NUTRITION SITUATION IN NIGER STATE IN THE 2017 FIRST QUARTER

In Niger state 38% (409,993) of children are stunted, 6.1% (65,815) are wasted (thin for their height), 17.3% (186,655) are underweight and too light in weight for their age. (NDHS 2013)

A presentation by the State Nutrition Officer, Mrs. Amina Isah at A 3 - Day Capacity Building Workshop And Field Visits With Editors And Senior Reporters On Challenges Of Health And Nutrition In Nigeria To Promote Effective Reportage recently by CS-SUNN in Kaduna revealed the following achievements by the Niger State government in the provision of health and nutrition interventions for Nigerlites:

➢ Nutrition coordination meetings for nutrition partners and the LGA nutrition focal persons
➢ MNCH week in the 25 LGAs where these was recorded:
   ✔ Vitamin A supplementation – 99% (982,804)
   ✔ Deworming – 60% (526,578)
   ✔ Routine Immunization – BCG – 53%, Penta –48%,Measles – 90%,YF 57%
   ✔ Iron – Folate supplementation – 42% (115,881)
   ✔ MUAC screening – 852,223 screened; Green 98.9% (843,183) normal, and 1.1% SEVERE acute malnourished (9,040)
➢ Capacity development for 108 Health workers, 150 Community volunteers who set up 270 CIYCF Support counselling mothers on IYCF in 45 communities in Chanchaga, Edati and Mashegu.
➢ Nutrition education at the PHC centres & secondary health care facilities
➢ Nutrition promotion in schools and through the media
➢ Home grown school feeding program- committees formed, ToTs conducted
➢ Formation & Reactivation of the LGA committees on Food & Nutrition