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Content	<p>Background: Globally Nigeria contributes upto 10% of the burden of Under 5 child and Maternal mortalities. One of the key factors contributing to this, is inequity in health service provision. 42% of under 5 Children lives in rural and remote underserved communities in Nigeria. Reaching out to these children and women with vaccines and other essentials health services has been quite challenging due to absence of health facilities, geographical distance and poor road network.</p> <p>Methodology: The urgent need to Improve maternal and child health in Kebbi State as such, makes it necessary to provide the Hard to reach (HTR) communities with Integrated PHC Services using the mobile outreach strategy. With support from the European Union -UNICEF MNCH Project, twenty-one (21) mobile health teams are providing services in one thousand and fifty (1050) underserved communities. Each quarter a team (comprising a Nurse -midwife, three Community Health Extension workers (CHEWs) and record Assistance) will visit an HTR community and provide routine immunization antigens, antenatal services, screens children for malnutrition, give drugs and free consultation to women of childbearing age and children less than 5years of age.</p> <p>Result: Over the past 3 years of this intervention, coverage of basic PHC services has been expanded, and a zero wild polio virus Status of Kebbi State has been maintained to date.</p> <p>Conclusion: It is expected that this intervention will contribute to addressing the issue of equity to health services in the underserved populations and successes demonstrated in reducing inequity will be sustain by government at all levels.</p>