

Nigeria Four states and Benue state projects wishlist narrative

Strengthening and continuation of support in four states and Benue projects

Sightsavers' 2017 logframe targets for Kogi, Kwara, Kebbi and Sokoto (the four states) took into account support Sightsavers was receiving from Schistosomiasis Control Initiative (SCI) in a portion of the LGAs in each of these states.

By contrast, our 2018 logframe targets are calculated to cover all LGAs as needed in each of these states. There is now a need for increased supervision and staff costs across the programme moving forward from 2018, as expressed in our wishlist summarised below. In 2018, staff costs will account for 9% of the wishlist implementation budget in Benue state and 50% in the four states.

Sightsavers' 2018 targets are subject to change dependent on funding.

Sightsavers' 2018 wishlist budgets for the Nigeria Four states and Benue state projects are specifically for the strengthening of programme performance and staff cost recovery. Our 2019 wishlist budgets are for a continuation of programme activities. In the case of the Four states project, the 2018 and 2019 budgets provides for expansion to all SCH/STH MDA eligible LGAs.

Wishlist budget summary:

Budget (USD)	2018	2019	TOTAL
Implementation in four states (Kebbi, Kogi Kwara, Sokoto)	226,783	401,581	628,364
Implementation in Benue state	64,272	154,486	218,758
Programme management	7,463	66,022	73,485
Overheads	46,539	96,984	143,523
TOTAL	\$345,057	\$719,073	\$1,064,130

Explanatory notes of additional budgetary request to strengthen programme performance:

Strengthening supportive supervision:

- Provision of motorbikes to NTD Local Government Coordinators in LGAs in all five states was not included in Sightsavers' original budget. These motorbikes now budgeted for are needed to support local government coordinators to fully implement programme activities across LGAs.
- There is a need to increase provision for participation of government officials in both the four states project and Benue state project.

Strengthening training to better reach non-enrolled school aged children and mitigate against impact of Front Line Health Facility Staff being transferred:

- Over the past year a number of front line health facility staff were relocated from Benue state to other states following Sightsavers' training. To ensure all health facilities in Benue continually have enough trained staff there is a need to increase the number of staff trained. Since Benue is a new programme, an additional need has been identified for the state and LGA training to be extended from two to three days.

- In Kwara state a need has been identified to increase provision for training of additional health workers to support community deworming activities to reach out of school children.

Strengthening data management

- There is a need to provide additional support to the Benue state NTD team on data management to ensure the project team have the same capacity and skillset as teams in the four states project. This will include engaging additional staff to undertake data entry.