

# Mid-Year REPORT 2021



**The Nigerian  
Business Coalition Against AIDS  
(NiBUCAA)**

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# Welcome



*The first six months of the year 2021 saw the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS repositioning itself as the leading voice in the fight against HIV and AIDS in Nigeria. The constellation of the Coalition which constitutes over 36 leading Private businesses has indubitably positioned it as one of the largest business Coalition in sub-Saharan Africa.*

We are passionate about delivering sustainable value, particularly to our members, leveraging the companies' unique qualities in achieving their sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) goals, especially in terms of reducing the HIV/AIDS menace and ensuring that the vibrant workforce in Nigeria maintains its productivity, this is in addition to our unfaltering commitment to ensuring the fight towards addressing the pressing challenges of HIV/AIDS and other associated diseases at all levels of intervention is galvanised to ensure Social Returns on Investment.

This is only the beginning of what we can achieve, our vision is to contribute to achieving an HIV

free Nigeria with the resources and technical expertise of the private sector.

*This half-year report is recognisance of the steady strides and gains that have been achieved through Program implementation and Communication campaigns targeted at reaching the public, especially the most-at-risk population.*



# Achieving Transformative & Sustainable Impact

The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS has made significant progress in the past six months and I am delighted by what has been achieved within this time frame. The year 2020 was unprecedented with the advent of Covid-19, which no doubt had a grave impact on the world; crippled businesses, disrupted the economy, and exacerbated the challenges of our health systems. Even with these, our resolve to continually invest in HIV interventions to achieve the 95-95-95 goals remains unwavering. I am extremely proud of how the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS commenced the year 2021 on a high note, delivering sustainable social interventions and impacting lives in different states of the country.

AIDS is not over. It is still a long road from here. Since the start of the epidemic, 77.5 million people have been infected with HIV and nearly 35 million people have been lost to AIDS-related death. With the resource targets for 2020 missed, the HIV pandemic continues to expand in some regions. We must close the HIV response resource gap and increase annual HIV investments in low- and middle-income countries to 29 billion U.S. dollars by 2025.

The Coalition has positioned itself to support effective action against the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria with efforts on the effective translation of existing policies, the prioritization of interventions for the most at-risk groups, strengthening partnerships with actors in the innovation ecosystem to provide innovative health solutions and leveraging investments of the private sector to end HIV/AIDS. We acknowledge that our success in the first six months would not have been possible without the unremitting diligence of the management team. I also thank the Board of Trustees for their support which has made this possible.

## Herbert Wigwe

GMD/CEO Access Bank  
Chairman, NIBUCAA Board of Trustees.



# CEO's Statement

It is indeed an honour to be entrusted with the role of the Chief Executive Officer of one of the largest Business Coalitions in Sub-Saharan Africa. I am particularly fortunate to be surrounded by a talented team who have the best interest of the organization at heart and are committed to accelerating the impact of HIV interventions in Nigeria.

It has been an eventful first half of the year for us at the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS; repositioning NIBUCAA as the leading voice in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.

For over 30 years, the world has rallied together to build alliances towards addressing one of the biggest threats to the livelihood of women, men, boys, and girls mostly living in Sub-Saharan African countries. Results released by the Government of Nigeria indicate a national HIV prevalence in Nigeria of 1.4% among adults aged 15–49 years. Previous estimates had indicated a national HIV prevalence of 2.8%. Also, UNAIDS and the National Agency for the Control of AIDS estimate that 1.9 million people are living with HIV in Nigeria.

I am pleased to report that the Coalition in the last six months has reached over 1 million Nigerians with life-saving information on HIV/AIDS and have implemented HIV testing, counseling, and Referral services in different states in Nigeria. We provided training to NYSC Corp members as Peer educator Trainers to educate Adolescent and Young People with Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and HIV information. We have also supported the corporate workforce with training on the culture of health, HIV workplace policy, and employee volunteering program. This was largely enabled by focused leadership, a devoted team, and the concerted effort of the private sector organizations we work with. This performance reflects the implementation of a revised strategic framework and value proposition geared towards a sustainable long-term value for our target audience and member companies.

As we grow as an organization, we will continue to



find new ways to advance the level of services that we provide for the institutions we serve and our target audience while incorporating COVID -19, malaria, mental health, and Non-Communicable Diseases into our HIV response.

**With continued collaboration and innovative health solutions with private organizations to complement the effort of the government, we will be closer to ending HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. Collectively, we can implement projects and interventions that will have an impact across all levels making sure that we have policy frameworks that are strengthened and implemented towards**

On behalf of my team, we thank you all for your continued support and feedback, we hope that together we can continue to lead the fight against HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.

**Isaiah Owolabi**

*Chief Executive Officer,  
The Nigeria Business Coalition Against AIDS (NIBUCAA)*

# About the Coalition

## Our Board

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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## The Coalition



### OUR MISSION

To complement the government efforts to end HIV/AIDS by identifying strategic gaps in achieving the national strategic framework and harnessing private sector resources and capabilities for impact interventions.



### OUR VISION

Zero new HIV/AIDS cases and proper management of the existing cases in Nigeria with the help of the resources and technical expertise of the private sector.

## Core Pillars



### Advocacy

We advocate for effective action against the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria. Our advocacy efforts focus on the effective translation of existing policies and the prioritization of interventions for the most at-risk groups.





## Partnership

We forge and strengthen partnership with stakeholders in the private sector in mobilising expertise and resources to address the HIV/AIDS challenge at all levels.

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## Innovation

We connect actors in the innovation ecosystem to provide innovative health solutions. We also link market and technical know-how in the Nigerian health ecosystem.

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## Impact Investment

We address market failures in the health sector and defragment the private sector to create a more attractive investment landscape in the health sector.







**Workforce**

Our employees are the stanchion of our organization, they are highly proficient and committed to achieving the goals and objectives of the organization. NIBUCAA fosters a culture of acceptance and mutual respect and endeavors

to provide a conducive environment for its employees. NIBUCAA supports personal and professional capacity building to enhance employee performance on the job.

**INTERNSHIP**

NIBUCAA provides internship opportunities for young people, particularly undergraduate students to utilize their myriad skills and interests to support the implementation of actionable HIV/AIDS activities through its internship Program. We believe that through service, students can gain valuable knowledge that can be applied in their educational, professional and personal endeavors.



## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We have volunteers across States who co-ordinate and support the implementation of program activities in communities. We also engage employees of organizations who decide to give back to the society through our Employee Volunteer Engagement program. This program provides a platform for corporate employees to actively engage in HIV integrated programs with host communities across Nigeria.



