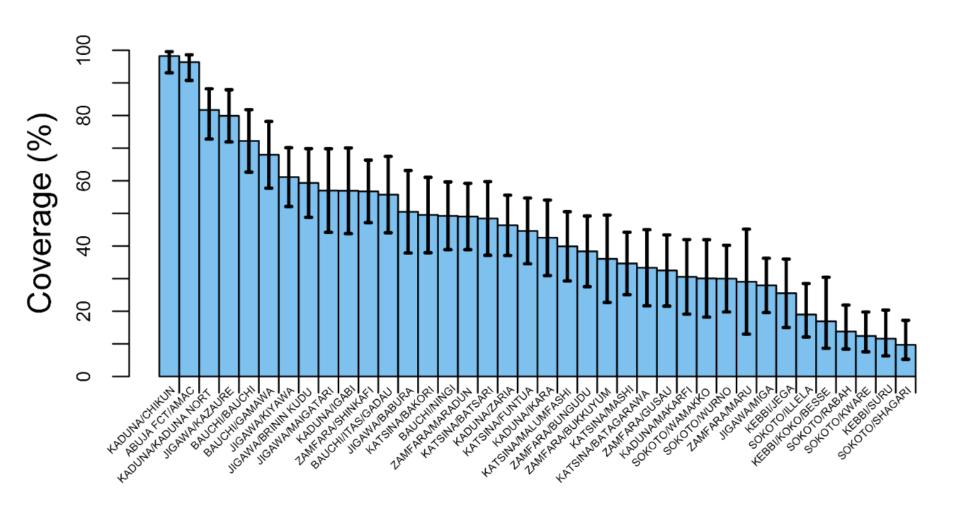
#### RI DPT3 Vaccination Coverage, Northern Nigeria



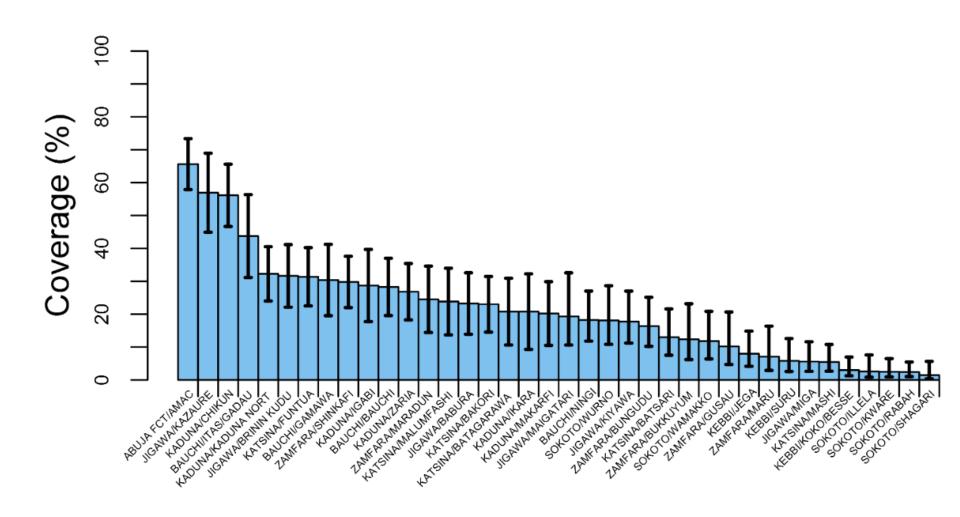
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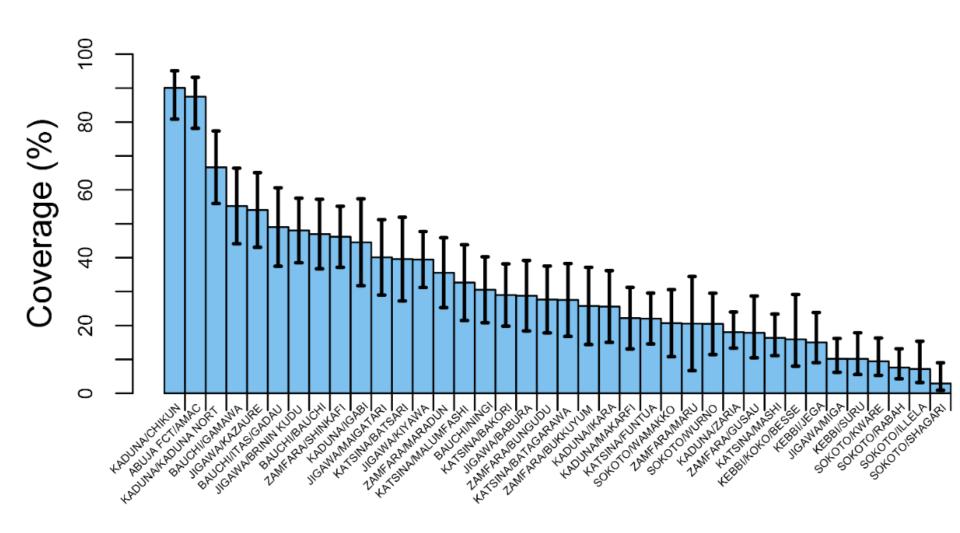
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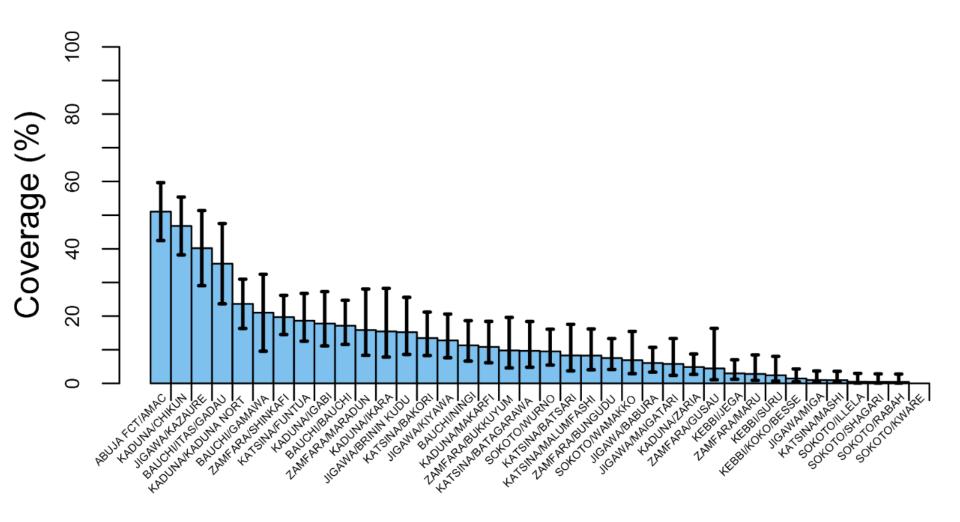
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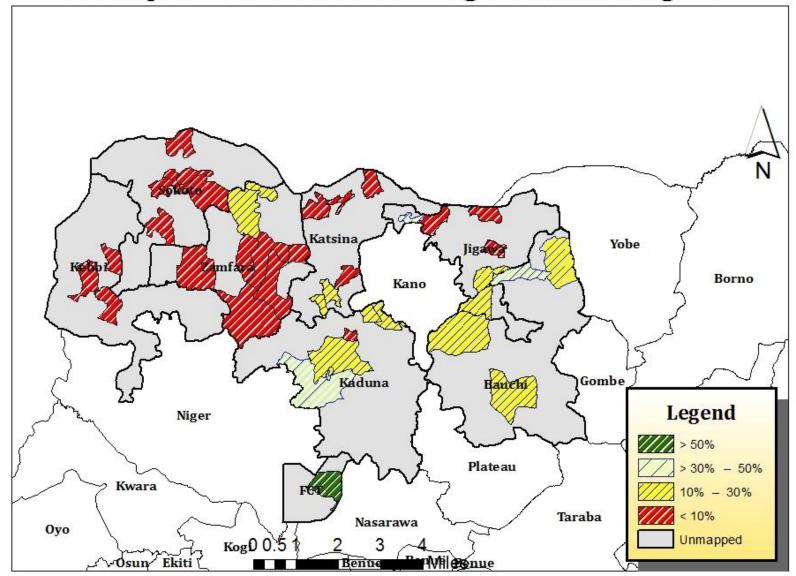
#### Measles Routine Immunization Coverage by LGA



