

# Nigeria Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Programme

**E**ffective disease detection, investigation, control, and prevention require a public health workforce well-trained in the principles and practice of field epidemiology. Field Epidemiology Training Programmes (FETPs) are field-based, with minimum classroom time and maximum time in the field, providing public health services while participants achieve competency.

**F**rontline FETP is a three-month in-service program focused on detecting and responding to diseases and events of public health importance or international concern. The trainees, who are on the frontlines of public health protection, learn and practice the fundamental skills used in frontline surveillance including use of case definitions, disease detection and reporting, summarizing of data using simple tables and graphs, case investigation, outbreak investigation and response, surveillance monitoring and evaluation, data analysis and interpretation for decision making, problem analysis, and scientific presentation and report writing.

**T**he Nigeria Frontline FETP kicked off in February 2016 and is currently running the 10th cohort. The program has been running concurrent cohorts to increase the pace of coverage. The instructors have been largely drawn from graduates of the advanced FETP while both graduates and second year residents have served as mentors.

**T**he goal of the training program is to improve our ability for timely detection and prompt response to disease outbreaks and other public health threats by building epidemiologic capacity and the LGA and state levels, thereby protecting the health of the people locally and ensuring global health security.

**T**he training has involved more than 900 participants from 293 (37.9%) LGAs in 12 states and the FCT (35%) in all the six geopolitical zones of the country. Most of the health workers trained have been DSNOs and Assistant DSNOs at the LGA and state levels. Other health workers trained are Medical Officers of Health (MOH), Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officers, laboratory focal persons, veterinary officers, State Epidemiologists (SE) and Assistant SEs.

Implementation Progress of Nigeria Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Programme

Cohort Number	States involved	Cohort Start Date (MM/YYYY)	Cohort End Date (MM/YYYY)	Number Enrolled	Number Graduated	#Female	# Male
1	Kano	02/2016	04/2016	155	155	5	150
2	Rivers	02/2016	04/2014	90	87	18	69
3	Benue	05/2016	07/2016	54	53	8	45
4	Lagos	05/2016	08/2016	95	93	48	45
5	Bauchi & Gombe	07/2016	10/2016	115	115	6	109
6	Enugu & Anambra	08/2016	10/2016	132	132	84	48
7	Borno	12/2016	03/2017	75	73	6	67
8	FCT & Nasarawa	02/2017	04/2017	73	70	10	60
9	Akwa Ibom	04/2017	06/2017	77	77	22	55
10	Katsina	06/2017		76			

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