



ANALYSIS OF SAVING ONE MILLION LIVES-P4R ALLOCATION IN THE PAS-STATES (2017-2020)

Background

Launched in 2012 in response to the poor health outcomes in the country¹. It is an ambitious and comprehensive initiative to scale up access to essential primary health services and commodities for Nigeria's women and children. The initiative designed to enhance Nigeria's chances to grow and become part of the 20 biggest economies in the world focused on evidence-based, cost-effective interventions that are proven and address the leading causes of morbidity and mortality focuses on six important aspects (pillars) of maternal newborn and child health (MNCH) that can save lives. The pillars are improving maternal, newborn and child health; improving routine immunization coverage and achieving polio eradication; elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV; scaling up access to essential medicines and commodities; malaria control; and improving child nutrition.

Funding Commitments

The Saving One Million Lives (SOML-PforR) is financed by a \$500 million International Development Association credit from the World Bank to the Federal Government and then disbursed to the states as grants, based on performance improvement in maternal and new born indices². Eighty Two Percent (82%) of the total credit sum would be disbursed to states over the four years period of the program. State governments will be rewarded based on actual improvement as elucidated through the Health Facility and Household (SMART) surveys.

PAS-States' SOML Disbursement

Like the other states of the federation, the disbursement is based on overall performance (improvement) on all 6 indicators to encourage health system strengthening. These indicators include Immunization Coverage (Penta 3), Vitamin A, Contraceptive Prevalence Rate, ITN use by children under, Skilled Birth Attendance, and Antenatal Care. The performance score is simply the arithmetic sum of changes in the six indicators which is calculated annually based on household surveys conducted by National Bureau of Statistics.

The baseline data exists for all 36 + 1 states for 2015. Each state is eligible for \$205,000 per percentage point gain above the minimum threshold of 6 (the average annual gain between 2008 and 2013). A state that achieves the targets set out in the results framework receives about \$3 million per year. In addition, the best improved state per geo-political zone receives an additional \$500,000, except in the Northeast and Northwest where the two best-improved states would receive the additional \$500,000 disbursement. A "national champion" will receive \$1 million on top of the amount they receive based on their performance score. Payments to the states are not tied to specific inputs and can be flexibly used³.

Kano State

Although there is no available information about the overall disbursement in Kano State in 2017, the SOML-P for R 2018 disbursement report indicates that the sum of \$8,176,000 was disbursed to the state in the year 2018. Also, the State 2020 approved budget document shows that out of the N500 million that was budget for SOML in 2019, the sum of N664 million was released. In the same year, the N1.2 billion was disbursed to the State as a performance bonus on saving on million lives. The amount is for the activities of the programme: Malaria, Essential drugs, Child spacing, Immunization, PMCTC, and Nutrition.

Table 1: Kano SOML Funding

Year	Budget line	Amount allocated (in Naira)	Actual Releases (in Naira)	Amount for FP From SOML budget	Actual releases
2017	Saving One Million Lives (SOML)	300,000,000	n.a	n.a	n.a
2018	Save One Million Lives for Results	500,000,000	n.a	n.a	
2019	Save One Million Lives for Results	500,000,000	N664,379,197	n.a	n.a
	Performance Bonus on Saving One Million Lives	1,000,000,000	N1,200,000,000	n.a	n.a
2020	Save One Million Lives for Results	500,000,000	n.a	n.a	n.a

Source: Kano state 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 Approved Budget

Kaduna State

Between 2018 and 2020, the sum of N1,154,000,000 has been budgeted for the SOML. The funding commitment for the SOML reduced from N550 million in 2019 to N50 million in the 2020 fiscal year. The information available at the website of the SOML shows that \$160,000 was disbursed to the state in the 2018 fiscal year.

Table 2: Kaduna SOML Funding

Year	SOML Budget lines	Amount Allocated (in Naira)	Actual releases (in Naira)	Amount for FP From SOML budget	Actual releases
2018	Saving One Million Lives Performance for Results (P4R)	552,000,000.00	n.a	n.a	n.a
2019	Saving One Million Lives Performance for Results (P4R)	552,000,000.00	n.a	n.a	n.a
2020	Saving One Million Lives Performance for Results (P4R)	50,000,000.00	n.a	n.a	n.a

Source: Kaduna State 2018, 2019, and 2020 Approved Budget

Niger State

The State government budgeted the sum of 364,500,000 between 2018 and 2020. In 2018, a total of 28,250,000 budgeted was released. In the same year, the state government received the sum of \$6,454,000 as SOML fund in 2018⁴.

Table 3: Niger SOML Funding

Year	SOML Budget lines	Amount Allocated (in Naira)	Actual releases (in Naira)	Amount for FP From SOML budget	Actual releases
2018	Saving One Million Lives Programme for Result - (SOML)	28,250,000	28,250,000	N.a	N.a
2019	Saving One Million Lives Programme for Result - (SOML)	306,000,000	n.a	n.a	n.a
2020	Saving One Million Lives Programme for Result - (SOML)	30,250,000	n.a	n.a	n.a

Source: Niger State 2018, 2019, and 2020 Approved Budget

Lagos State

Like Kaduna State, the sum of \$160,000 SOML fund was disbursed to Lagos State in 2018 fiscal year. Thus, neither the amount budgeted for the SOML in 2018 budget nor the amount set aside for the FP from the received \$160,000 from the federal government in 2018 can be ascertained. Therefore, in 2019 the State government approved the sum of 403,731,806 for the SOML, out of which the sum of 320,325,784 was released. This constitute about 79.34 of the total SOML budget in the 2019 fiscal year. However, from the approved budget, 19,999,073 was set aside for Contraceptive. Thus 19,529,718, constituting about 97% was releases for the activity in 2019.

Table 3: Lagos SOML Funding

Year	SOML Budget lines	Amount Approved (in Naira)	Actual releases (in Naira)	Amount for FP From SOML budget	Actual releases
2018	Saving One Million Lives Programme for Result - (SOML)	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
2019	Saving One Million Lives Programme for Result - (SOML)	403,731,806	320,325,784	19,999,073	19,529,718
2020	Saving One Million Lives Programme for Result - (SOML)	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a

Source: Niger State 2018, 2019, and 2020 Approved Budget

Major Key Findings

- Non-disaggregation of the SOML by the PAS-states in the annual budget documents.
- Poor releases of funds by the State governments.
- Kano, Kaduna, Lagos and Niger state received the sum of \$8,176,000, \$160,000, \$160,000 and \$6,454,000 respectively in the year 2018.
- Kano State received the sum of N1.2 Billion as performance bonus on Saving One Million Lives in 2019 fiscal year.

Endnotes

¹ “Nigeria launches 'Saving One Million Lives' by 2015 initiative”
<https://www.who.int/workforcealliance/media/news/2012/1mlives/en/>

² Document of the World Bank for Official Use Only Report No: 94852-Nigeria, Program Appraisal Document on a Proposed Credit. See <http://somlpforr.org.ng/report/>

³ Program Implementation Manual (PIM): Saving One Million Lives Program For Results, August 2016.

⁴ SOML-P for R 2018 DISBURSEMENT FOR DLI 1.2, 3.3, AND 5.1, see <http://somlpforr.org.ng/disbursements/>