## A CULTURE OF INCLUSION

The organization does not discriminate against people based on their health status, for example, People living with HIV/AIDS or People Living with Disability. NIBUCA presents an inclusive policy that allows the context such as recruitment, professional advancement, and benefits fair for all.

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM FOR EMERGING PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS

NiBUCAA provides hands-on learning experience to emerging public health leaders, enhancing their skills towards real life public health situations and positioning them for global impact.



## CAPACITY BUILDING

NIBUCA invests in training opportunities for its employees to enhance their knowledge and skills on the job. Employees are motivated to take team courses to improve critical thinking and encourage team bonding



# Our Rebranding Process

## WE HAD A GOAL!

To reposition NIBUCAA as the leading voice in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. We wanted a NIBUCAA brand that is uniquely represented and recognizable, hence the development of the new NIBUCAA brand guide to ensure communication consistency at every level and to serve as a reference for all internal and external communication. The overhaul, which portrays a new logo, a new color pallet, social media kit, collateral mockups and all our brand elements were created to be distinct, youth-friendly, memorable, and scalable.

The NIBUCAA website was redesigned to fit into the current narrative and identity that NIBUCAA seeks to portray to the public, the new website was designed to be visually pleasing, business-like, easier to navigate and youth friendly. We made information regarding our management, thought leadership, projects,

events amongst others easily accessible for our website visitors. The website is an excellent source of detailed information about the Coalition's activities.

[www.nibucaa.org](http://www.nibucaa.org)

Our social media platforms were transformed with new headers and creatives that show insight into our new brand direction. We are consistently pushing out messaging on HIV/AIDS and reporting the Coalition's activities, making sure to engage target audience with messaging that invoke conversations and actions, utilizing these platforms as the primary medium to support all our campaigns. With this, we have been able to reach a wide range of audience and have experienced organic and steady increased followership.

Our social media handles are integrated into the website to foster improved access to these platforms.

# Half Year Report





# Sustainability

## ***NIBUCAA Trains Human Resource Professions on Workplace HIV policy & Culture of Health***

The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS in collaboration with LSACA and IAPAC held a two-day training in the month of March with Human Resource professionals in the private sector to discuss Workplace HIV/AIDS policy and care programs implementation for the employees of their organizations. The training also had in attendance Isaiah Owolabi/CEO NIBUCAA, Monsurat Adeleke/ CEO of LSACA, and a representative from IAPAC.

The training educated participants on appropriate and effective ways of managing impacts of HIV and AIDS in the workplace and information on eliminating discrimination and stigmatization in the workplace based on real or perceived HIV status including dealing with HIV testing, confidentiality, and disclosure.

Participants of the training were provided with information on;

- **Culture of Health (Framework and action programs)**
- **Developing an HIV/AIDS policy to cover the workplace.**
- **Implementing HIV/AIDS prevention and care programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **Assessing the impact of workplace health programs.**



## **HIV Workplace Policy and Culture of Work – The Concepts**

An organization should protect the rights of their employees living with HIV, eliminate discrimination and stigmatization in the workplace based on real or perceived HIV status, including dealing with HIV testing, confidentiality, and disclosure. People living with HIV have equitable access to employee benefits.

NIBUCAA supports in the development of these policies to implement workplace responses at the enterprise, community, state, and national levels, including both private and government workplaces. Organizations are encouraged to earmark a percentage of the Organization's budget towards HIV response and activities.



## **Culture of Health**

As individuals, our health is affected by complex factors, some of which includes our families, work, and communities. Workplaces with a culture of health and wellness provide workers/employees with the environment, policies, and cues that encourage making healthy choices on both a conscious and unconscious basis.

The Private Sector is an integral part of driving the narrative around developing a healthy population and communities. Through the Private sector we can promote health equity, collective action, and reduction of harm for the general populace. A healthy workforce is more

productive and saves cost. A Culture of health promotes health equity for everyone, regardless of age and social class.

To achieve Improved Population Health, Wellbeing & Equity, organizations must evaluate current health and safety programs within the Organization, develop metrics for progress measurement, implement based on the outcomes of assessment, evaluate and review at different intervals. This will be instrumental to achieving a healthy and productive workforce.

## ***Nibucaa Signs Agreement With PROJECT ENABLE On Workplace Inclusion For Persons Living With Disabilities***

Towards achieving a Society for all and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development pledging to leave no one behind, NIBUCAAA has signed an agreement with Project Enabled to provide experiential learning and workplace inclusion for Persons Living with Disabilities.

Project Enable Africa is the flagship program of Stanforte Edge Ltd/Gte that promotes digital inclusion for persons with disabilities and advocate for disability rights. This is built on the premise that everyone deserves a good quality life and that no one should be discriminated against on the basis of their disability.





# Community Interventions

***NIBUCAA Trains NYSC members as Peer Educator Trainers***



In partnership with the National Youth Service Scheme, The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS trained the Batch A, Stream 1 and Stream 2 Corp members at the Lagos State NYSC orientation camp to become Peer Educator Trainers. Over One hundred and Fifty Corp members graduated from the training and were presented as Master Trainers. The empowerment program orientated 3000 corp members on Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV & AIDS, Life building skills amongst others. The Corp members were given the mandate to train secondary school students to become change agents among their peers, immediate families, and communities.



**150+**  
Trained as HIV Peer Educators Trainer



**3000+**  
Orientated with information on HIV and Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights





In attendance was the Lagos State Camp Coordinator who applauded NIBUCAA for facilitating such intensive training to build the capacity of the Corp members, so they could contribute to the fight against HIV/AIDS. He encouraged the Corps members to be a good role model wherever they are posted to, as that

is their primary place of assignment to effect change. Others Present were the NIBUCAA team and other Camp Officials. The event was capped with a rally within the camp where the participants distributed IEC materials and condoms to their fellow Peers and camp officials





“ *These few days of intensive training has boosted my self-esteem, I used to be very shy and sometimes doubt my capabilities, I am grateful that NIBUCAA presented me with this opportunity to be very expressive and to stand tall in my community to create change.* ”



“ *I was reluctant to join the training when it commenced, however, I decided to give it a try and I do not regret it. I now have vast Knowledge about HIV/AIDS.* ”



“ *One vital takeaway for me from this training is Quality and accurate information about HIV/AIDS, I realized I had lots of wrong information on HIV. This training has helped me to identify key points in nurturing students on prevention methods and modes of transmission, i am grateful to NIBUCAA for giving me the opportunity to learn.* ”



“ *I have learned that we cannot stop talking about HIV/AIDS, we need to fight against HIV discrimination, People who are living with HIV can live normal lives. It is a privilege to be a part of this training.* ”



Your time, creativity, and input go a long way in curbing the spread of **HIV/AIDS**. Become a volunteer, join the **Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS, NiBUCAA** in the fight against the spread of AIDS.



