



INTEGRATED COMMUNITY CASE MANAGEMENT

IN

ABIA STATE

*—On its path to Scale-up
and Sustainability*

Abia State

Map of Abia State, Nigeria, showing its 20 Local Government Areas (LGAs) and their headquarters:

- UMUNNEOCHI • ISUOCHI
- ISUKWUATO • MBALAND
- BENDE
- OHAFIA • ISIAMA
- UMUAHIA NORTH • UMUAHIA
- BENDE
- AROCHUKWU
- UMUAHIA SOUTH • APUMERI
- ISIALA • OROKO IKWUANO
- ISIALA NGWA NORTH • OKPULA NGWA
- ISIALA NGWA SOUTH • OMOBA
- ABA NORTH • EZIOMA
- OBINGWA • MGBOKO
- UGWUNAGBO • UGWUNAGBO
- UKWA WEST • OKEIKPE
- UKWA EAST • ARWETE

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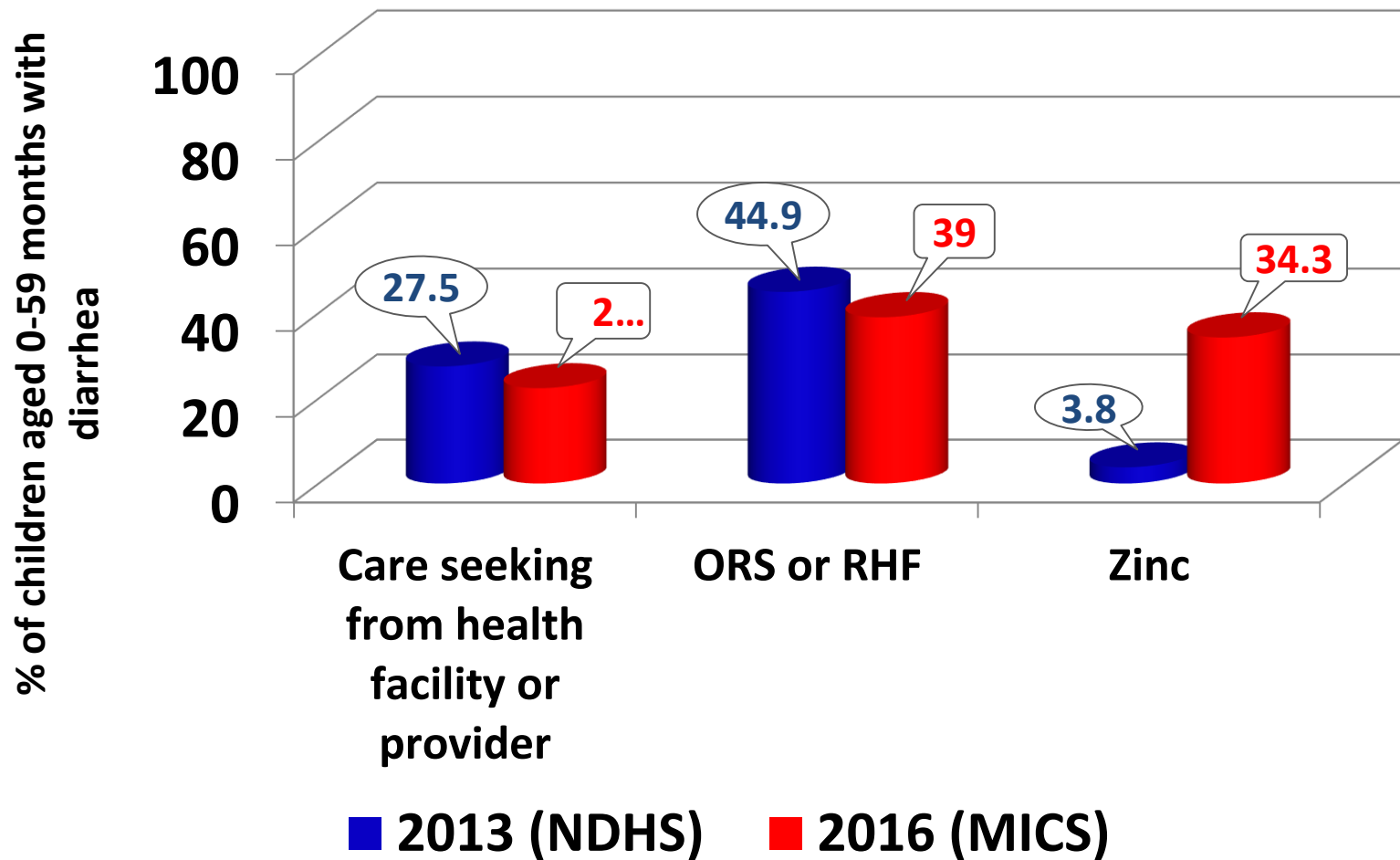
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- **Total Population of 3.7 million**
- **Under-5 Population of 759,809**
- **15 out of 17 LGAs are implementing iCCM**

