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**Grant Number: 78624 EPIC-PR**

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| **1: Contact Details- Irish partner**  **(in the case of multiple partners, please identify all)** | |
| **Name of Institution:** | Children’s Health Ireland |
| **Head of Institution:** | Ms Fiona Murphy (Interim Chief Executive) |
| **Partner(s) and Partnership**  **co-ordinator**  **(for all contact)**  **Title, Position, Name & e-mail:** | Lead Irish Partner:  **Dr Ikechukwu Okafor:** Consultant Paediatrician and Clinical Director and Executive Co-Lead: Children's Health Ireland Global Health Department  Lead Southern Partner:  **Professor Uchenna Ekwochi**: Consultant Paediatrician; Provost: Faculty of Medical Sciences and former Head of Paediatrics: Enugu State University Teaching Hospital, Parklane, Enugu. Nigeria.  Other Irish Partners:  **Ms Sarah Roarty:** Clinical Nurse Specialist: Alders Unit (Child Sexual Assault Forensic and Treatment Unit) Children's Health Ireland  **Ms Rachel Donnellan:** Senor Social Worker Tusla Child and Family Agency, Dublin.  **Dr Amelie Ardilouze:** Children's Health Ireland Global Health Department  **Dr Suja Somanadhan:** PhD University College Dublin (Academic Advisor)  Other Southern Partners:  **Barrister (Ms) Victoria Okoh-Aham:** Medical Social Worker and Head of Social Work: Enugu State University Teaching Hospital, Parklane, Enugu. Nigeria  **Mr Paschal Nwankwo**: Research Fellow and Administrative Assistant. EPIC-PR Team. Enugu. |
| **Department or Faculty:** | Children's Health Ireland Global Health Department |
| **Address & Post Code:** | Children’s Health Ireland (CHI) at Tallaght,  Tallaght University Hospital, Tallaght, D24 NR0A |
| **1:1 Contact Details- Overseas partner**  **(in the case of multiple partners, please identify all)** | |
| **Name of Institution:** | Parklane Hospital, Enugu, Nigeria |
| **Head of Institution:** | Enugu State University Teaching Hospital (ESUTH) |
| **Partner(s) and Partnership**  **co-ordinator**  **(for all contact)**  **Title, Position, Name & e-mail:** | Lead Southern Partner:  Professor Uchenna Ekwochi: Consultant Paediatrician; Provost: Faculty of Medical Sciences and  former Head of Paediatrics: Enugu State University Teaching Hospital, Parklane, Enugu. Nigeria.  Other Southern Partner(s):  Barrister (Ms) Victoria Okoh-Aham: Medical Social Worker and Head of Social Work: Enugu State  University Teaching Hospital, Parklane, Enugu. Nigeria  Paschal Nwankwo: Research Fellow and Administrative Assistant. EPIC-PR Team. Enugu. |
| **Department or Faculty:** | Department of Paediatrics |
| **Address & Post Code:** | FF6V+6C6, Park Lane Hospital Road, GRA, Enugu.  400102, Enugu State. Nigeria |
| **2:2 Grant details** | |
| **Amount of grant received:** | €8,000 with €6000 already released and €2000 pending |
| **Other sources of funding:** | **CHI Global Health** |
| **Description of how grant was used:** | The ESTHER grant partially funded accommodation, local transport, administration, and catering. British Airways flights were  donated by Google Flights and CHI Global Health massively helped volunteers travel from Ireland to Nigeria which volunteers covered the cost of their travel insurance, health costs and food. |
| **Number and names of all people participating in this activity:** | Dr Ike Okafor (Irish lead); Ms Sarah Roarty; Professor Uchenna Ekwochi  (Nigerian Project Lead); Ms Rachel Donnellan; Mrs Victoria Ifeoma Aham; Dr Amelie Ardilouze and Mr Paschal Nwankwo. |
| **Ultimate outcome beneficiary** | We hope to grow a child-safeguarding network within the community of Enugu to champion child welfare & safeguarding, and the EPIC-PR project moving forward. We hope to promote collaboration across agencies and organisations within Enugu as inter-professional collaboration has been identified as essential to the project’s goals. |
| **How did the beneficiaries benefit:** | Stakeholder mapping and discussion between professionals involved in child safeguarding in the partner organisation. Stakeholder engagement with external agencies. Development of a framework and identification of champions within and outside the organisation. Keys members of the partner organisation have studied and witnessed child safeguarding processes in Ireland. Potential access to a policy document and trained professionals engaged in child safeguarding. |
