

# Spotlight on Knowledge Translation

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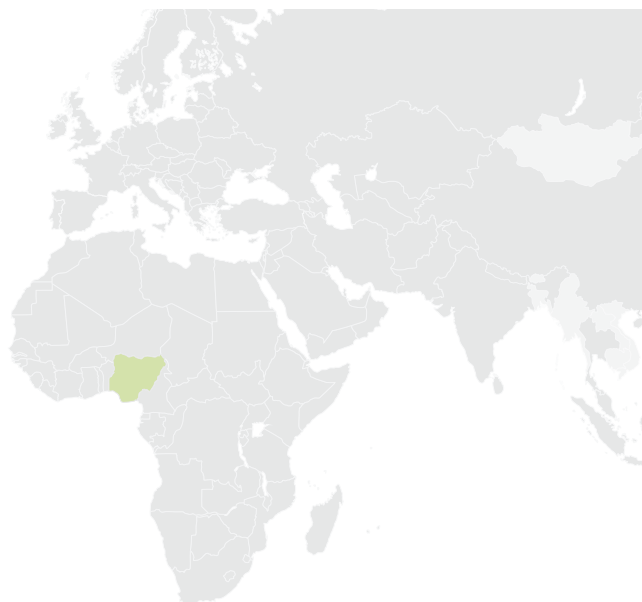
Led by JSI, Gavi's [Zero-Dose Learning Hub](#) (ZDLH) is a global learning initiative to generate evidence and engage stakeholders to identify and reach zero-dose (ZD) and under-immunized (UI) children. As the global learning partner, JSI supports Country Learning Hubs in Bangladesh, Mali, Nigeria, and Uganda to advance evidence-based strategies aligned with Gavi's Identify-Reach-Monitor and Measure-Advocacy (IRMMA) framework. Key ZDLH achievements include demand-driven technical assistance and the development of tools and resources, all aimed at reaching ZD children and integrating evidence into policy and practice.



Want to learn more about knowledge translation in global health? Download the ZDLH toolkit [Knowledge Translation for Zero-Dose Immunization Research](#), developed by JSI through the Gavi-funded ZDLH, to explore practical strategies for translating research into action.

## Unlocking Funds Through Knowledge Translation and Collaboration

Since 2023, the Nigeria Learning Hub, led by the [African Field Epidemiology Network](#) (AFENET) in collaboration with the [Africa Health Budget Network](#) (AHBN), has focused on eight local government areas with high ZD burden, utilizing data from various assessments to understand barriers and determinants to immunization. The Learning Hub has played a pivotal role in translating research into action to improve immunization financing. Through budget analysis and strategic engagement, the Learning Hub has supported efforts to secure and sustain funding for routine immunization, ensuring that financial commitments lead to tangible improvements in immunization coverage.



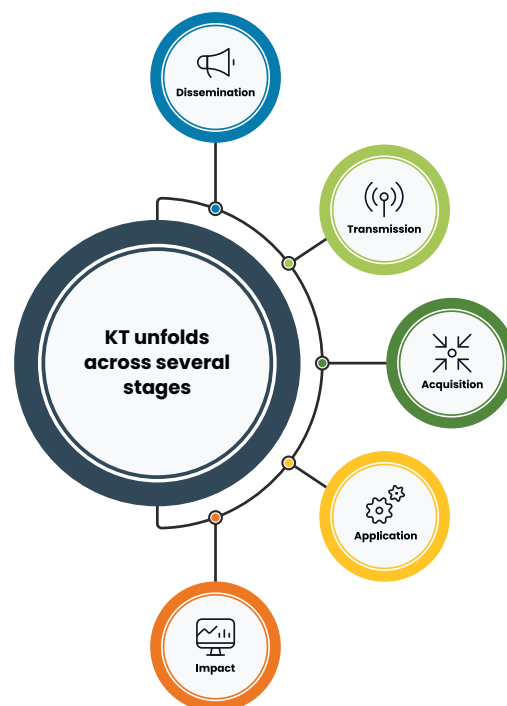
### Dissemination: Sharing Evidence with Key Stakeholders

The Learning Hub shared key findings on immunization budget allocations, disbursements, and gaps with policymakers, financial planners, and civil society organizations. Quarterly Community of Practice (CoP) meetings provided a structured platform to engage stakeholders in discussions about immunization financing, accountability, and budget tracking.



### Transmission: Tailoring Findings for Programmatic Use

To strengthen decision-making, AHBN and the CoP developed an Immunization Accountability Framework, a tool designed to track and measure budget allocations, fund performance, and timely release of government immunization funds. The framework was introduced to policymakers and financial planners, equipping them with data-driven insights to inform resource allocation and ensure financial commitments were met.



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### Acquisition: Stakeholders Recognizing and Adopting Knowledge

Budget experts, policymakers, and donor partners actively engaged with the Immunization Accountability Framework through CoP-led reviews and financial tracking exercises. In Kano State, the framework helped track the release of an additional ₦210 million for immunization in 2024, after no funds were disbursed in 2023. In Sokoto State, a CoP-led review documented the disbursement of ₦146 million to primary health care facilities to support immunization services.



### Impact: Measuring the Effect of Knowledge Translation

By collecting and disseminating ward-level data on immunization performance in real time, engaging policymakers, and co-developing financial tracking tools, the Learning Hub ensured that evidence translated into concrete budget commitments, increasing accountability for sustainable immunization financing. While progress has been made in securing budget releases and strengthening transparency, continued multi-stakeholder collaboration and enhanced monitoring mechanisms will be key to closing immunization financing gaps and reaching ZD children across Nigeria.



### Application: Integrating Evidence into Policy and Practice

By applying the Immunization Accountability Framework, CoP-led budget tracking revealed significant immunization funding flows across multiple states. In Borno State, CoP efforts tracked immunization funding contributions from the Gates Foundation, UNICEF, and the state government, strengthening multi-stakeholder financial coordination for immunization. In Bauchi State, a CoP review meeting confirmed that 100 percent of the state's approved immunization budget was released into the basket fund.