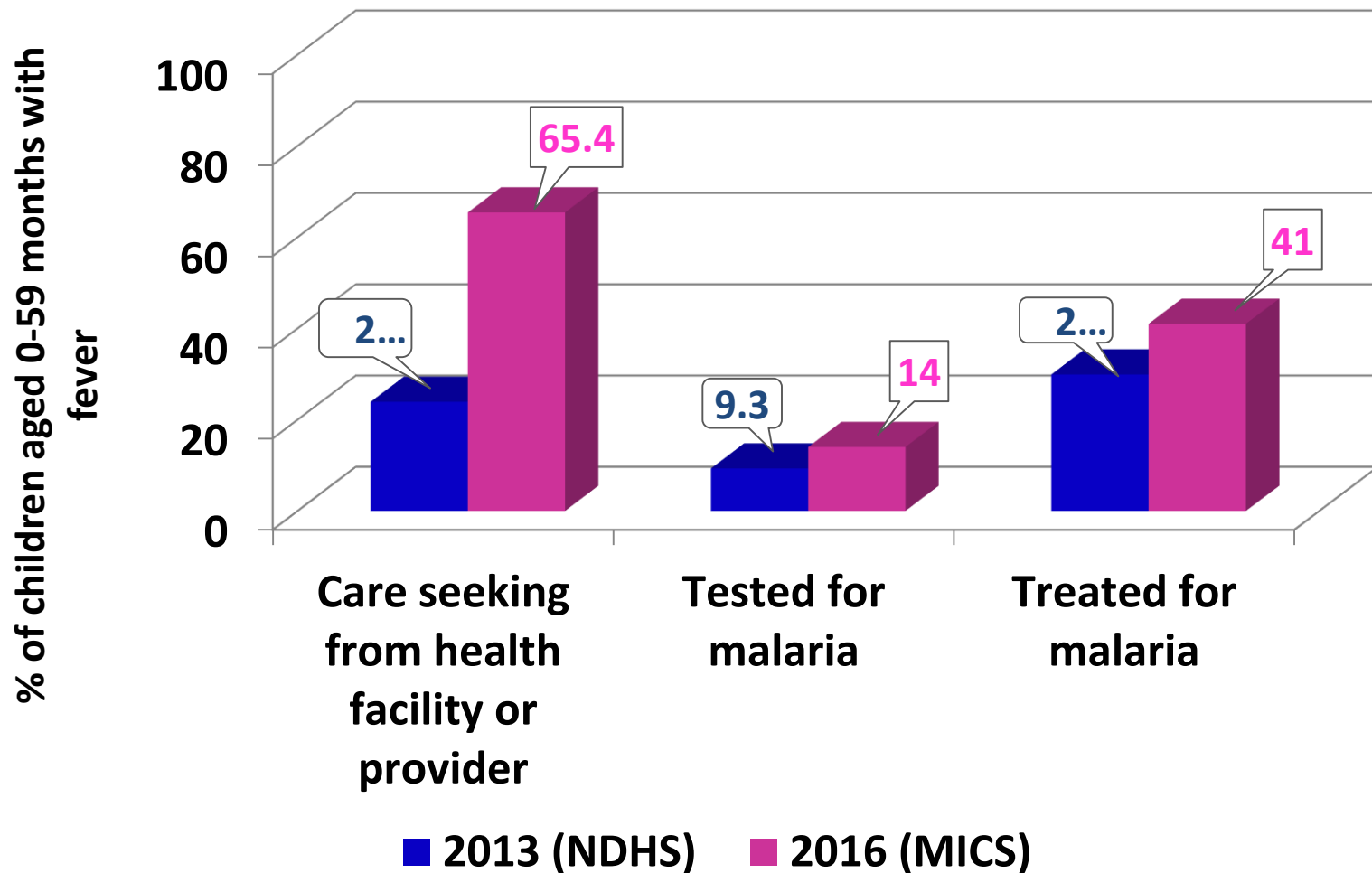
- **83 per 1,000 live births in Abia State**
- **67 per 1,000 live births in South East Nigeria**
- **138 per 1,000 in rural Nigeria**

In Nigeria and by extension, Abia State, Pneumonia, Diarrhoea, and Malaria is the leading cause of death in children younger than 5 years.

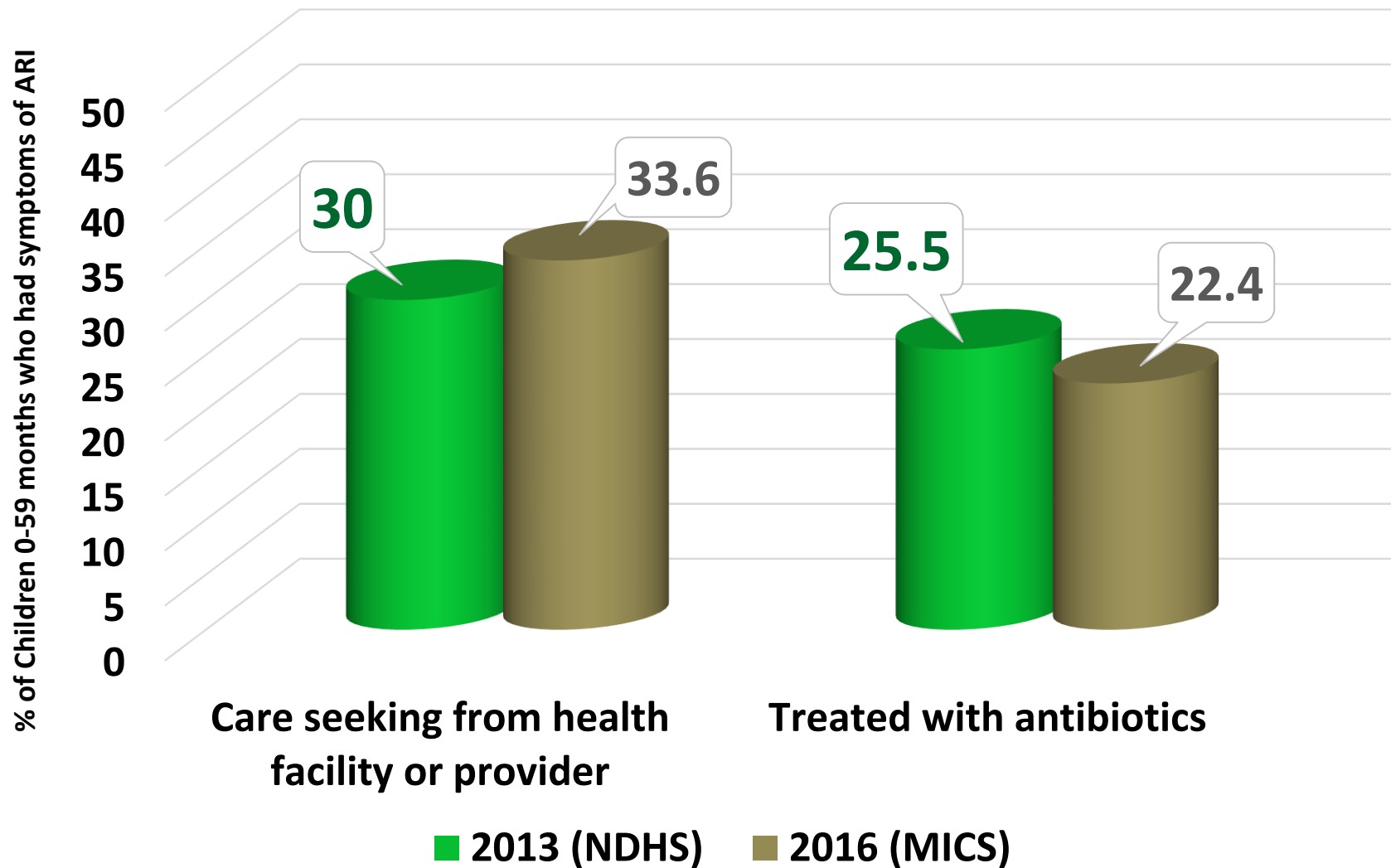
Care seeking and treatment of DIARRHOEA in U-5 (South East)