#### Complete Routine Immunization Coverage by LGA



#### RI Complete Vaccination Coverage, Northern Nigeria



## Conclusions – overall survey

- Range of RI coverage exists; low in most LGAs
- Coverage estimates similar to DHS state trends
- Variation seen between LGAs within states
- Reported SIA participation lower than LQAS in certain LGAs
- KAP questions
  - Lack of knowledge/education/access to RI most common reasons for non-vaccination
  - Lack of knowledge more predominant in low coverage rural LGAs
  - Loud speaker/town announcer/radio more common source of information in rural areas; health worker most common source in urban areas
  - Husband/HH acceptance more important in traditional, rural households
- Survey methodology
  - Survey methodology and data quality improved with each phase of survey
  - Inconsistent/missing documentation of dates of vaccines on card

## Summary – MARU LGA

- Sociodemographic
  - Geography
    - Mainly rural clusters (90.1%)
  - Education
    - Highest proportion of level of maternal education is Quranic school (86.5%)
    - Highest proportion of level of household head education is Quranic school (87.2%)

## Summary – MARU LGA

#### Use of RI

- Reported use of RI services sub-optimal (31.9%)
- DPT3 coverage low (<10.0%)</li>
- Lack of knowledge/education most common obstacle to using RI (36.2%)
- Safety of vaccine reported most important in decision making for vaccination (71.6%)
- Most common source of RI information is Loud speaker/Town announcer(41.8%)

#### SIAs

- Most common reasons for non participation
  - Don't know (35%)
  - No vaccine team visit (15%)
- Common sources of SIA information
  - Loud speaker/Town announcer (41.8%)
  - Radio (21.3%)

# Survey limitations

Only high risk polio LGAs surveyed

- 'Empty' clusters
  - Nomadic settlements
  - Insecurity
- Unable to analyze sub-populations due to small sample sizes

 Restricted analysis of timeliness of vaccination due to sparse vaccine card data