

One million malnourished children treated in Nigeria

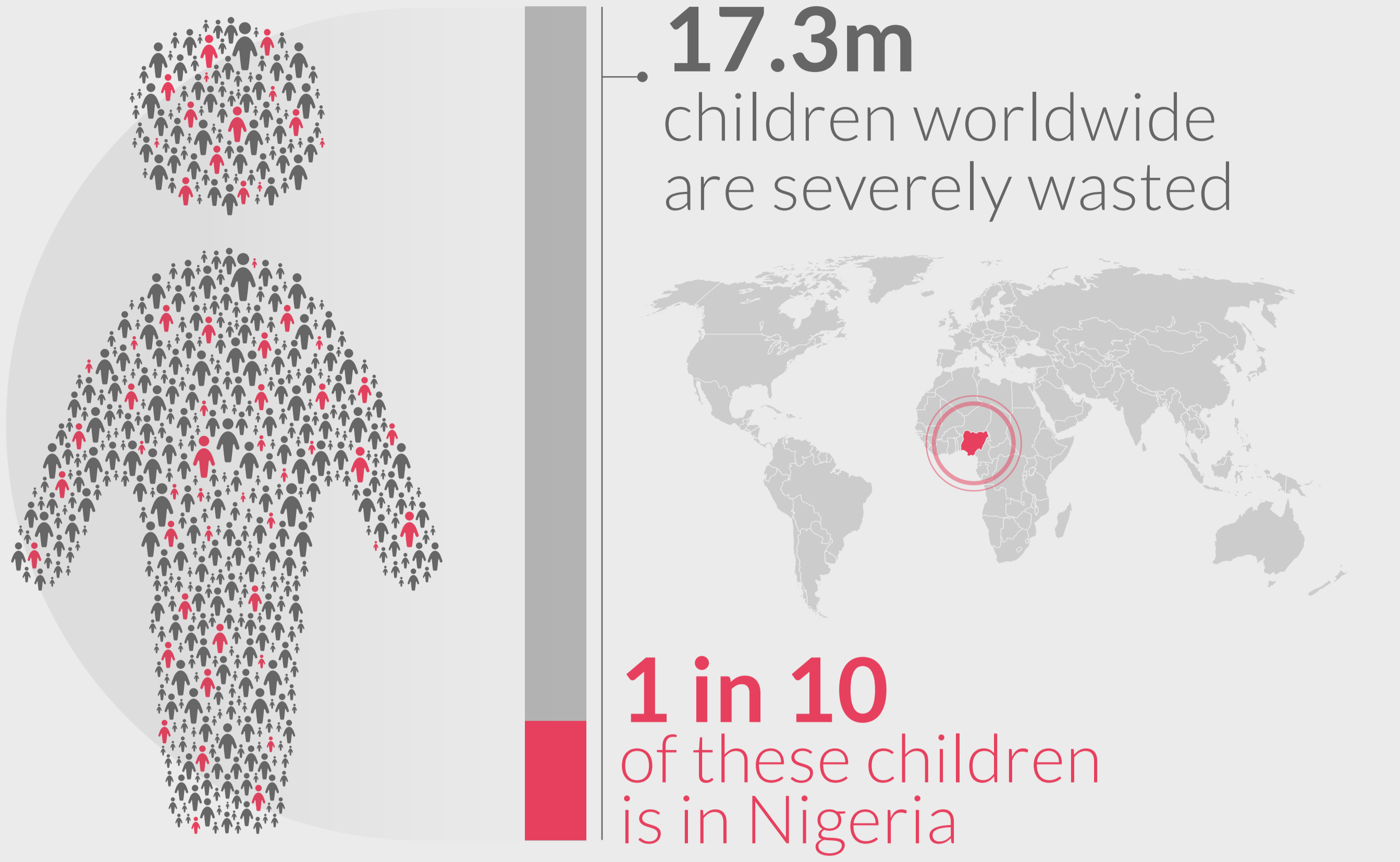
Invisible yet deadly

Severe acute malnutrition or severe wasting means a child is so undernourished that they are at risk of dying.