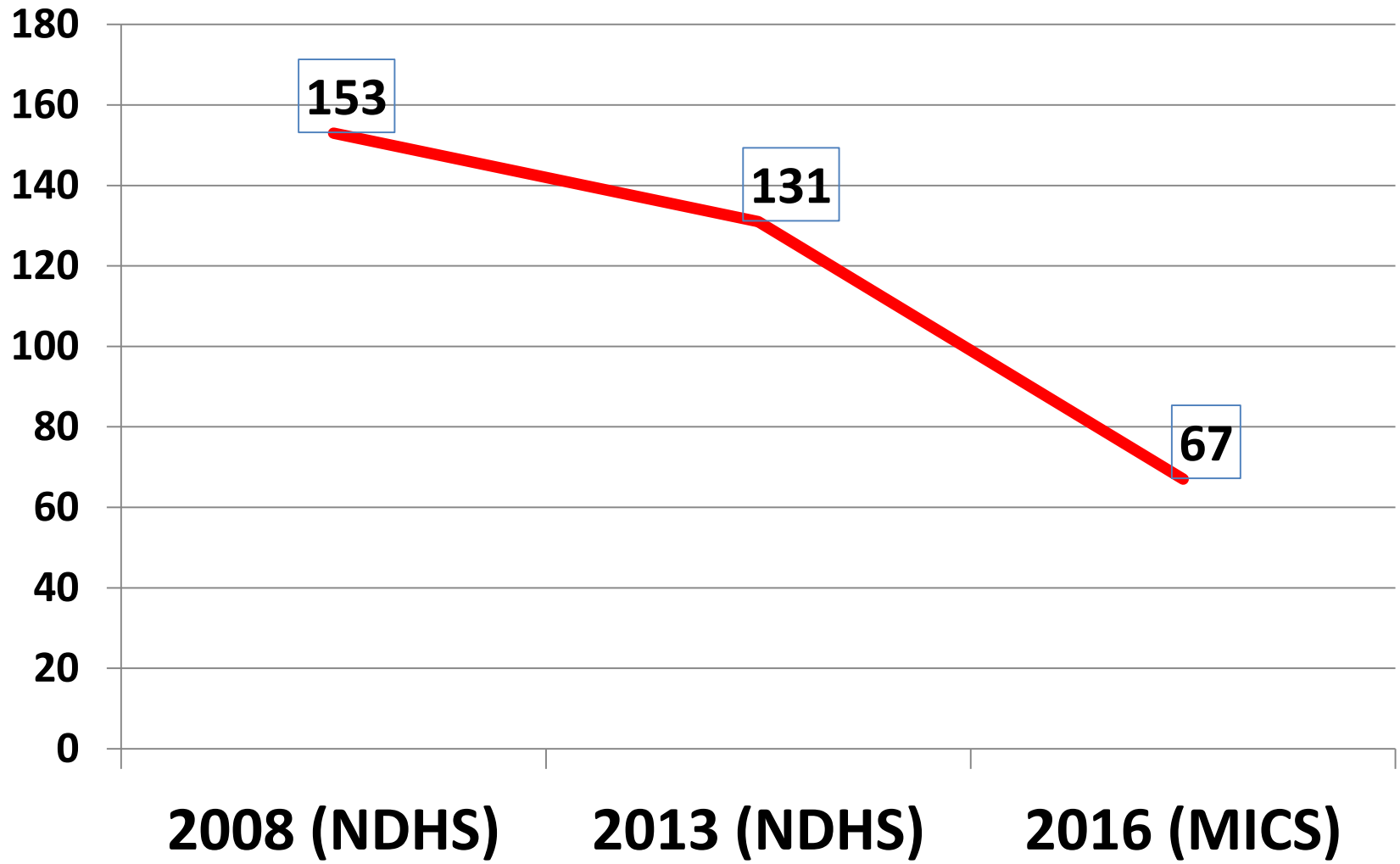
Care Seeking and treatment for MALARIA in U-5 (South East)



Care seeking and treatment of Acute Resp. Infection in U-5 (Rural Nigeria)



U-5 Mortality (South East)





Policy framework for iCCM

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The overarching policy guide for iCCM implementation in Nigeria are

✓ **National Health Policy**

✓ **National Child Health Policy**

- National iCCM implementation guideline (2013)
- National Council of Health approval of iCCM scale-up (2016)

Policy Framework for iCCM

- Other key policy documents, Strategies and Plans has iCCM component embedded in it:
 - Nigeria National Malaria Strategic Plan 2014-2020
 - National Strategic Health Development Plan II framework
 - State Strategic Health Development Plan II framework

iCCM in the RAcE context



Abia RAcE Programme Goals And Objectives

Goal

Reduction Of Child Mortality

Expected Outcome

Increased appropriate case management of malaria, diarrhea, and pneumonia among children ages 2-59 months

Objectives

Increased access to appropriate case management of the 3 main childhood illnesses

Enhanced quality of services delivered by Govt healthcare workers

Increased knowledge & acceptance of community level interventions & essential iCCM medicines

