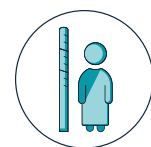EXEMPLARS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

# NIGERIA

### Stunting

*Project Status:* **Complete**

#### TOP-LINE FINDING

Reductions in Nigeria's national stunting rate have been modest, decreasing from 43% in 1990 to 37% in 2018. However, there are opportunities to learn from "Exemplar" states that were able to achieve faster rates of stunting reduction than others.

» Positive drivers of change in Nigeria include a multisectoral approach, such as improvements in education, poverty reduction, and water, sanitation, and hygiene. These factors drove about 54% of stunting decline. Additionally, an increase in malaria prevention and improved maternal care contributed to stunting decline.
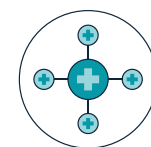
### COVID-19 Response

*Project Status:* **Complete**

#### TOP-LINE FINDING

Nigeria was selected a priori as a country of study and promising practices from its early response efforts were identified.

» Because of its experience with previous outbreaks, Nigeria could leverage existing strategies, infrastructure and surveillance systems to coordinate and streamline its COVID-19 response.

» Additional research was conducted, in partnership with Global Financing Facility, to identify drivers of success for health systems resilience and adaptation within high-performing local government areas (LGAs) in Nigeria throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Primary Health Care

*Project Status:* **Complete**

#### TOP-LINE FINDING

Exemplars in Global Health partnered with the National Primary Health Care Development Agency to explore primary health care (PHC) system efficiency, with a focus on health workforce.

» Research explored which states are higher- or lower-performing in overall PHC system efficiency.

» Research also explored health workforce density, cadre distribution, and worker productivity, among other factors, to identify patterns with overall efficiency.

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