• **Project Partners**
  • The Carter Center- USA and The Carter Center- Nigeria

• **Populations/communities served**
  • 16 communities, two for each integration package, in 15 local government areas throughout the Plateau and Nasarawa States (those with checkered shading in the map below)

• **Project Timeframe**
  Field work: June 2008- August 2008
  Data analysis: Ongoing
• **Project Goals**
  The Carter Center recently combined the interventions for a variety of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), including Schistosomiasis, River Blindness, Trachoma, Malaria and Lymphatic Filariasis. This signifies an increased workload for community distributors, who volunteer their time and are compensated for their work by the community. The goals of this project are to:
  • Determine community inputs used in the integrated approach to control and/or eliminate NTDs by the community distributors
  • Ascertain the perceptions and behaviors of community distributors, community leaders and community members toward the integrated interventions

• **Progress to date**
  • Completion of transcription
  • Starting to analyze interviews in MaxQDA
  • Conducted in-depth interviews with 55 community distributors throughout the 16 communities
  • Conducted in-depth interviews with the community leader in each community visited
  • Held one focus group discussion with 5 to 7 community members in each community

• **Next steps**
  • Continue data analysis
  • Write thesis
• Preliminary Findings

“They will say ‘Thank you, thank you, may God bless you.’ That is it. They also pray so that my life will be longer so as to continue to render them help.” (Laughs)

-Community Distributor, Keffi LGA, Nasarawa State, in reference to what the community gives him for distributing medicine

“The result of the drugs they [the community] normally take is giving us...a good result and we see people recovering and then changing to healthy... That is why they come to know the importance, to understand the importance of the drug.”

-Community Leader, Kanke LGA, Plateau State, in reference to importance of the community distributor’s work

**Interviewer:** “Do you think the community is grateful for your work as a CDD?”

**CDD:** “Umm... how will I say? Yes, some are grateful while some don’t really give a hoot.”

-Community Distributor, Jos North LGA, Plateau State, in reference to the community’s opinion towards his work
Kathryn with Priscillia Dewa (The Carter Center- Nigeria), the community leader and community members of a village in Kokona local government in Nasarawa State, after conducting interviews and focus group discussion.