Informed Social & Policy environment enabled

iCCM Site Identification Strategy

Mapping

- 17 LGAs mapped, 15 LGAs established as iCCM eligible areas

Facility
Assessment

- 220 Ward Health Centres Assessed

Community
Identification

- 646 communities identified as hard to reach

Community
Selection

- 479 hard to reach communities selected as implementation site

Identification
of HF

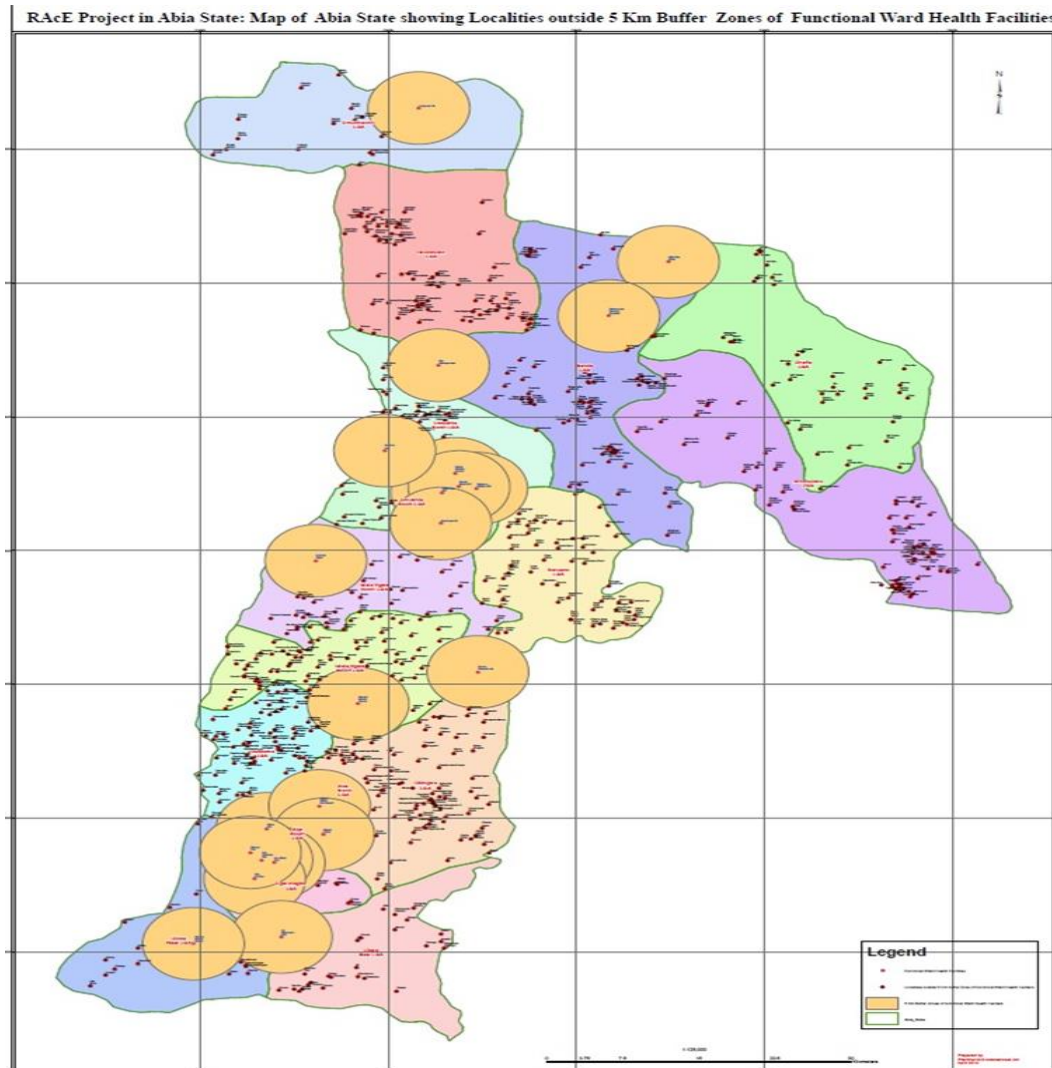
- 22 reference health facilities identified

iCCM Site Identification Strategy (Mapping)

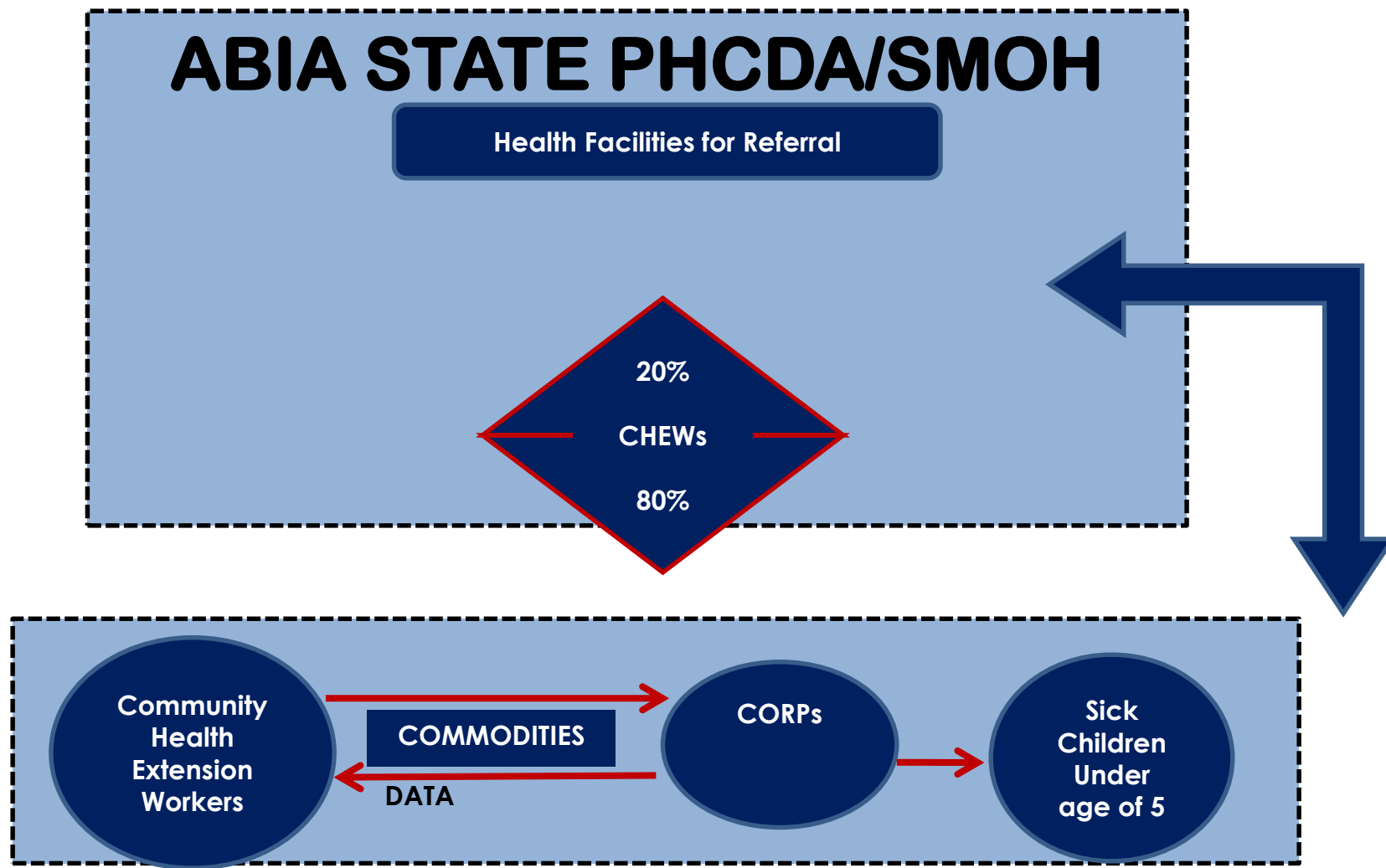
- Mapping of Functional Health Facilities and communities to select sites

