

## **NATIONAL AND SUB-NATIONAL RI PLATFORMS FIND INNOVATIVE WAYS OF SUSTAINING COORDINATION CENTRES – a flash update 09/04/2020**

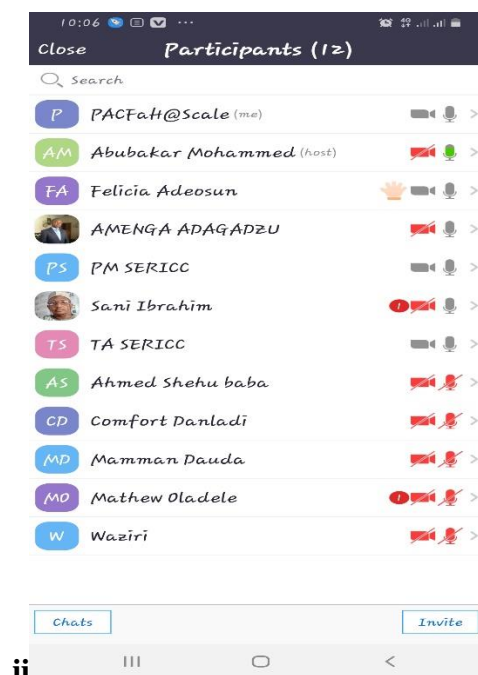
The strategic formation of NERICC/SERICC/LERICC across the three tiers of government in Nigeria was initiated to strengthen support for the coordination of routine immunization activities. Their activities have been unrelenting since then.


The PAS sub-grantees at National and state levels play significant roles across the RI platforms through holding government to account at local, state and federal levels with policy commitments and also in the provision of technical inputs.

The first case of the Corona virus (Covid-19) was recorded in Nigeria on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 2020. Since then over 200 cases presentations has been recorded. The Federal government following the WHO recommended intervention, enforced the lockdown policy and effected the stay at home rule to limit the spread of the virus. This lockdown policy has crippled day to day activities across the nation. The Primary Healthcare Development Agencies and Boards, however, have devised ingenious means to sustain coordination efforts for routine immunization despite the lockdown policy.

### **SERICC VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

SERICC in Kano, Niger and Kaduna states have already adopted virtual platforms to sustain efforts for routine immunization coordination through this pandemic. Below is a brief highlight:



 SERICC meetings across platforms; ZOOM and conference call apps (i and ii)

The **Niger** State Emergency Routine Immunization Coordination Centre tested the ZOOM Application on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2020 as a virtual platform for conducting its meeting henceforth. The test run was to check for the suitability of the application as a virtual means for conducting SERICC meetings and to resolve any difficulty experienced by members during login or otherwise. The ZOOM Application was accepted as it has good virtual and audio quality. PAS partner CCRHS and dRPC representative Mallam Sani Suleiman were in attendance.

The **Kano** SERICC commenced conducting its meeting through Skype on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2020. Although some technical issues were encountered but the meeting will continue on Friday. PAS partner WIM and dRPC representative Alhaji Ubale participated.

The **Kaduna** State Emergency Routine Immunization coordination centre (KADSERICC) meeting held via conference call on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 with PAS partner NANNM and dRPC representative Ms Mercy Anene in attendance.

The **Lagos** SERICC will commence remote meetings using WebEx app from the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020 and PAS partner AANI Lagos is on hand to participate.

**National** level (NERICC) will hold once a week using WebEx for senior officials.

We understand that this move is a directive of the NPHCDA to all states to work remotely using the WebEx app for remote meetings.

Routine Immunization forms an integral component of the of the PACFaH@Scale project. It is implemented at the National Level and in 4 states (Kaduna, Kano, Lagos and Niger) through 11 sub-grantees/Civil Society Organisations. PAS will continue its active representation in this accountability platform.

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## About PacFaH@Scale...

*The Partnership for Advocacy in Child and Family Health at Scale (PACFaH@Scale) intervention is a health accountability project which aims to catalyze action from national and state governments to increase funding for 4 health issue areas (family planning, Routine Immunization, Ending CKD and PHCUOR) and to implement its public policy promises.*