Visit [nibucaa.org](http://nibucaa.org) to apply now and for more information.

## **NIBUCAA Implements Project “I Know My Status” In Abuja, Ebonyi, Edo and Benue**



The Nigerian Business Coalition against AIDS has piloted the first phase of the “I know My status” project in Abuja, Ebonyi, Edo and Benue States respectively. The Project which was developed from the End HIV Campaign was designed and disseminate the knowledge of vulnerable people on their HIV status and enough safe sexual practices through HIV Testing Services and dissemination of Sexual and Reproductive Health information. The End HIV Campaign championed by the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NiBUCAA) seeks to reduce the prevalence and incidence of HIV infection via HIV testing, communication, and technology strategies.

The project targeted Communities with a high presence of Adolescent and Young People (AYP),

proximity to referral centres, the high number of the vulnerable population, poor health-seeking behaviour and a high number of hotspots.

**Isaiah Owolabi**, the *Chief Executive Officer* at NIBUCAA highlighted the importance of the Project,

**“ The I know My Status Project is expedient to reduce the incidence of HIV in Nigeria, there is a need for continuous dissemination of sexual and reproductive health information; HIV prevention and treatment information; continuous HIV Counselling and Testing especially among adolescent and young people, women, and transport workers. This is because these populations fall within the high prevalence age bracket. ”**

Also speaking on the I Know My Status Project, Oluwatobi Ojo, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at AIDS Healthcare Foundation noted that the intervention is an eye-opener as it revealed the agitations of some people in the communities regarding the HIV testing. He also stated that there is a need for increased awareness in rural areas as Knowing one’s HIV status is key to societal progress.

The UNAIDS reports that Nigeria has the second-largest HIV epidemic globally and one of the highest rates of new infections in Sub Saharan Africa. The Nigeria HIV /AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey (NAIIS) 2019 also states that about 1.9 million people were living with HIV in Nigeria, of which only 1.6 million people knew their status with a prevalence of HIV among adults age 15 – 64 years was 1.4%.

**HIV+** 

**1.9 million**  
living with HIV in Nigeria

**1.6 million**  
know their statuses



**1.4% prevalence**  
among adults of ages  
15 - 64

During the project in these states, Community Mobilizers and Corps Members engaged in door-to-door sensitization, interpersonal communications, sensitization at primary healthcare centres and the distribution of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials on Knowing One's HIV status. The IEC materials were translated to Hausa, Igbo, and pidgin for community members to better understand the information passed across.

HIV Testing services were also conducted for over 700 participants across all Project states, with 7 reactive cases which were reported and referred to the nearest referral centre. Condoms were also distributed to participants to encourage safe sex practices.

NIBUCAA Partnered with the NYSC HIV/RH CDS Group, Nigeria Security and Defense Corps (NSCDC), the Local Government Kuje Area Council, Ebonyi State Agency for the Control of AIDS (EBOSACA), Impact Youth

Sustainability of the Nigeria Benue Hub, Grassroots Development Foundation, Safe Motherhood Ladies Associations, Civil Society Organizations working on HIV & AIDS (CiSHAN), Edo State Agency for the Control of AIDS Edo State Ministry of Health to ensure the implementation of the I Know My Status Project.

***NIBUCAA Supports NYSC Lagos Secretariat on Health Initiatives for Rural Dwellers***

On the 23rd of June 2021, the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NiBUCAA) supported the medical outreach by the NYSC Lagos State Secretariat at Olorunisola, Ayobo-Ipaja Local Council Development Area, Lagos. The outreach was organised to reach the less-privileged and the inhabitants of the community to enable them access health services and achieve better health outcomes. The team provided medical



test kits, including facemasks and hand Sanitizers to help the people stay safe during COVID-19.

***There is a continuous need for health interventions in rural areas in Sub-Saharan Africa and Nigeria, as rural populations are less likely to use preventive health services and have a higher disease burden compared to the general population.***

The Baale of Olorunisola town, Iyana Ipaja, spoke on the importance of good health and how pleased he was that Government and Non-Governmental Organisations were working together to deal with health issues in communities.

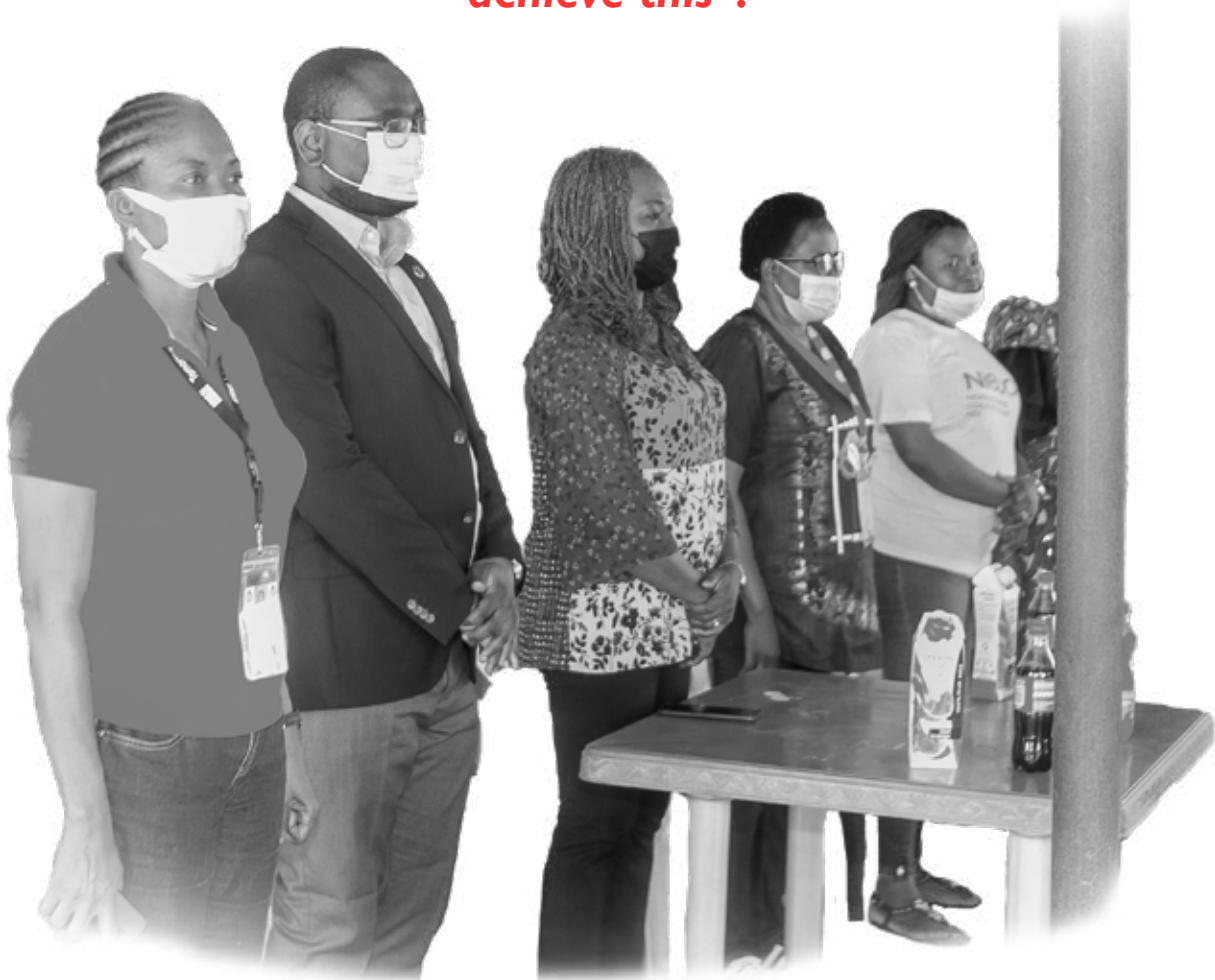
NIBUCAA supported the outreach by providing HIV test kits and distributing Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials to 300 beneficiaries to increase their knowledge about HIV and help them make better sexual