• **Total population of implementation area: 1,065,740 .**

• **Target population: 202,998 children 2 to 59 months.**



Abia RAcE Programme Implementation Model



Human Resources for iCCM

As stated in the National ICCM guideline:

- Community Resource Persons (CORPs) provide the iCCM services in the community.
- Junior Community Health Extension Workers (JCHEWs) supervise the CORPs

Who is a CORP in Nigeria?

- CORPs are community-based health workers and they are currently providing various health-related services within the community. They include:
 - Community-Directed Distributors (CDDs);
 - Role Model Caregivers (RMC);
 - Village Health Workers (VHW)
 - Trained Community Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (CIMCI) implementers;
 - Private sector resource persons such as the Patent Proprietary Medicine Vendors [PPMVs]
(So far 295 PPMVs have been trained in Ebonyi on iCCM).

CORPS SELECTION IN ABIA STATE

RACe project team meet with the LGA Health Secretaries sharing with them the criteria for CORPs selection, list of implementing wards and the number of CORPs to be selected per wards



Health Secretaries and Social Mobilization officers meet with the Ward Development Committee (WDC) Chairmen and Community leaders on criteria for CORPs selection



iCCM eligible communities with their Community leaders and WDCs select CORPs based on set criteria

Criteria for CORPs Selection

- A member of the community;
- Respected in the community;
- Resident in the community;
- Of good standing;
- Able to read and write;
- Aged between 18 to 65 years;
- Accessible
- Willing to do the work
- *Preferably female*

Incentives

- Monetary incentive
 - The CORPs receive approximately 17 dollars per month for transportation during follow up.
- Non-Monetary incentive
 - Social prestige
 - Community approval
 - Support during farming season
 - Farm produce
 - Exemption from community dues and levies.



- TRAINING
- SUPERVISION
- M&E
- SUPPLY CHAIN



Training Of Community Health Extension Workers

Training dates	Number of trained CHEWs	Number of certified CHEWs
2 nd March to 7 th March 2014	71	67
8 th Sept. to 13 th Sept 2014	64	64
13 th April to 18 th April 2015	30	30
Total	165	151

Mode of training

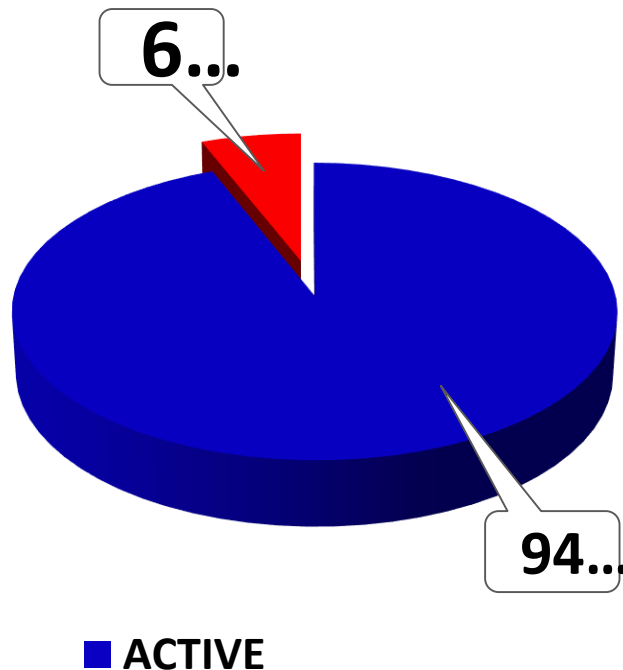
- ☐ 6 days of iCCM training- Classroom sessions and Clinical sessions and 3 days of supervisory training
- ☐ Guided by the national iCCM agenda.
- ☐ Materials used: Facilitators' guide, CHEWs/CORPs training manual, chart booklet
- ☐ Class size of 35 (Average) with 6 facilitators

