Building the capacity of ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) in Bauchi and Sokoto states Northern Nigeria in outcome monitoring of MNCH/FP/RH interventions using the Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) Technique. Poster presented at Evaluation 2014: Visionary Evaluation for a Sustainable, Equitable Future, the 28th annual conference of the American Evaluation Association, Denver, Colorado USA

## Abstract

Involving health and local government MDAs in evaluation and ensuring ownership of their MNCH/FP/RH interventions has been one of the challenges of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) in developing countries. The focus of most projects is on internal information needs, and satisfying funding agencies' needs excluding the MDAs responsible for providing strategic oversight as well as funding and implementing health interventions. Recognizing the need for local stakeholders to conduct their own evaluations, USAID Targeted States High Impact Project (TSHIP) in Bauchi and Sokoto state, Northern Nigeria adopted the LQAS technique to empower MDAs to monitor health outcomes. This presentation will discuss how local stakeholders were trained and involved in carrying out household survey including conducting manual tabulation and data analysis, and data use using the LOAS technique. Also the presentation will cover the challenges and lessons learned by adopting such an approach to build MDAs capacity to assess their health interventions.

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## Acronyms:

MNCH/FP/RH – maternal, newborn, & child health/ family planning/ reproductive health

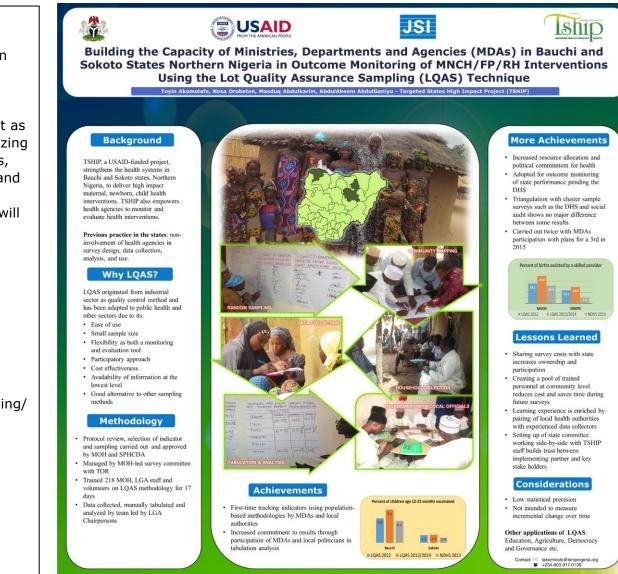
MOH – ministry of health

SPHCDA – state primary healthcare development agency

TOR – terms of reference

- LGA local government area
- DHS demographic health survey

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