health choices. The beneficiaries were also tested for HIV and educated on the importance of knowing their HIV status. A representative from NIBUCAA stated the need for increased awareness of HIV/AIDS, especially in underserved communities. In her words,

***“ We are led by the commitment to support HIV prevention efforts and improve the health and productivity of challenged communities across Nigeria. ”***

In a short speech, the NYSC Secretariat Representative acknowledged NIBUCAA’s work and spoke on the importance of the outreach,

***“Community outreaches are about helping those who cannot help themselves. We are particularly happy about NIBUCAA coming out today to help us achieve this”.***



One of the Beneficiaries, Mrs Olaide Olorunsola, a small business owner, and mother of two teenagers, spoke of how she had benefitted from the program. She told the team how she has better knowledge of how to take care of her health and how to better educate her children on their sexual and Reproductive Health.

To improve health outcomes in underserved communities, we all need to play a critical role in improving and extending the reach of health

care services for life-threatening health issues such as HIV/AIDS, through health education, providing access to services and other interventions. Through NIBUCAA’s work, partnership and innovative solution are deployed to improve health and productivity in communities across Nigeria and end the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

# Private Sector Investment in HIV/AIDS in Nigeria

**-Yinka Folawiyo Petroleum**

*What influenced the decision of your Organization to invest in HIV/AIDS interventions?*

Conducting self-screening for our chosen communities has always been part of our corporate social responsibility, we believe in giving back to the society. When we discovered NIBUCA, it was a good opportunity to collaborate with NIBUCA to implement HIV screening in our host communities. We conducted HIV/AIDS awareness programme and launched the Aje micro-finance Scheme at seven communities in Badagry, the loan was given to them at zero-interest rates.

*Does your organization have an HIV/AIDS workplace policy? If so, how has it been implemented so far?*

The Yinka Folawiyo Company has a workplace HIV policy, we ensure that our staff have fair access to benefits irrespective of their health status. We also do not conduct HIV pre-employment test for new intakes, because we do not want them to be stigmatized. However, if the Human Resource Department finds out about the HIV status of an employee, it will be treated with the highest of confidentiality.

The Company offers a comprehensive HMO to our employees to access quality medical treatment and services. We continually create awareness and sensitize the employees on the importance of conducting their medical routine tests.

*Do you think the private sector body is doing enough to complement government's effort regarding HIV interventions in Nigeria?*

We applaud the private sector organizations that took the initiative to support government effort in fighting this HIV epidemic, however private must organizations must intensify its efforts and be well visible to the community.

*What role can the Private sector play to ensure that the HIV virus is reduced to the barest minimum in Nigeria?*

The private sector can support government efforts in surveillance and intervention, education and mobilization, and prevention of mother-to-child transmission. The goal is to mitigate the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria.

*What is the plan and area of focus for your organization in 2021, as it relates to HIV/AIDS intervention in Nigeria?*

Our organization has always collaborated with NIBUCA and still willing to continue with the partnership. We will look at NIBUCA's strategic programs for the year, though still subject to management approval. We will see how we can both work together to accelerate the impact of HIV interventions in Nigeria.





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AIDS



# LET'S SAVE LIVES

TOGETHER

Support the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NiBUCAA) in the fight against the spread of AIDS and the provision of the required care for people living with **HIV**. Your donations make all the difference.

To make a donation and for more information,

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# International Days and Awareness



## ***Nibucaa Celebrates Women Leading The Fight Against Hiv/Aids In Nigeria.***

In the month of May which is globally tagged Women’s month, The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS celebrated six women leading the fight against HIV/AIDS in Nigeria, With each passing day, women are more affected by the HIV epidemic. Today, women and girls account for more than half of the people living with HIV globally and one out of every five new HIV infections happens among adolescent girls and young women due to vulnerabilities created by cultural and socio-economic barriers.

There have been tremendous efforts from women advocates in shaping a more equal future especially for WLWH. The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS profiled six extraordinary women leaders who are advancing leadership and advocacy for HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. Every day, through their actions, and in the way they lead, they have been able

to confront norms, transform habits, take action and inspire others to demand a Nigeria without discrimination for Women Living with HIV/AIDS, and one by one, other women are empowered to challenge gender stereotypes and advocate for their rights. Now, more than ever, we must end the marginalization of Women living with HIV, break down the status stereotypes that prevent them from harnessing equal power to make pivotal decisions that will influence the equitable distribution of resources and improved response to their needs.



## Professor Morenike Ukpung

is a renowned **NACA Consultant** and a researcher at the **Obafemi Awolowo University** whose work has informed multiple **HIV** and research **bioethics**.

She has participated in several agenda setting initiatives related to policy formulation, design, implementation, analysis and reporting on **HIV/AIDS** at the national, regional and international level.

