



Jini Na Project

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5. Waziri Shehu Gidado General Hospital
6. Sir Muhammadu Sanusi General Hospital
7. Sheikh Muhammed Jidda General Hospital
8. Sabo Bakin Zuwo Maternity Hospital
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10. Khalifa Isyaku Rabiu Paediatrics Hospital

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Highlights:

- Data Cleaning Inception Meeting
- Quartely Review Meeting (QRM)
- Engagement Meeting with the Honourable
- Meeting with the Honourable Commissioner of Health, Kano State
- Engagement Meeting with the Special Adviser to the President on Health Matters
- Technical Working Committee on Blood Transfusion Inaugurated in Kano State

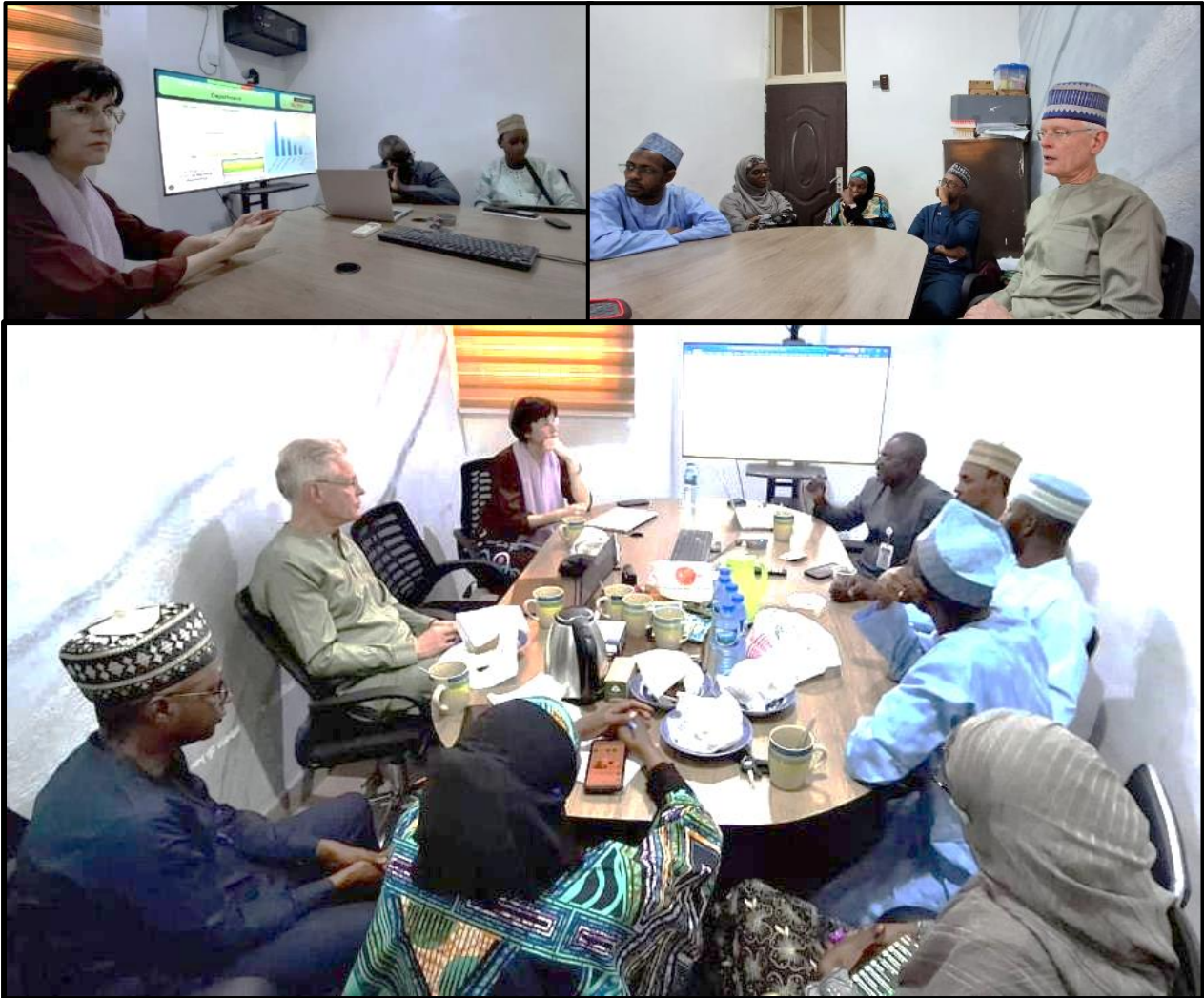


Thank you for collecting all blood donations and successful tracking of the majority of transfusions!

