



Jini Na Project

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blood donation and blood transfusion in Kano project

Highlights:

- ❖ 3rd Quartely Review Meeting Conducted
 - For the Research Assistants (RAs)
 - For the Stakeholders
- ❖ International Partner Visits Kano.
- ❖ Advocacy Visit to the Honourable Commissioner of Health, Kano State.



Participating

1. Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital 2. Murtala Muhammed Specialist Hospital 3. Muhammed Abdullahi Wase Teaching Hospital 4. National Orthopedic Hospital, Dala
5. Waziri Shehu Gidado General Hospital 6. Sir Muhammadu Sanusi General Hospital 7. Sheikh Muhammed Jidda General Hospital 8. Sabo Bakin Zuwo Maternity Hospital
9. Nuhu Bamalli Maternity Hospital 10. Khalifa Isyaku Rabiu Paediatrics Hospital

3rd Quartely Review Meeting with Research Assistants (RAs)



- The 3rd Quartely Review Meeting with the RAs was conducted on June 8th, 2024 to share the success and the performance so far and also to discuss challenges encountered by each RA in the course of his/her work and the possible recommendations to mitigate it.
- Good performing RAs were appreciated, and the rest were encouraged to work harder during data collection.
- **CONGRATULATIONS!!!! Congratulations to the RAs:** "The RAs were applauded for their hard work as they were able to record more than 33,000 donations and more than 24,000 transfusions across all the facilities of the project.
- The importance of voluntary donations was emphasized as the safest type of donations. The RAs were urged to advocate more voluntary donation. It was discussed that the recruitment of voluntary donor's needs:
 - awareness: target mosques, schools, etc.
 - attention to cycles: pregnant/breast feeding
 - privacy while donating
- The question on why more than 96% of the donors are male, while the data is clearly showing that females are the main consumers of blood transfusions. One of the RAs suggested that there is the need for awareness among women to donate blood emphasizing that there is no harm for women to donate blood.
- The QRM presentations can be accessed via this link → <https://akth.gov.ng/qrm-presentation/>



*A cross section of pictures of the during the conduct of the 3rd QRM for Research Assistants (RAs)
Circa: June 8th 2024*

- A 3rd Quartely Review Meeting with the project Stakeholders was conducted on 8th June, 2024 to acquaint the Heads of Laboratory and Nursing Departments of the 10 Study Facilities (AKTH, MAWTH, NOHD, MMSH, SMSSH, SMJGH, SBMH, KIRPH, NBMH and WSGGH) and the leadership of the State Ministry of Health with the progress, challenges and the way forward of blood donation and transfusion strategies in the State backed with data as well as to appreciate them on the overall co-operation given to the Study Staff.
- The fact that more than 96% of the donors are male was also reiterated. Why do females, who are major consumers of blood, not donate blood? Some of the reasons for the low percentage of female donations mentioned during the discussion are:
 - permission from their husbands or parents
 - fear of losing blood
 - lack of awareness
 - donation centers not suitable for women's privacy / environmental factors
 - cultural factors
- The following reasons were given for the lack of documentation of transfusion reactions:
 - lack of communication from patients
 - need to: educate/counsel patients on possible transfusion reaction symptoms
 - consider providing transfusion reaction checklist (form to fill when discharged)
 - under staffing
 - lack of awareness
 - Pressure on timing of transfusion by the patient and the patient relations.
 - Transfusions at night
- The discrepancies between blood donation and blood transfusion were referred to the following reasons:
 - Data not captured by RAs although it is in the registers
 - Blood donations stored in the bank not utilized
 - Blood shipping to private health facilities without documentation (informal blood sharing among facilities)
 - Planned surgeries: blood is often donated in anticipation, but not used
 - Issue/Inability of capturing data by the RAs
- **THANK YOU !!! for all the support given to the Project.**
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*A cross section of pictures of the participants during the conduct of the 3rd Quarterly Review Meeting for the Stakeholders of the participating Hospitals and the State Ministry of Health representatives
8th June 2024*



- Sophie Reichelt; the Jini Na Project Grant Manager from *Germany* visits Kano between 2nd – 12th of June 2024.

- Find below some of the activities she successfully achieved during her visit:
 - Brief audit visits to the participating Hospitals (accompanied by the Supervisors).
 - Business meetings with the Jini Na project administrator
 - Reviewed the project data with the Supervisors
 - Supported the planning and successful implementation of the 3rd Quartely Review Meetings with both RAs and the Stakeholders.
 - Met with the Hon. Commissioner of Health , Kano State.
 - Facilitated the development of Indemnity Form for the study RAs and Supervisors which was signed by all and archived with the administrator.
 - Developed a Blood Expiration Notification letter
 - Blood Bank and Donor Clinic Audit
 - Participated in the Hematology Day Celebration



 JINI NA PROJECT Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital Kano State	 HOSPITAL PARTNERSHIPS
INDEMNITY FORM Safety Policy on the User of Personal Protective Equipment and Hepatitis B Vaccination.	
<p>A. Personal Protective Equipments (PPE)</p> <p>I, _____, hereby confirm receipt of Face Mask, Hand Gloves, and Hand Sanitizer from the Jini Na Project. I therefore confirm that I have been properly counseled on the mandatory use of the same for personal protection and that the Project will not be liable for any consequences arising from the non-utilization of the provided protective equipment.</p> <p>By signing this indemnity letter, I understand and agree that I assume full responsibility for any consequences arising from the failure to use the provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as instructed. I acknowledge that the Jini Na Project and its affiliates shall not be held responsible for any liabilities, losses, damages, costs, or expenses incurred due to my failure to utilize the provided PPE.</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>	
<p>B. Hepatitis B Vaccination</p> <p>I, _____, hereby confirm the receipt of a Hepatitis B vaccination. I acknowledge that I have been properly counseled on the mandatory vaccination for my personal protection against the Hepatitis B virus.</p> <p>I understand that the Jini Na Project will not be liable for any consequences arising from my decision regarding the vaccination. By signing this indemnity letter, I assume full responsibility for any consequences resulting from my refusal to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B virus.</p> <p>I acknowledge and agree that the Jini Na Project and its affiliates shall not be held responsible for any liabilities, losses, damages, costs, or expenses incurred due to my decision not to receive the provided Hepatitis B vaccination.</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>	

Expiry Notification

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

The Jini Na Project would like to inform you that the following units of blood are about to expire in a week. You are kindly advised to preferentially issue them out in case they are still available in the Blood Bank to prevent wastage:

We would also like to know the status of these blood units.

Your Jini Na Project Team.

Thank you.

- In its effort to engage the State Government in all stages of the project, the Jini Na Team visits the Honourable Commissioner of Health (HCH); **Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf** to acquaint him with the progress made so far with the data collection at the 9 Hospitals on Board.
- The HCH assures total commitment and promised to provide a letter of intent to the funders for the project extension and expansion to the other State-owned Hospitals.



THANK YOU