Over the last 21 years, Morenike has made 118 conference presentations, many of which includes presentations addressing the needs of key and vulnerable populations. She has been recognized as the 19th of 28 top academic researchers in Nigeria in 2018 and 11th of the top published 41 academic researchers in Nigeria in 2019. Her research work that highlighted the psychological and sexual and reproductive health needs of adolescents living with HIV in collaboration with a non-governmental organization led to the development of the first national HIV policy addressing the programmatic HIV needs for adolescents in Nigeria in 2014. Prof. Morenike Ukpung, coordinates the New HIV Vaccine and Microbicide Advocacy Society (NHVMAS).



## Zainab Ahmad Suleiman MFR/JP

is the **Executive Director** for the **Community Support and Development Initiative, CSAID**, a leading indigenous non-governmental organizations that is headquartered in **Kano State** with branches in **Kaduna, Katsina and Jigawa States**. **Zainab**.

Through her work at CSAID is committed to improving the quality of life for **People Living with HIV/AIDS**, vulnerable groups such as **Orphans and Vulnerable children (OVC)** and promoting access to quality health care for women and their families through community empowerment and improved access to quality health care services.



## Abiola Ajani

**is the South-west Coordinator for the Network of People Living with HIV AIDS (NEPWHAN).**

Abiola has a BSc in Peace Study and Conflict Resolution and a Certificate in Medical Psychiatric Social Work. She has worked with Nigerian Institute of Medical Research NIMR Yaba as Surveillance counselor, Adherence counselor, Home Based Care Giver for People Living with HIV AIDS (PLHIV). Abiola is the Lagos State Coordinator for the International Community of Women Living with HIV AIDS West Africa (ICWWA) and SHEWE Coalition, a group focused on sensitizing Women and Adolescent girls living with HIV and Sexual Reproductive Health in Nigeria. In all this line, Abiola supports WLHIV to overcome stigma, know their rights and become self-dependent.



## Veronica Terna Tutu

**is one of the leading voices on HIV/AIDS and SRH in Benue and the North Central Zone of Nigeria.**

She has worked in many capacities among Women, Men, youths, Children, Kp groups, OVC and Caregivers of HIV families and other Vulnerable groups. Veronica through Awareness programs, Capacity building, HIV Counseling and Testing, Care and Support programs advocates for the rights of PLWH.



## Monica Obi

**started her work in the HIV space in 2006, and has since been actively involved in HIV prevention, counseling, testing programs and referral services.**

She organizes support groups for people living with HIV to encourage positive living, ARVs drug adherence, treatment literacy, empowerment programs, OVC, child protection, PMTCT, amongst others. Monica works with women, children, adolescents, young people, Key Populations and the general population. She is the CEO of Positive Proof Women Health Care Empowerment Initiative (POPWHEI) and the secretary of the network of people living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria, Lagos chapter (NEPWHAN).



## Victoria Mbah

**A gender based activist for Women living with HIV, Victoria Mbah has been working in the HIV field since 2008, she has trained more than 2,000 women through Skill acquisition and empowerment programs.**

She advocates for the right of women and young girls living with HIV especially on sexual reproductive health. She engages with different partners, stakeholders and women living with HIV in fighting stigma and discrimination. Victoria is a Board member of Civil society on HIV/AIDS (CISHAN), a member of Advancing sexual reproductive health of women Living with HIV/AIDS (SHEWE) and a member of Reproductive justices in Nigeria.



## Amaka Nneji

**With over 14 years of experience in Advocacy, Project management, Multi-sector partnerships, Community Mobilization and Engagement, Amaka Nneji is an impact driven development practitioner who is passionate about social work and Community Development ranging from Migration counsel, Human capital development, Sexual Reproductive Health, HIV and AIDS, Women and Girls' Rights and Advocacy, Community Mobilization and Engagement, Youth development and Entrepreneurship.**

Through her strong network, Amaka has been a great support to researchers by mobilizing research teams in various specializations. She has facilitated projects funded by Local and International Agencies such as : Society for Family Health, UNDP, GI and the Obijackson Foundation's Entrepreneurial development project.

# #Love Is Safe – Valentine’s Day

The 2021 Valentine’s day was a day to celebrate love and also a timely occasion to for the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS to raise awareness was an opportunity the importance of being aware of one’s HIV status through HIV testing and the need to practice safe sex to prevent new infections and end HIV.

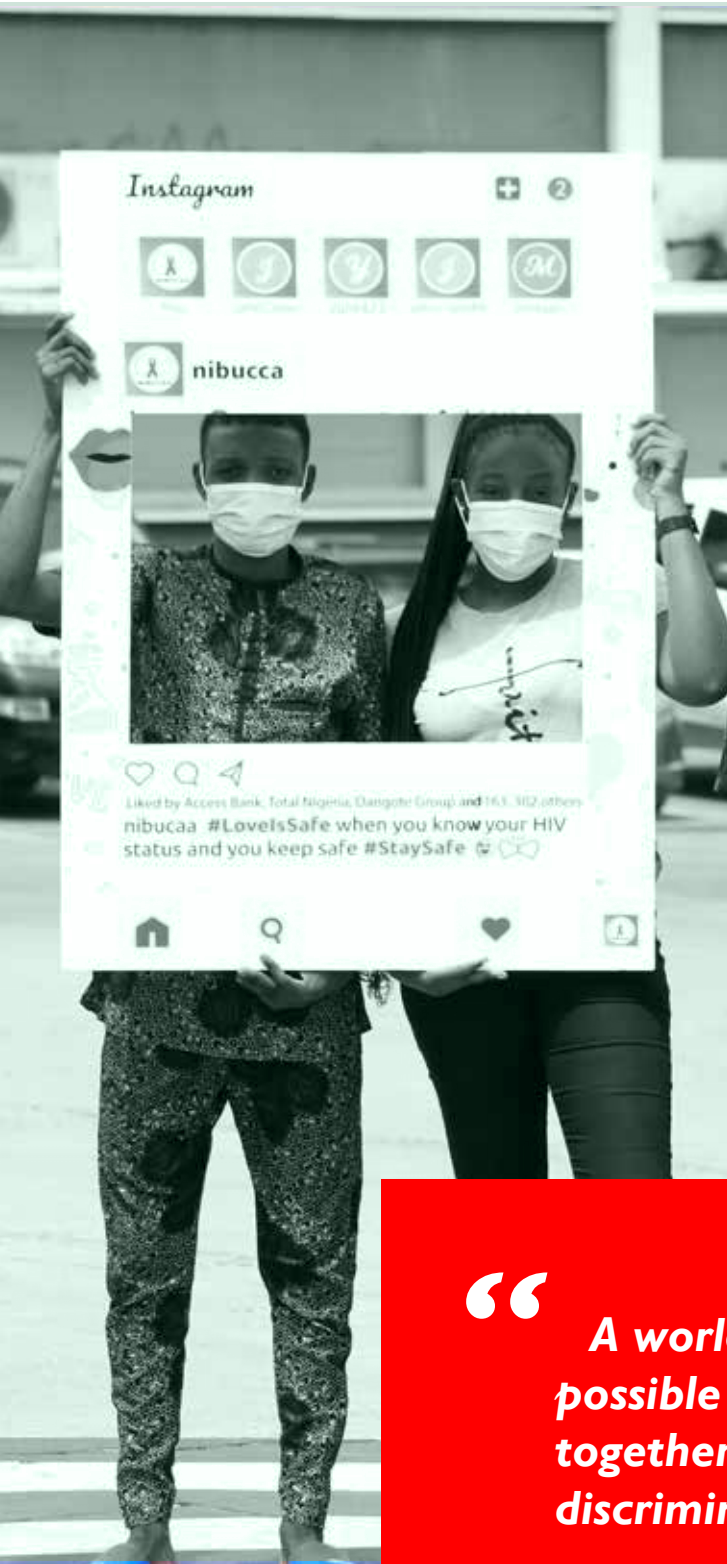
The campaign commenced on social media with the hashtag #LovelsSafe, the hashtag was adopted for use and identity to start the conversation and encourage participation. The campaign closed out with an awareness drive at the Leisure Mall, Surulere. Our volunteers engaged the youths on safe sex dialogue and distributed education materials and condoms to help drive home the message. The awareness program reached over thirty-five thousand (35,000) people and tested eighty-eight (88) people on Valentine’s Day.