Categories of certified CHEWs

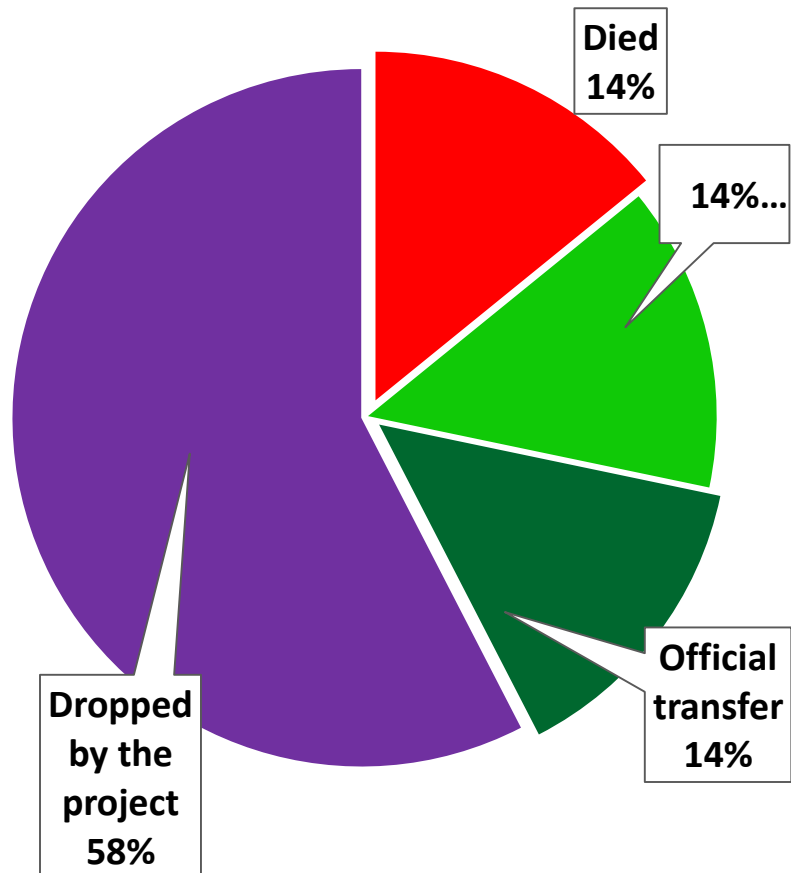
- ☐ Senior CHEWs: 129
- ☐ Junior CHEWS: 22

Active & Inactive CHEWs

- 142 active CHEWs out of 151 trained CHEWs
- Reasons: Death, retirement, dropped by the project.



Categories Of Inactive CHEWs



Training Of CORPs

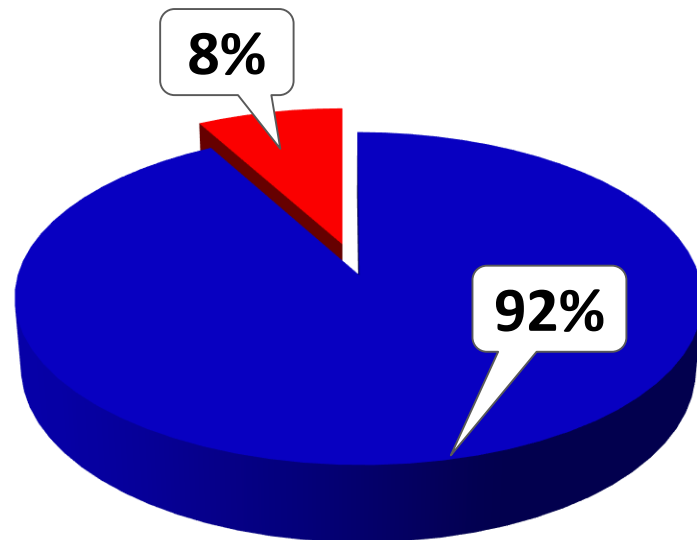
Training dates	Number of trained CORPs	Number of certified and kitted CORPs
November – December 2014	480	436
April - May 2015	388	378
May 2015	595	547
Total	1463	1361 (10 CORPs were dropped immediately after the training)

Mode of training

- ☐ 6 days of iCCM training- Classroom sessions and Clinical sessions
- ☐ Clinical sessions were carried out in government hospitals with high case load until strike, sick children were then mobilized within their communities for clinical sessions.
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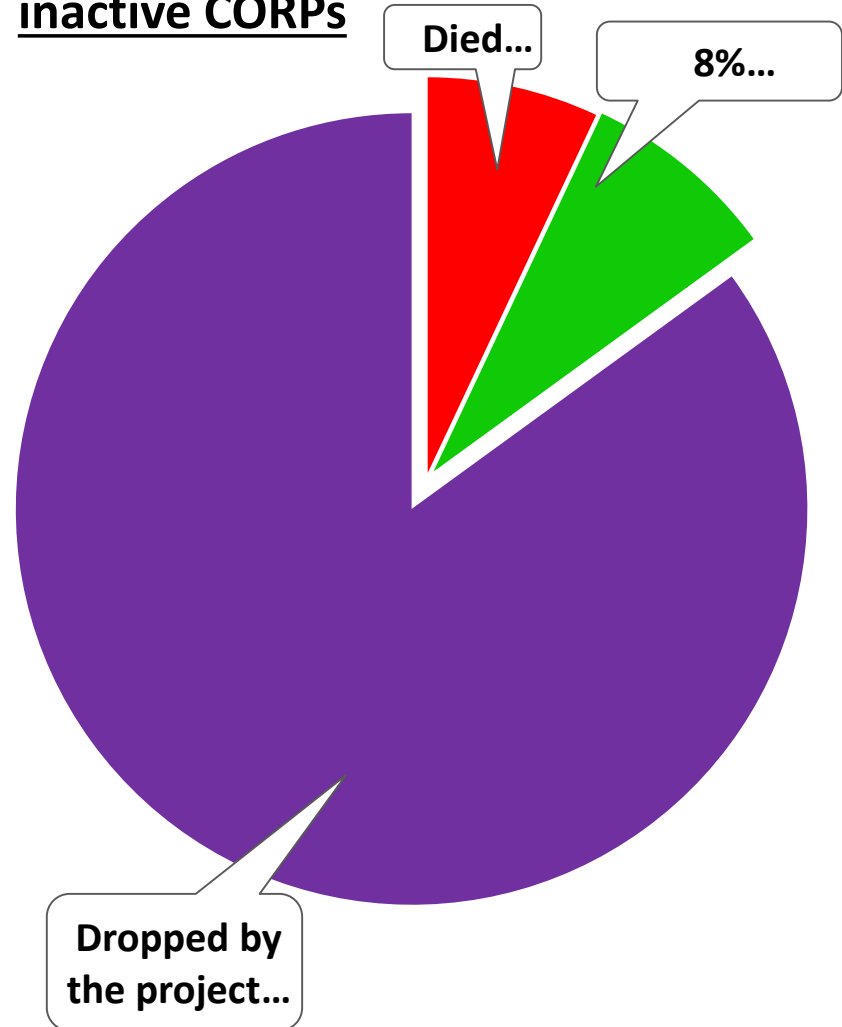
Active & Inactive CORPs

- 1239 active CORPs out of 1351 trained CORPs at inception.
- Reasons: Death, relocation, dropped by the project.