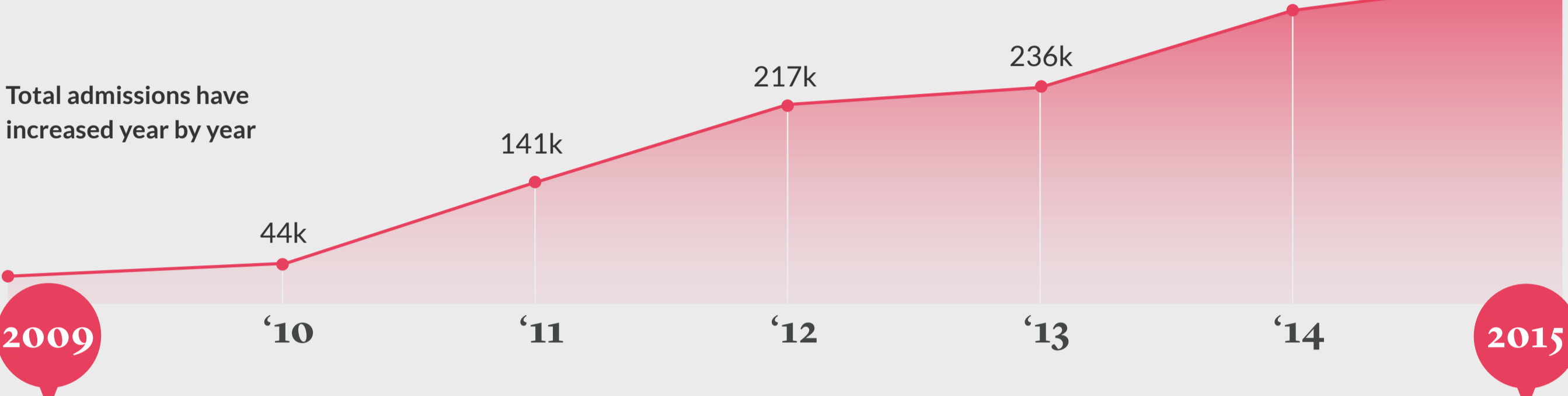
These children are nine times more likely to die.

Eating Ready-to-Use Therapeutic food can help them recover quickly.

In Nigeria, a community-based approach led by the government is reaching large numbers of caregivers and young children.



The story so far



2 In 2009, the Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition programme started in two states

30,000 children were reached by the initial programme

OVER **1 million** children under five have been admitted since 2009

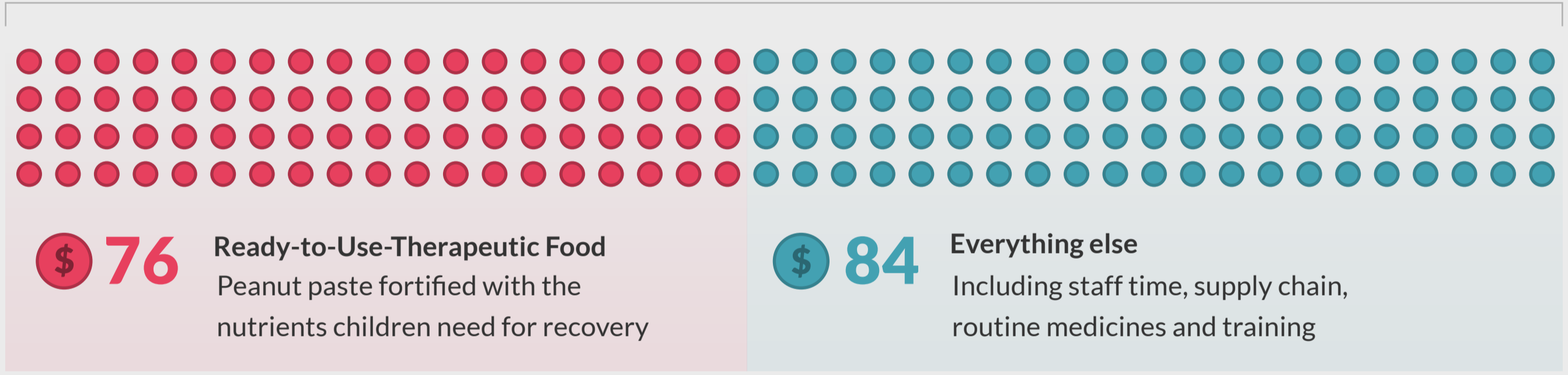
11 Has now grown to 11 states through the government health system