**35,000**  
*People reached*



**88**  
*People tested on Valentines day*



## Zero Discrimination Day

On Zero Discrimination Day, NIBUCAA joined the world to campaign against discrimination and inequality as it affects people living with HIV/AIDS. We engaged corp members at different states to help project messaging against discrimination at their different communities.

Throughout the world, exclusion, and inequality have been instrumental in hampering effective access to HIV prevention, treatment, and care services, making people more vulnerable to HIV. Available data across 19 countries reports

**“ A world without HIV/AIDS is possible if we collectively work together to achieve a world with zero discrimination and zero inequality ”**



Zero Discrimination Day, Abuja

should call out discrimination wherever we see it, offering support, and correcting stereotypes about HIV. The very needs and vulnerability of people living with and affected by HIV need to be addressed before we can achieve an end to the HIV/ AIDS epidemic. Individuals and different sectors were implored to collectively step up the fight and implement interventions and policy frameworks that are geared towards ending discrimination and inequality.

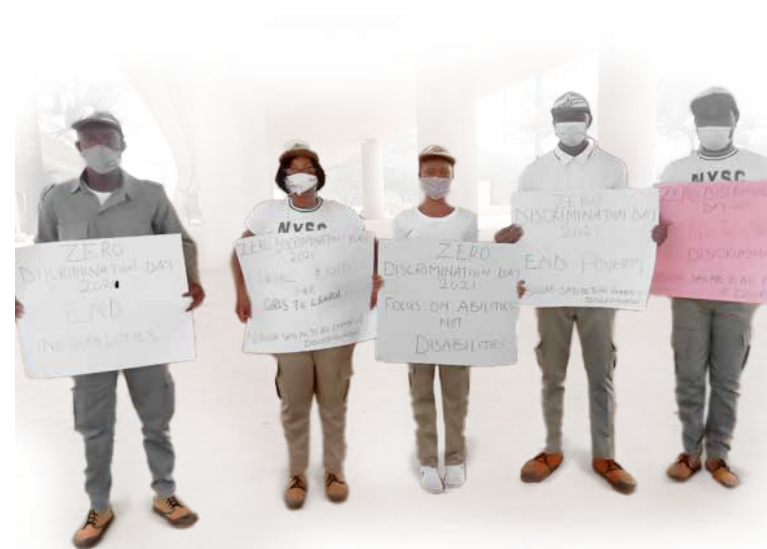


Zero Discrimination Day, Lagos

that one in four people living with HIV have experienced discrimination in health-care settings and one in three women living with HIV have experienced at least one form of discrimination in health-care settings related to their sexual and reproductive health.

The campaign highlighted the need for transformative change, one that encourages inclusion, social participation, including access to treatment and care for people living with HIV/ AIDS, so that inequalities and discrimination are disabled within the structures of our society.

Beyond the Zero Discrimination day, we all







# National and Global Response

## ***HIV Investment and Social Impact***

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the first description of what became known as HIV/AIDS, it has been four decades of progress and biomedical, clinical and social research, with heightened commitments, focused approaches and global strategy framework that has concurrently tackled the spread of the virus and ensured the sustainability of the global response. Since 1981, the epidemic has affected 75.7 million across the world and 32.7 million people have died of AIDS-related deaths. The intervening decades have seen major progress with optimal interventions and availability of treatment service such as the antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) which have shifted the narrative

from the virus being a death sentence to one in which millions of infected individuals around the world can have fully productive lives over indefinite periods. At the end of 2016, treatment services had become available in almost every country in the world and over 18 million people were accessing the treatment.

UNAIDS reports that an estimated 1.7 million individuals worldwide had new HIV infections in 2019, signalling a 23% decline in new HIV infections since 2010, 81% of people with HIV globally were aware of their HIV status in 2019 and as of the end of 2019, 25.4 million people with HIV (67%) were accessing antiretroviral therapy (ART) globally. That means 12.6 million people were yet to access treatment.



The global mobilization of resources for the HIV and AIDS response over the last decade and a half has been unparalleled, however, recent years have shown regression in the funding. Reports reveal that Donor funding for the HIV response in low- and middle-income countries decreased by 7% between 2015 and 2016. The flat-line funding followed the aftermath of the global economic crisis which placed constraints on the global aid budgets. This fueled increased national responses with domestic funding exceeding international funding at the percentage ratio of 57 to 43 totalling a \$10.9 billion global fund. Within the year 2000 -2015, \$562.6 billion went toward the HIV epidemic worldwide.

PEPFAR as of date continues to support the HIV response with funding and had invested over **\$70 billion** to respond to HIV and other non-communicable diseases. The Global Fund, UNITAID and other US agencies invested a total of **\$1.5 billion** towards HIV response in 2015 and private civil and faith-based organizations funded HIV/AIDS programmes with **\$60 million** in 2016. The \$26 billion target for the HIV response by the United Nations Political Declaration on Ending AIDS for the year 2020 was missed, this resulted in new 3.5 million HIV infection cases and AIDS-related deaths of 820,000 people between 2015-2020.



