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In the southern Nigeria State of Ogun teams of community healthworkers begin a 4 day campaign to immunize over 50 million children against polio.

In 2003 controversy over the polio vaccine in Northern Nigeria, led some to refuse immunization. This resulted in a tripling of cases of the crippling disease.

The resurgent Polio spread across 7 other West African countries.

Now the Nigerian government with support from WHO, Rotary International and UNICEF are committed to eradicating the disease.

In a synchronized campaign in all 8 affected countries, 160,000 trained immunizers are aiming to reach every child under 5.

In Ado Ota, the message has reached Sulaimon Hamid, and his 3 year old son, Halid

SOUNDBITE (Yoruba) Sulaimon Hammed, father:
“We went to the central mosque yesterday, they told us some people used to chase the healthworkers away, Now they said we should allow them into our homes to give our children the vaccine.”

By working with traditional and religious leaders, the healthworkers have been able to previously reluctant communities.

In Madoga Village, which straddles the Nigeria and Benin border, vaccinators from the different countries work in pairs to ensure each child is reached.

This massive synchronized campaign across West Africa, has reached millions of children in just 4 days, and with the strengthening of routine immunization of all children, will help in the fight to eradicate polio.

Shotlist

1. Wide shot, motorcycles on street
2. Medium shot, two healthworkers walking down street
3. Medium shot, healthworker with mother and baby
4. Close up, baby on mothers back
5. Medium shot, young girl looking into camera
6. Medium shot, healthworkers negotiating with parents
7. Close up, child receiving drops
8. Medium shot, streaming traffic of minibuses and cars
9. Wide shot, Nigeria Vice-President Dr Jonathan Goodluck meeting guests
10. Medium shot, Dr Jonathan Goodluck immunizing child
11. Medium shot, press corp photographing event
12. Wide shot, over the shoulder health workers being briefed
13. Wide shot, healthworkers walking into town
14. Medium shot, young girl getting vaccinated
15. Medium shot, Sulaimon Hammed (father) and Halid Hammed, 3
16. Medium shot, Halid being vaccinated
17. SOUNDBITE (Yoruba) Sulaimon Hammed, father:
“We went to the central mosque yesterday; they told us some people used to chase the healthworkers away. Now they said we should allow them into our homes to give our children the vaccine.”
18. Wide shot, community meeting under a tree
19. Medium shot, healthworker speaking to community leaders
20. Wide shot, group of children sitting on bench.
21. Medium shot, woman clapping and laughing
22. Medium shot, healthworkers walking in dusty town
23. Close up, cap being put on the vaccine
24. Medium shot, two children being vaccinated
25. Medium shot, man playing saxophone at vaccine launch
26. Medium shot, mothers waiting with their children
27. Close up, young child looking into camera

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