Over **830,000** children have now been cured

85% Reaching an annual cure rate of 85% in 2015

It doesn't cost much to cure a child

\$ 160 to cure a child suffering from severe wasting



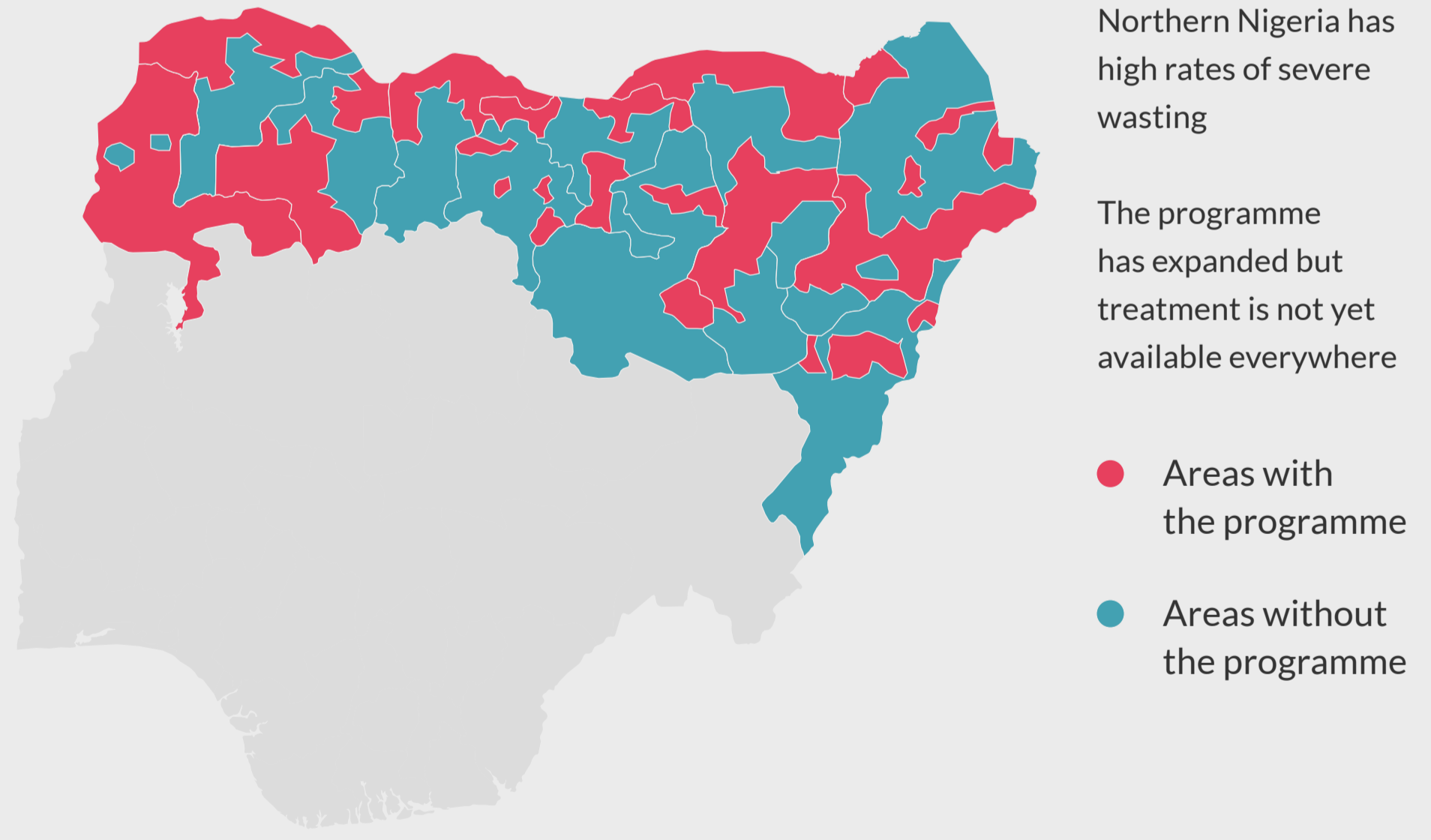
Reaching more children

More funding is required to increase coverage of this successful programme to where it's most needed