**\$562.6 Billion**

*Funded HIV/AIDS  
Between 2000-2015*

*To put the world back on track to ending AIDS by the year 2030, UNAIDS declared that an increased annual investment of **\$29 billion** in low-middle-income countries by 2025 will get us closer to ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.*

The HIV/AIDS pandemic evolved in parallel with other global health emergencies that significantly impact how HIV/AIDS is prioritized as a public health threat. Identified in 2003 was SARS known as **Severe Acute Respiratory Syndromes** characterized by respiratory problems, dry cough, fever and head and body aches. With the first probable case reported in China, SARS caught the world unawares and spreads like a wildfire but was soon curtailed within a period of 9 months.

Lessons learnt from the pandemic were adapted to the response of **Ebola, Zika, and HINI**. Amidst the world health crisis was the dramatic emergence of the Ebola virus; a disease easily transmissible through bodily fluids.

**There is no doubt that Ebola had a major impact on HIV/AIDS and other non-communicable diseases;**

*Disrupted and affected established HIV control measures including HIV testing, treatment, care and support services for HIV- related cases, and programmes for other non-infectious diseases like Tuberculosis and malaria. The nature of the Ebola virus put a constraint to access clinics for appropriate treatment.*



The Covid-19 pandemic brought the world to a screeching halt and disrupted the health systems and the socio-economy. The virus interrupted the focus on other global health priorities and shifted all attention to itself, threatened the giant strides that have been achieved in the response to HIV, caused setbacks and led to a decline in HIV funding which could have short and long-term consequences if the trend is not being reversed.

Now is not the time to slow down the fight against HIV and further risk blowing the AIDS response even further off course. There is a need to scale up adaptive actions to maintain HIV, TB and malaria services and prevent the collapse of the health service systems while delivering Covid-19 services. We need to get the World back on Track to ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 by addressing inequalities and prioritizing the needs of people living with or at risk of HIV infection to reduce the annual new HIV infections to under 370,000 and annual AIDS-related deaths to under 250,000 by 2025; highly focusing on HIV prevention to ensure that 95% of people at risk of HIV infection have access to effective HIV prevention options by 2025.



## 2025 Targets



### Reduce

Annual new infection to under 370,000



### Reduce

Annual death to under 250,000 by 2025

Nigeria has shown visible progress in the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, though the country takes the spot as one with the second-largest HIV epidemic globally and one of the highest rates of new infections in Sub Saharan Africa. UNAIDS and the National Agency for the Control of AIDS estimate that there are 1.9 million people are living with HIV in Nigeria of which only 1.6 million people knew their status with a prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15 – 64 years was 1.4%. **Previous estimates had indicated a national HIV prevalence of 2.8%.**

The business community is instrumental in decelerating the impact of HIV in Nigeria by complementing governments efforts, advocating for effective action, leveraging their resources, and revolutionizing the investment landscape in Nigeria. This is where **The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NIBUCAAA)**, one of the largest business Coalitions in Sub-Saharan Africa takes the lead on connecting business actors to innovate health solutions.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which guides the global development agenda for the 2030 targets requires all joint action among societal actors to improve prevention and treatment services, as well as safeguarding human right. With the reach, skills and resources of businesses, health systems can be reimaged and strengthened with the integration of HIV services, Funding can be pooled to design and implement health interventions, Quality data and information can be made available to aid response, with innovative and technological mechanisms being utilized to advance HIV service delivery.

Private sector support for HIV response cannot be over-emphasized. The business can thrive only in a healthy society, the well-being and security of the communities they serve are essential to their shared future. There is a potential for greater social impact when assets are combined across sectors. Businesses should catalyze actions and align their efforts towards that of the governments, and civil societies. Bill Clinton had said

**“ We live in a completely interdependent world, which simply means we cannot escape each other. How we respond to AIDS depends in part, on whether we understand the interdependence. It is not someone else’s problem, this is everybody’s problem. ”**

The stars are aligning and for the first time, we can truly see the end of HIV in sight.





### ***A Tale of Two Pandemics -HIV and COVID19– Essential Lessons for COVID-19.***

As the world scales up public health responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, the success recorded with the HIV epidemic has shown us what is possible through global solidarity. The past four decades have addressed the HIV pandemic through collective global efforts and despite challenges, significant gains have been recorded. Like HIV, the spread of the 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which as of January, 2021, had infected over 100 million people globally and impacted more than 210 countries and territories exposes the fragility of many health systems and brings the challenges of inequality, stigma, and discrimination to the fore.

As the Covid-19 continues to spread, its effect has thus interrupted the health service delivery



for HIV and other global health priorities. A recent study from UNAIDS reveals how the decades-long fight and response to HIV pandemic offers essential lesson that has strategically guided the response to Covid-19, leveraging the experience and infrastructure from the AIDS response to accelerate the Covid-19 response in such a way that we do not lose the gains that have been

achieved on HIV and other health priorities. These parallel global challenges offer unique opportunities to reimagine the health systems and economies to be more inclusive, sufficiently resourced and equitable.

The investments in HIV have provided a model on which the Covid-19 response can build on, in a creating a more robust approach to guide the sustainability of the Covid-19 response through multi-sectoral collaboration, political leadership, community participation and the human-rights approach. By incorporating these lessons into the Covid-19 response, we can ensure to deliver on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the health and well-being for all.

### LEADERSHIP AND CO-ORDINATION

Like HIV, the Covid-19 is not only a health issue, but one that also affects the economy of a country. The HIV response has pioneered what political leadership can achieve in response to a global health crisis. The United Nations has



championed series of political declarations that has guided the global HIV response and driven accountability for results. With this lesson learned from the HIV response, there is a need for committed leadership and coordinated



response across countries to effectively address the Covid-19 epidemic. Counties must work together in solidarity, unite efforts and involve various key partners to achieve maximum success.

## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

The Community played a central role in strengthening the response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the involvement sped up the delivery of improved health outcomes and promoted an enabling environment especially for marginalized we are far more likely and together, come up with innovative and contextualized solutions that meet the full range of needs of our diverse populations through Community governance, program design, implementation, community monitoring and accountability. populations to access testing and treatment. HIV has provided opportunities that Covid-19 can leverage on to achieve a robust implementation within its response. With community participation,



## THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The emergence of Covid-19 has reported increase in significant human right breaches and abuse. The experiences from the HIV epidemic had shown the negative impact of stigma, discrimination, and the violations of human rights especially amongst the vulnerable population. Through concerted efforts to centralize the human rights principles into the HIV response, more successes were recorded.