■ ACTIVE ■ INACTIVE

Categories of inactive CORPs



Supervision Of CORPs

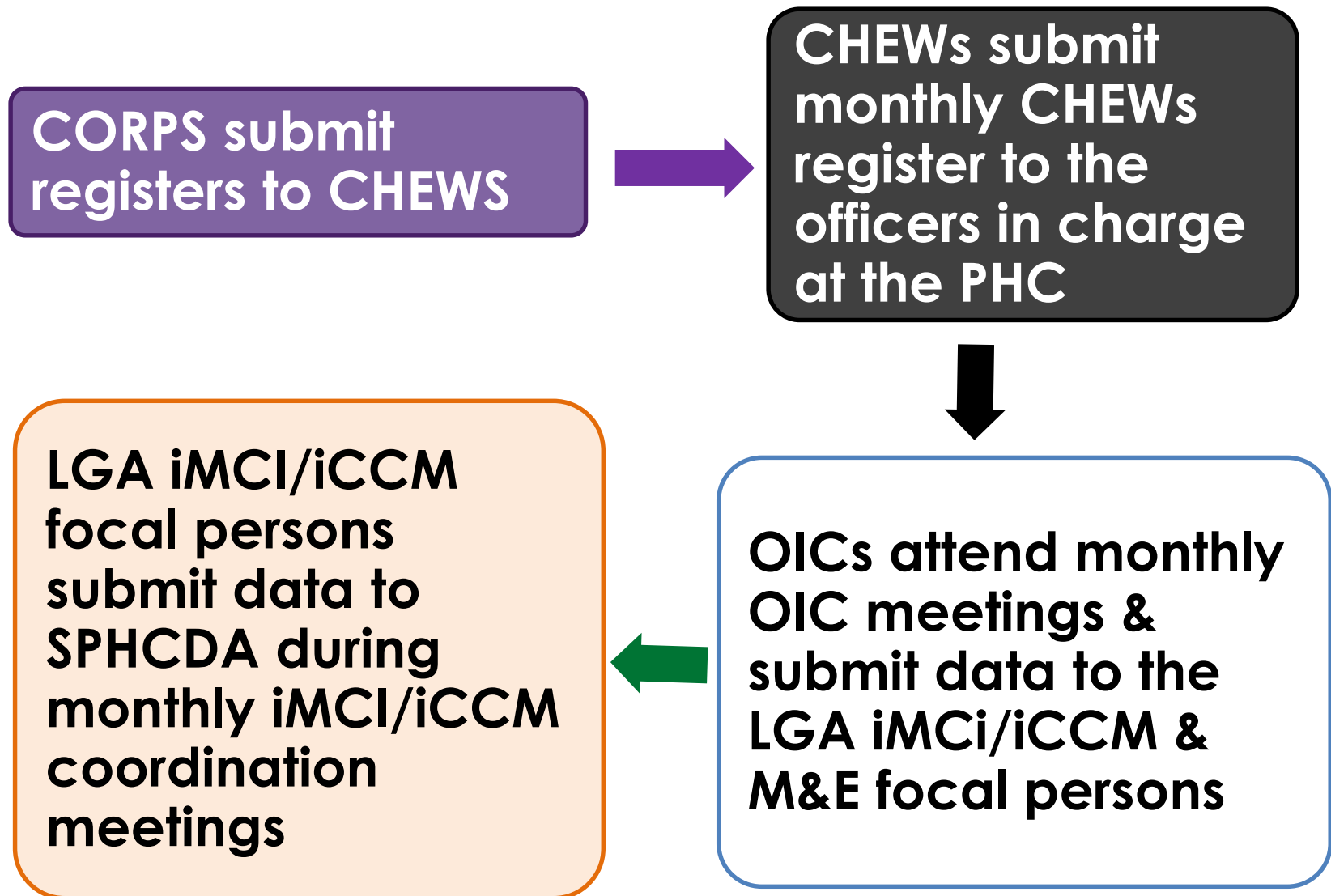
- Each CORP is expected to receive a monthly supervision to review:
 - CORPs registers on cases managed & referred
 - Stock availability.
- CHEWs also observe the CORP consultations with clients to provide feedback and ensure continuous improvements.
- A joint supervisory visit by the State Team and the LGA iCCM Focal Person to the CHEW & CORP

Demand Creation

- Stakeholders sensitization meeting to ensure buy-in at State, LGAs and communities.
- Social Mobilisation is conducted using the following strategies:
 - Advocacy visits to community leaders.
 - Community sensitization activities.



iCCM Programme Data Flow



RAcE Programme Commodity Supply Chain

ABIA STATE CENTRAL MEDICAL STORE

SFH RAcE Project Vehicle



LGA Stores at the 15 LGAs or Model PHC Stores

OICs



**Community Health
Extension Workers (CHEWs)**



**Ward Development
Committee Members (WDC)**



COMMUNITY ORIENTED RESOURCE PERSON (CORPS)



