

## **Public perception of COVID-19 vaccine in metropolitan Kano, Nigeria**

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In Northern Nigeria, distrust jeopardizes the coronavirus response. On April 11, 2020, after World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the COVID-19 pandemic, Kano State confirmed its first positive COVID-19 case. In the same month, the state witnessed what was described as mysterious deaths, claiming hundreds of lives including the Emir of Rano and seven Professors from Bayero University, Kano (BUK). Hajara Ibrahim alias Umma, is a mourning mother of five who lost her husband amidst the mysterious deaths, in Hotoro, Nassarawa local government of Kano State. Initially, Umma didn't believe that COVID-19 was real. Many people in the state believe that COVID-19 is a scam and a grand plot against Muslims, government is using it to generate money, it will not survive Kano's hot temperature, it affects and kills only the old, which made them, rebuff the COVID-19 vaccine. In a state like Kano, this was once the epicenter of the disease in Northern Nigeria, the resistance of the COVID-19 vaccine in the metropolitan Kano pause a great danger in the fight against COVID-19 in the state. Within this context, there is a need for an empirical examination of how the public perceived the COVID-19 vaccine since a sizeable number of people have refused to collect the Vaccine in the state.

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