

We showcase work being done by MAH members from VillageReach and Solina Centre for International Development and Research (SCIDaR) in Nigeria. These groups have engaged closely with the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) and the State Primary Health Care Boards (SPHCBs). Engagement extended to global stakeholders as well, with early presentations to Gavi’s Senior Country Managers (SCM) and Measles-Rubella (MR) teams, alongside ongoing consultations with the Gates Foundation.

Research Topic

9 month dropout study to better understand and address the high rates of dropout between DTP-3 and measles vaccine administered at 9 months.

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Collaboration details & achievements

By creating space for early input and regular touchpoints, the study fostered shared ownership and built trust in both the methodology and the findings. This approach has proven essential for generating results that are more likely to be adopted, acted upon, and scaled to strengthen immunisation delivery systems, especially for measles, in Nigeria and beyond. The following are key insights that emerged from these engagements:

- Sub-national data sources were identified to support site selection and provide coverage data for both DTP3 and the 9-month immunisation touchpoint.
- Stakeholders committed to leveraging this project as an opportunity to identify zero-dose children across the six selected sites in both states.
- A data-sharing arrangement was established between the Kaduna and Enugu State Primary Healthcare Boards, SCIDaR, and VillageReach.
- Participants agreed on the need to maintain regular communication with relevant stakeholders throughout the project to maximise the impact.



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