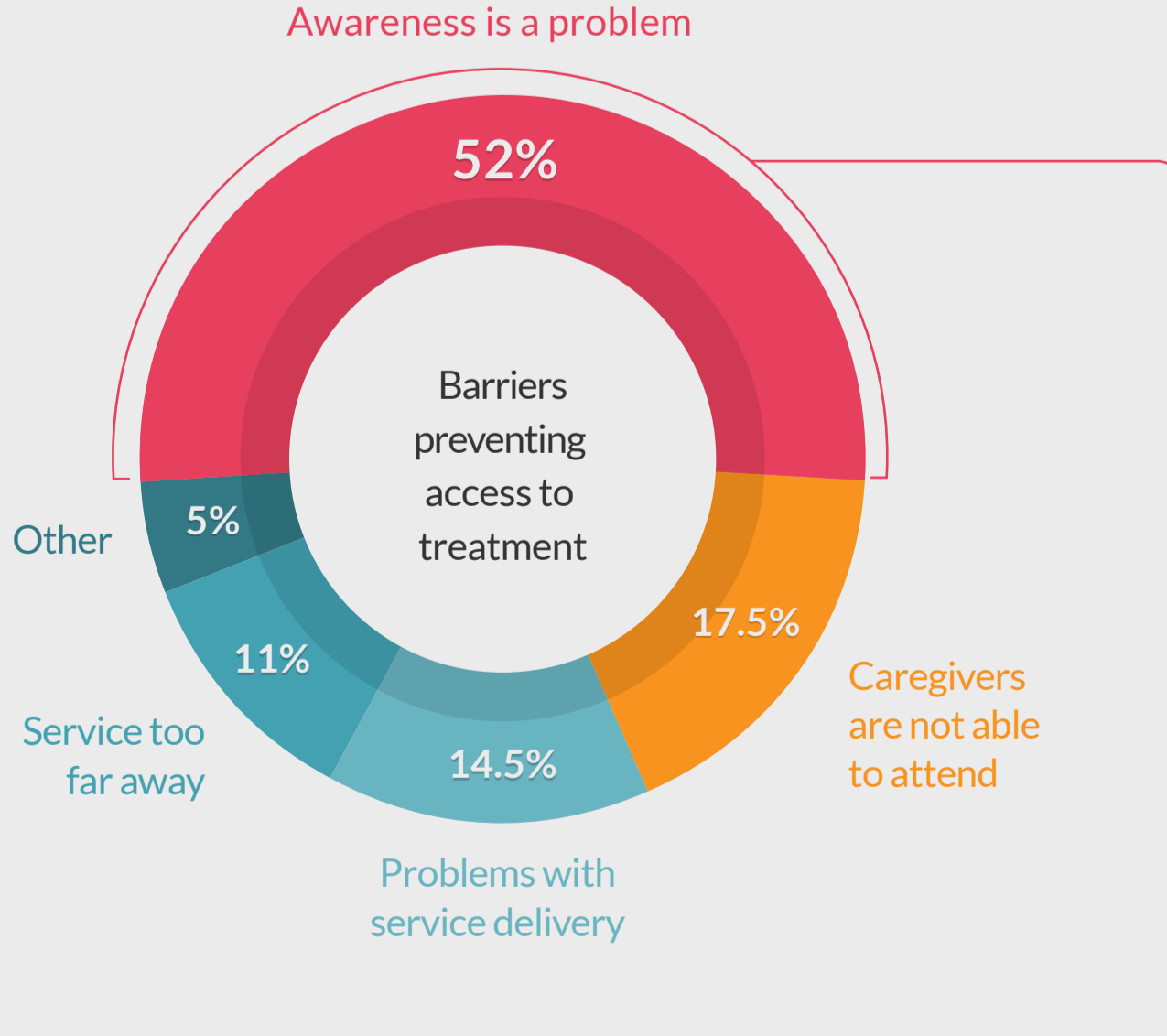
Only 1 in 3

Despite success, only one in three severely wasted children in Northern Nigeria is being treated



What are the barriers?

More can be done to ensure that mothers, fathers & carers recognise the signs of severe wasting and understand there is effective treatment they can give to their children at home



Caregivers are unaware:

- That their child is malnourished
- That a programme to help exists
- How the programme works

208,000 children's lives saved since 2009



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