| **Bottlenecks encountered:** | 1. Limited resources and funding for services working in health and social services.  2. Lack of knowledge of laws, policies, procedures and practice guidelines across agencies and  staff.  3. No clear process or procedure in place to assist staff who detect child safeguarding concerns.  4. Cultural practices and family values can be an obstacle to child safeguarding. |
| **Solutions implemented/proposed:** | Developing a practical training programme which included a 1 day workshop that addressed the current issues and gaps and explore how the EPIC -PR team can work with professionals across the Enugu community to overcome barriers to child safeguarding |
| **Bottlenecks remaining:** | Financial bottlenecks. |
| **Acknowledgement of ESTHER funding:** | I acknowledge the approval of €8000 from ESTHER with €6000 already released and €2000 pending |
| **Follow up activity:** | Employ a research assistant/ administrative assistant.  2) Tidy up the process and obtain an ethical approval for the project from ESUT teaching hospital.  3) Collect baseline data from ESUT teaching hospital on cases of child abuse and analyse to be anchored by the research assistant.  4) Develop modules for training health workers of ESUT teaching hospital on child safeguarding.  5) Develop an effective and functional referral pathway for abused children in Enugu state, Nigeria. Such pathway will link the different agencies, governmental organizations and NGOs who deal with safeguarding to the state ministry of gender affairs, children and social development to facilitate easy referral and seamless prosecution of child safeguarding issues in Enugu state of Nigeria. |
| **3: Budget expenditure details** | |
| **Budget lines and expenditure:** | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | Unit cost | Number | Description | Total Cost | Comments | | Travel |  | 5 | Total Flight cost of going and coming for entire the team | €6,067.44 | Total Flight cost of going and coming for the team.This is aside Flight from Dublin to Abuja for Dr Ike Okafor,Ms Sarah Roarty and Ms Rachel Donnellan (June 2023 /October 2023) which was covered by CHI Global | | Travel |  | 3 | Flight from Dublin to Abuja for Dr Ike Okafor,Ms Sarah Roarty and Ms Rachel Donnellan (June 2023 /October 2023 trip) which was covered by CHI Global | Paid directly by CHI Global Heath | Flight from Dublin to Abuja for Dr Ike Okafor,Ms Sarah Roarty and Ms Rachel Donnellan (June 2023 /October 2023 trip) which was covered by CHI Global | | Accomodation |  | 5 | Acc Dr Okafor,Ms DonnelianMs Roarty in Nigeria.Acc Dr Ekwochi and Ms Aham in Dublin | €3,668.78 | Total cost of accomodation incurred by the entire team | | Subsistence |  | 2 | Subsistence for Dr Ekwochi and Ms Aham | €420 |  | | Communications/Transportation |  | 2 | Shuttle cost for Dr Okafor,Ms Donnellan,Ms Roarty while in Nigeria | €37.81 |  | | Workshop/  Meetings |  |  |  |  |  | | Other Activities (specify)  Food |  | 5 | Cost of food for the entire team | €237.82 | Total cost of food incuuured by the entire team during their visit | | Visa fee |  | 3 | Visa fee for Ms Donnellan,Ms Roarty and Dr Ardilouze | €696 |  | |  |  | 1 | Administrator/Research Assistant | €295.63 | Total payment paid to the research assisstant within 4 months | | Total |  |  |  | €11698.69 | Grant total expenditure till date minus flight paid for CHI Global Health | |
| **Recorded in accounts:** |  |
| **Additional comments:** |  |
| **4: Activities & Results** *(****please outline what were the results from the activities in 2)*** | |
| 1. Irish Team Visit to Enugu 18th June -28th June 2023 | Aim of the Visit: The aim of this visit was to develop child safeguarding professionals’ network between CHI Ireland and ESUTH, Enugu State, Nigeria. The aim was also to identify and meet with all the external stakeholders in Enugu that are active in the space. The specific objectives were:  • Travel to Enugu, Nigeria to meet with our Enugu EPIC-PR team members.  • Develop a network with internal and external stakeholders working in child safeguarding within the community of Enugu.  • Understand the needs and gaps in the current child safeguarding system at ESUTH and the Enugu community.  • To collaborate with the team at ESUTH on training and educational needs for health and social care staff responding to child safeguarding concerns.  • Explore and identify child protection issues unique to the local community of Enugu to inform a bespoke, context-specific training programme.  • Carry out a Child Safeguarding training workshop within ESUTH.  Dublin Team-EPIC-PR: Dr Ike Okafor, Ms Sarah Roarty and Ms Rachel Donnellan  All the above objectives were achieved |
