

New Incentives

New Incentives educates caregivers about the importance of vaccinating children and disburses cash incentives that are conditional on infants receiving four life-saving vaccines, provided through government clinics free of charge. New Incentives also works with government partners to improve vaccine supply.

Their annual demonstrated impact includes:

- Enrolling over 1.5 million infants for vaccines.
- Expanding into 4 new states in northern Nigeria, Gombe, Kano, Kaduna, and Kebbi, for a total of 9 states of operation.
- Increasing their cash incentives after gathering detailed feedback from caregivers and stakeholders.

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Key Strengths: Scale

Multidimensional Poverty Index Indicators: Child mortality

Other Key Outcomes: Disease burden, Healthcare usage

Recent Expense Budget: US\$9,000,000

Year Founded: 2011

Founded

2011

2.2 million +

Infants enrolled in the
program

7.5 million+

Cash transfers disbursed

29 million+

Vaccinations encouraged

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The problem: Low immunization rates

Childhood vaccines prevent an estimated 4-5 million deaths every year [1]. They are recognized as one of the most cost-effective child health interventions in low-income countries. Yet, in 2022, an estimated 14.3 million infants around the world didn't receive a single dose of diphtheria-, tetanus-, or pertussis-containing (DTP) vaccines [2]. The problem of low immunization rates is especially clear and pressing in Nigeria. Nigeria is home to just 2.7% of the world's population [3], yet it accounts for 18% of the world's mortality of children under five [4]. Nigeria has some of the highest under-five mortality rates [5] and lowest vaccination coverage in the world. Around one-quarter of infants in northern Nigeria get fully immunized, leaving a large population of infants vulnerable to disease outbreaks [6].

The problem of low vaccination coverage in Nigeria is further exacerbated by extreme poverty. This is especially true in northern Nigeria, where many mothers live on less than US\$2 a day and cannot visit the clinic for various reasons. They face challenges such as affording the transportation cost to the clinic, associated loss in earnings from small-scale trading or farming, receiving permission from their partners, fear of vaccination side effects, cultural barriers to vaccination, or often a combination of these factors [7].

The solution: Cash incentives for routine childhood vaccination

New Incentives increases vaccination rates by raising awareness about the benefits of childhood vaccinations, providing cash incentives at government clinics after children receive vaccinations, and helping improve the vaccine supply chain to ensure enough vaccines are available at the clinics.



1 Raise awareness about the benefits of childhood vaccinations



2 Provide cash incentives at government clinics after children receive vaccinations



3 Help improve the vaccine supply chain to ensure enough vaccines are available at clinics

Cash incentives of N1,000 (~US\$1.30) are disbursed at six different routine immunization visits, totaling N6,000 (~US\$8) over the first 15 months of an infant's life.

A [randomized controlled trial](#) found that their program led to:

- **108% Increase in full vaccination coverage**
(relative to 25% full vaccination coverage rate in the control group)
- **62% Increase in timely vaccination of measles 12**
(relative to 53% of timely Measles 1 vaccination in the control group)
- **180% Less likely for clinics to report stockouts**
(relative to 10% of clinics reporting no stockouts in the control group) [8]

What makes New Incentives so effective

Cost-effectiveness

New Incentives posts quarterly updates on their cost per infant [here](#). Future costs are estimated to be \$20/infant as the program continues to expand.

New Incentives' Accountability

New Incentives focuses on an intervention with very strong evidence of effectiveness and cost-effectiveness. The organization is transparent and has rigorous processes in place to monitor and ensure that its conditional cash transfers reach the intended recipients.

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