- The Jini Na Project data collection was finished on 31st of December 2024 for 8 Kano hospitals; data collection at AKTH will be continued until July 2025.

The Jini Na Project advisors; Prof. Andreas, Dr. Kathleen, Sophie (joined online) and the Principal Investigators; Prof. Aisha (joined online) and Dr. Dalhat together with the Supervisors met to initialize data cleaning process at Michael DeBaun Conference Room, Department of Haematology, AKTH, Kano.

- Some outliers were identified and appropriate ethical measures were taken to review and correct them.



Quartely Review Meeting with Research Assistants (RAs)



- The 4th and the last Quartely Review Meeting with the RAs was conducted to share the successes, challenges and the performance made in the project.
- Certificates were distributed to all the RAs and the Supervisors as a token of appreciation for a job well done.



- The 4th and the last Quartely Review Meeting with the project Stakeholders was conducted to provide a feedback report to the State Ministry of Health under the leadership of the Hon. Commissioner of Health; Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf.
- The DG of the national blood service agency (NBSA), Prof. Saleh Yuguda, joined the meeting. He applauded the success of the study and expressed commitment of the NBSA to establish a transfusion medicine training center in Kano.

Take home message at the end of the Stakeholders Meeting as outlined below:

- The Jini na study provides the largest data set on blood donation and transfusion generated ever in sub-Saharan Africa.
- The Kano hospital network achieved this.
- Repeat donors are needed to secure supply of safe blood.
- How could women be motivated to become blood donors.
- We all have to create trust in the system.
- This will raise the resources for better care of at least children and SCD patients.



Meeting with the Hon. Commissioner of Health



- The Jini Na project engaged with the Hon. Commissioner of Health; Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf to update him on the progress so far made by the Jini Na study at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), Kano State.



- The Special Adviser to the President of Nigeria on Health; Dr. (Mrs.) Salma Ibrahim Anas has invited the Jini Na Project Stakeholders to her office in Abuja to get informed about the Jini Na study. They met on January 14th 2025. The Director General of the National Blood Service Commission (NBSC); Prof. Saleh Yuguda also joined the meeting.



Dr. (Mrs.) Salma Ibrahim Anas
Special Adviser, Health
To the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria



PROF. SALEH YUGUDA
DIRECTOR GENERAL
NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE COMMISSION



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A Group Picture with the Members of the Blood Transfusion TWG and the Hon. Commissioner of Health; Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf at the Kano State Ministry of Health Headquarters

In a move to identify and address gaps and challenges in blood transfusion services in Kano state, the State Technical Working Committee on Blood Transfusion has been inaugurated (date?).

During the inauguration of the committee, the state Commissioner for Health Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf said that the genesis of forming the committee is for the safety of blood transfusion in the state.

He stated that the selection of members of the committee was done based of competency, hoping that the task would be easy for the members because of the high expectations on the committee.

"Being part of such a historic committee is something that is going to be part of the history of Kano state. I believe it will be a very good documentation of all the good activities that you are going to carry out."

"Whoever comes to check the history of blood transfusion in Kano state will find the names of all of you", Dr. Abubakar Labaran highlighted.

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Speaking, the Chairman of the Committee and also the Director Medical Services of the Hospitals Management Board, Dr. Musbahu Rabi'u thanked Dr. Labaran for seeing them worthy for such an important responsibility, assuring that they would do their best to do justice to the task entrusted them with.

The terms of reference of the committee, is among other things, to provide technical expertise and advice on blood transfusion related matters; develop, domesticate as well as implement guidelines, policies and standards as needed and to develop and implement quality improvement initiative.

Others are to collaborate with stakeholders including healthcare providers, health facilities, private blood banks, partners and regulatory bodies on issues related to blood transfusion services; to provide training and capacity building support for healthcare workers and blood bank staff, etc.

Members of the committee include:

1. Directors Medical and Laboratory Services - Chairman of the Committee
2. Nursing Services
3. Admin and General Services of the Hospitals Management Board
4. Private Health Institutions Management Agency
5. Primary Healthcare Management Board
6. Drugs and Medical Consumables Supply Agency
7. Guild of Medical Directors
8. Representatives from Academia (BUK/AKTH)
9. Partners
10. Dr. Hauwa Ibrahim (Consultant Hematologist) - Secretary of the Committee.

The committee was given authority to co-opt any stakeholder as the need arises.