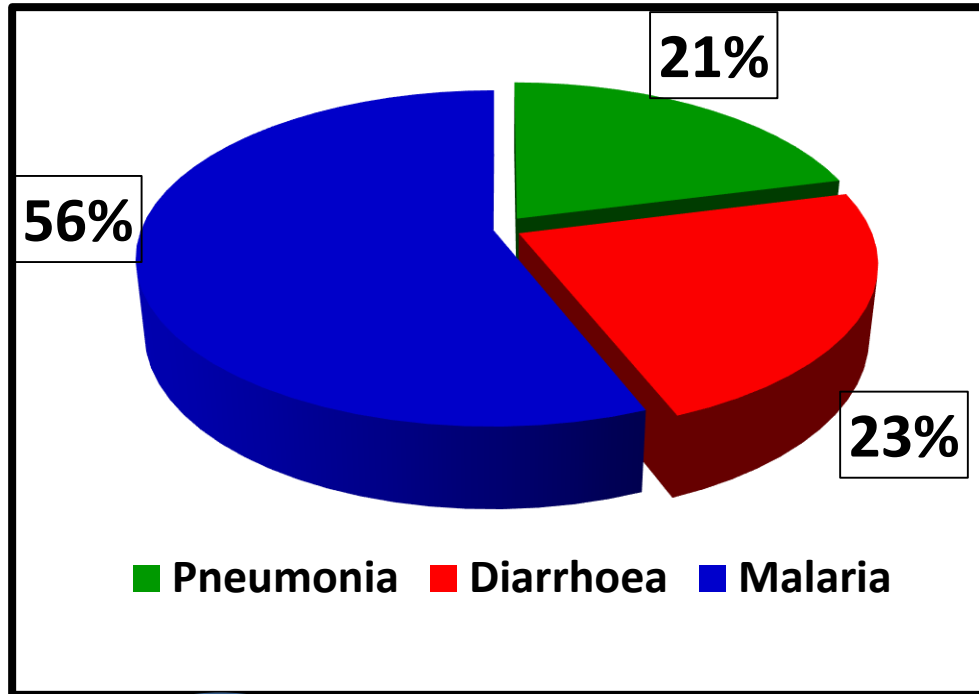
BENEFICIARIES AT THE COMMUNITY

ACHIEVEMENTS



Treatment numbers from inception

Nov 2014 to Aug 2017



Total No. of Children
Aged 2-59 months
Seen

803,764



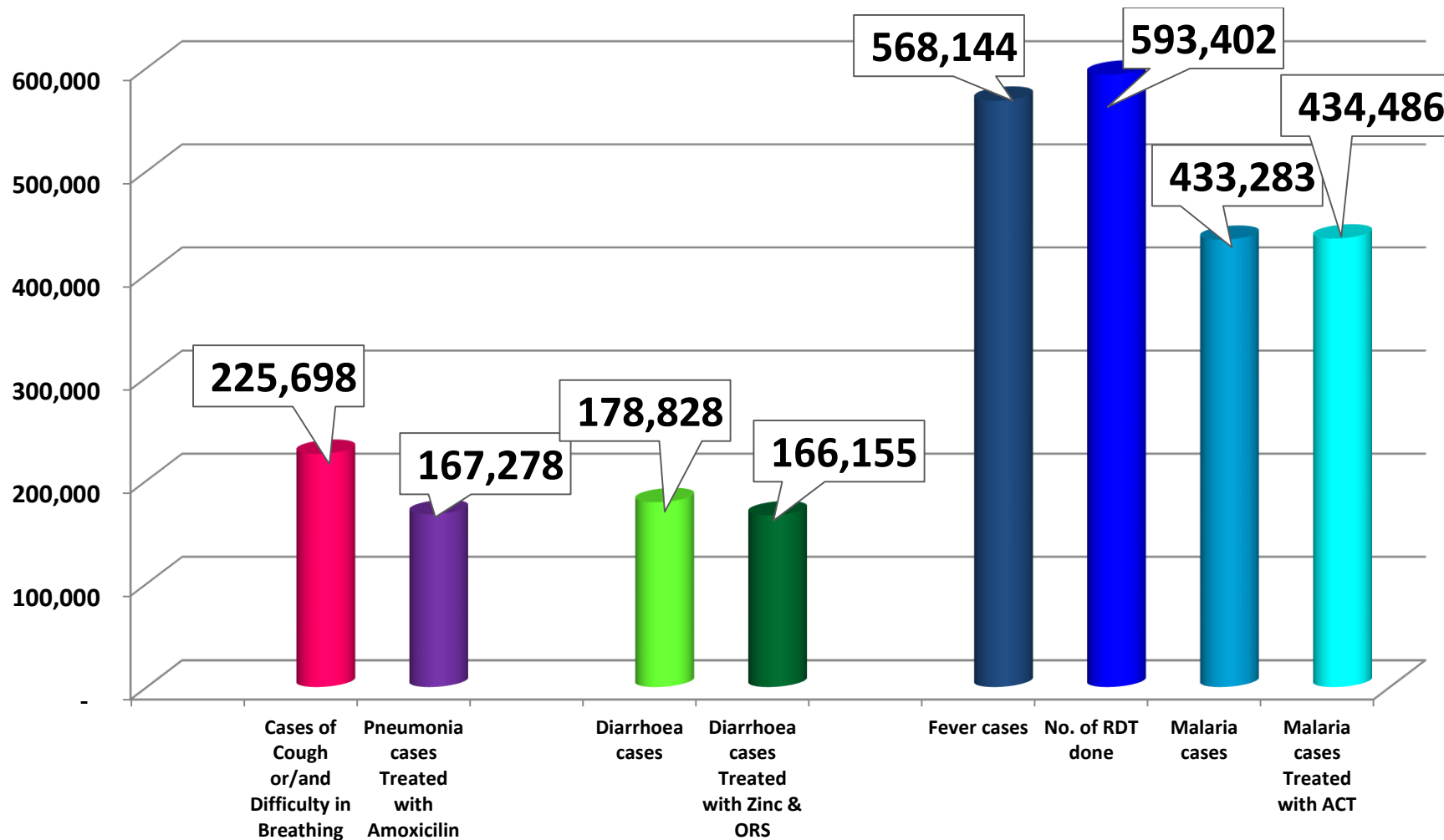
97%

82%

of all cases seen
were followed up

Treatment numbers from inception

Nov 2014 to Aug 2017



Vertical axis: number of children from 2-59 months

Programme and Health System Contribution

- Capacity building of Health care workers
- Increased access to health services
- Broadened access to vital health data for evidence based and targeted policy making

Policy contribution

- National Health Policy (2016) describes a vision of UHC for all Nigerians, SDG 3.2 (Reduction of U-5 mortality) and SDG 3.8 (Achieve universal health coverage). iCCM supports this vision by:
 - Increasing access to quality essential health-care services
 - Increasing access to safe, effective and quality essential medicines for U-5
 - Offering financial risk protection to the poor household in the rural area through free health services to U-5

Contribution to national iCCM vision and scale-up

The success of RAcE has demonstrated the potential of iCCM, leading to the National Health Council formally endorsing the scale-up of iCCM nation-wide.

Thank You