| 1. Nigeria Team Visit to Dublin: 30th September-19th October 2023 | Aims of the visit: For the Nigerian partners to understudy and adapt the Irish Child safeguarding protocols for use in a Nigerian context. To look at interagency working within Ireland and the challenges that arise, and measure taken to smoothen this. To meet with health and social care professionals tasked with the safeguarding of children in order to understand their experiences in the role.  Activities during the visit:   * Visit to Tusla Child and Family Agency, Dublin * Visit to Children’s Health Ireland (CHI) * Visit to the Gardaí * Visit to the Child Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (Alders and Laurels Unit) CHI at Tallaght * Visit to Garda Siochana Special Investigative Team (SIV). * Child Safeguarding Workshop at Tulsa Airside   Nigeria team- EPIC-PR: Prof. Uchenna Ekwochi, Barr. Ifeoma Oko-Aham |
| 1. Paediatric Association of Nigeria Conference: 12th -19th January 2024 | Dr Ike Okafor and Ms Rachel Donnellan travelled to Nigeria in January 2024 for the Paediatric Association of Nigeria Conference. The conference was held in Lagos and the EPIC-PR project had been accepted as an oral presentation. During the trip, Dr Okafor and Ms Donnellan travelled to Enugu first and met with the Enugu-based EPIC-PR Team in ESUTH Parklane Hospital on 15th January 2024. The whole team met with the newly appointed Commissioner in the Ministry of Gender Affairs, Ms Valentina Ngozi Enih in her office. The meeting went well and the Commissioner invited EPIC-PR to be part of a state wide framework for the review of child protection policies and activities within the state. In this capacity, EPIC-PR will be partnering officially with the state government and other partners such as UNICEF. |
| **4.** |  |
| **5.** |  |
| **5: Did you conduct a joint partnership review with your partners?** | |
| Yes, we have had multiple Joint Partnership reviews with our partners. We meet every month (most times) and the meetings are minuted. | |
| **6: Lessons learnt** | |
| **6:1: Describe one activity that went better than expected** | Oral presentation of EPIC-PR project at the Paediatric  Association of Nigeria Conference January 2024 |
| **6:2: What made it better than expected?** | Invitation by the Commissioner in the Ministry of Gender Affairs. EPIC-PR to be part of a statewide framework for the review of child protection policies and activities within the  state. In this capacity, EPIC-PR will be partnering officially with the state government and other  partners such as UNICEF. |
| **6:3: Describe one activity that went worse than expected?** | The workshop. It demonstrated a significant knowledge gap amongst key stakeholders as well as poor interagency structures and poor coordination of management even within the hospital |
| **6:4: What made it worse than expected?** | Already noted above. |
| **7: Comments & future activities** | |
|  | The next steps involve the remaining 3 phases of data collection, policy and training co-design and roll out and finally the post intervention evaluation and ongoing support. In addition to this, for sustainability, there needs to be solid state government support, and this requires continued engagement with the relevant establishments and NGOs.  Due to the excellent response from internal and external professionals, the project would like to create a Multi-Interdisciplinary Safeguarding Team (MIST) so vulnerable children are supported across Enugu State. A hospital Child Safeguarding committee will be set up to direct any Child Safeguarding  cases within the hospital. The committee will identify key professionals who will act as Child Safeguarding Leads within ESUTH.  EPIC-PR hopes to develop an e-learning programme which will be updated and contemporaneous to any law, policies, practice guidelines or procedures within the State of Enugu.  Ongoing collaboration with our EPIC-PR partners at ESUTH will be essential to achieve the most productive and effective programme and to ensure that the training programme will retain relevance and meet the needs of staff at ESUTH.  We hope to grow a child-safeguarding network within the community of Enugu to champion child safeguarding, and the EPIC-PR project moving forward. We hope to promote collaboration across agencies and organisations within Enugu as inter-professional collaboration has been identified as essential to the project’s goals. |