

# Gombe records 29 death cases from malnutrition

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About 29 children reportedly died from malnutrition-related cases in Gombe State from January to October 2019 while on treatment at Community Management for Acute Malnutrition centres in the state.

The state coordinator, Accelerated Nutrition result in Nigeria, Sulaiman Mamman, stated this on Tuesday while speaking during the stakeholders' policy dialogue on prevention and treatment of severe acute malnutrition as a child's right. It was organised by CISLAC and the Aisha Buhari Foundation in Gombe.

Mamman said from January to October 2019, 5,029 malnourished children across the 18 Community Management for Acute Malnutrition centres in four local government areas in the state were admitted and out of that number, 2,123 were treated and discharged.

"273 children defaulted and were not able to continue with treatment for reasons best known to their parents, 29 children died while on treatment," he said.

The Chairman, House Committee on Appropriation, Gombe State House of Assembly, Aliyu Baba, also expressed concern over the issue of malnutrition and malnourished children in the state.

He noted that the House was working towards ensuring that the issue got the needed attention and adequate funding for elimination of the problem in the state.