

# Facility Health Committee Assessments

These are conducted 4 times a year (once each quarter) to assess the performance of the facility health committees (FHCs) in a state across three key areas: improvement of facility management, involving the community in decision making, and increasing access and mobilising for better health. Below we show one component of the assessments. Other elements include number of issues raised by the FHCs to facilities and government and how many of these issues are resolved. While information from the assessments is not currently displayed in a scorecard format, we feel there are elements that might be useful to include in a scorecard. Tell us what you think.

State	Score Levels	1.1 The FHC has a clear action plan.	1.2 FHC members have attempted to mobilize resources	1.3 FHC monitor drug supply and stocks	1.4 FHC regularly monitors staff	2.1 FHC consults with different groups in the community	2.2 The FHC actively encourages women's involvement	2.3 Female committee members play an active role	2.4 FHC provides feedback to communities	3.1 FHC ensures the community are informed	3.2 FHC informs community people about health entitlements	3.3 FHC collaborates with other CBOs	3.4 The FHC contributes to increasing the number patients that visit the facility
STATE 1	Good (2) score	100%	89%	67%	100%	89%	100%	89%	89%	89%	100%	89%	100%
	Fair (1) score	0%	11%	33%	0%	11%	0%	11%	11%	11%	0%	11%	0%
	Poor (0) score	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
STATE 2	Good (2) score	58%	69%	82%	84%	76%	82%	91%	76%	96%	80%	51%	84%
	Fair (1) score	29%	18%	11%	16%	22%	16%	4%	18%	4%	16%	42%	13%
	Poor (0) score	13%	13%	7%	0%	2%	2%	4%	7%	0%	4%	7%	2%
STATE 3	Good (2) score	60%	81%	60%	65%	84%	81%	91%	67%	86%	74%	63%	84%
	Fair (1) score	23%	9%	23%	26%	12%	16%	9%	28%	12%	19%	26%	14%
	Poor (0) score	16%	9%	16%	9%	5%	2%	0%	5%	2%	7%	12%	2%
STATE 4	Good (2) score	75%	76%	54%	63%	69%	75%	76%	45%	84%	64%	54%	72%
	Fair (1) score	21%	24%	33%	37%	30%	22%	22%	46%	15%	33%	42%	28%
	Poor (0) score	4%	0%	13%	0%	1%	3%	1%	9%	1%	3%	4%	0%
STATE 5	Good (2) score	79%	70%	53%	72%	74%	66%	66%	74%	72%	62%	55%	81%
	Fair (1) score	19%	26%	36%	28%	26%	32%	28%	23%	26%	36%	30%	19%
	Poor (0) score	2%	4%	11%	0%	0%	2%	6%	2%	2%	2%	15%	0%
STATE 6	Good (2) score	85%	75%	65%	80%	85%	70%	100%	55%	65%	70%	80%	90%
	Fair (1) score	10%	20%	15%	20%	15%	30%	0%	30%	35%	30%	10%	10%
	Poor (0) score	5%	5%	20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	0%	0%	10%	0%

## CASE STUDY

Since its reactivation, the Facility Health Committee (FHC) at the PHC Gidan Goga in Maradun Local Government Area, Zamfara State has carried out several improvements to the facility: to its cleanliness and sanitation and involving the community in decision making. However, the main issue concerning the community was the lack of beds at the facility. For the past ten years, there hasn't been a bed at the facility. Advocacy efforts to resolve the problem have been fruitless.

The FHC decided to consult the community. The aim was to mobilise enough resources for at least ten beds without having to wait for a government intervention. The committee generated 20,000 naira from the community and another 10,000 to repair ten mattresses. However, this was not enough. The community turned to a local artisan, who agreed to contribute his labour. Throughout the process, the community could see how the money was spent as planned.

Before the committee intervention, hardly anyone stayed at the facility but during the last Quality Self-Assessment visit, at least two people were admitted. One was Hajiya Binta Dahiru: "Before I would not allow myself to be admitted here. I would have rather stayed at home to get the treatment there. This is not only my sentiment but almost everybody would have preferred to stay at home. May God Almighty bless the people who initiated this. I am very happy."