Everyone is entitled to equal rights without discrimination of any kind, however, public health emergencies are known to expose and aggravate existing inequalities in the society. The Human rights-based approaches must be at the center of Covid-19 pandemic response, as there is a need to guarantee inclusion for all and equal access to quality health service, it is important that Covid-19 leverages this opportunity to make significant changes that will accelerate rights-based, equitable and people-centered systems.



## ACCURATE DATA AND STRATEGIC INFORMATION

One of the major lessons learned during the outbreak of HIV was the effect that lack of communication or misinformation had on communities, the World Health Organization (WHO) set up a team to provide easy-to-understand, accurate and useful guidance to keep the world informed about latest data and evidence, it is only through timely and reliable health information that the government, decision makers and health institutions were empowered to design and implement preventive measures that saved lives.

With varying and misleading information about the Covid-19 pandemic on the internet, there is the need to deliver accurate data on the pandemic to monitor outbreaks and disease control measures. The lessons learned from HIV on proactive communication will help minimize adverse consequences in the Covid-19 response.

## MULTI-SECTORAL SYNERGY AND GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

Another lesson to be learned from the HIV epidemic that should inform the Covid19 response is 'all hands must be on deck' at all levels in the society to ensure success in the Covid-19 response especially amongst the vulnerable communities. The HIV response models the pivotal role of multi-sectoral and multilateral collaboration in addressing the pandemic. The Covid-19 demands the galvanization of shared resources to overcome this public health challenge.

## What Next?

The timescale between the effects of HIV and Covid-19 present major differences, and while our experiences with COVID-19 is constantly evolving, it is not farfetched to believe that the Covid-19 is here to stay. With the decades of experiences in addressing the HIV epidemic, there is a blueprint for the Covid-19 to leverage on. The advent of the Covid-19 vaccine has shown major strides in its response and this could only have been possible through global solidarity and support.

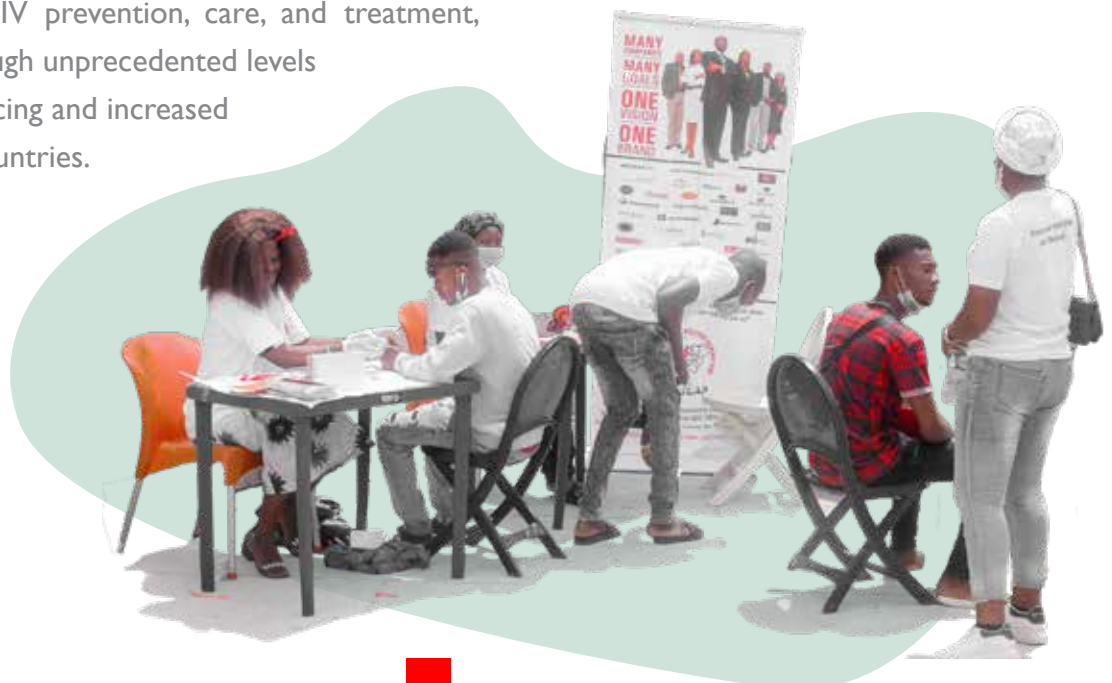
**The Covid -19 response must however continue to build on this existing substantial infrastructure as we move onward to combat and mitigate the effects of this new global pandemic.**



## ***Scaling up Effective Intervention for the HIV/AIDS Response***

The world is in its a major phase to ending HIV/ AIDS by 2030 despite the continued spread of the virus. The virus has been with us for four decades and had been more than just virus in the body system but one which threatens the global economy and development. Universal access has been a foundational priority that has guided the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic thus far.

The past decade has indeed seen advances in access to HIV prevention, care, and treatment, though through unprecedented levels of new financing and increased efforts of countries.



**“A world without AIDS was almost unimaginable when the General Assembly held its first special session on the epidemic 18 years ago,” said United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres in the report. “Since then, the global determination to defeat one of history’s greatest health crises has produced remarkable progress ... and ... inspired a commitment within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030.**

According to the 2020 data, it is estimated that 84% [68–98%] of people living with HIV knew their status, a gap of 2.3 million people to reach the 1st 90 target. It is estimated that 73% [57–88%] of people living with HIV were receiving treatment, a gap of 3.0 million to reach the 2nd target. It is estimated that 66% [53–79%] of people living with HIV were virally suppressed, a gap of 2.6 million to reach the 3rd target.

It is evident that as resources around the response to HIV have increased, there are gaps yet to be filled to achieve the new 95-95-95 targets slated for 2030.

Given the above, there is a need for continual scale up of comprehensive HIV intervention programs to achieve global and national targets, one which would be country-led; involving partners, civil society and people living with HIV at the center of the response.

Building on a presentation by Dr Akinwunmi Fajola, the Community Regional Director of Shell Nigeria, on Scaling up Effective HIV interventions in Nigeria, the Shell’s Niger Delta AIDS Response Project (NiDAR) is a case study. There are about 20 million people resident in Niger Delta with an average HIV/AIDS prevalence of 6.4%. The region is burdened with poverty and poor health infrastructure. Inadequate quality of health service delivery, high maternal and child mortality and low access to HIV services at the PHCs. In scaling up interventions that will significantly



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AIDS patients  
know their status



**73%**  
AIDS patients  
Receiving Treatment

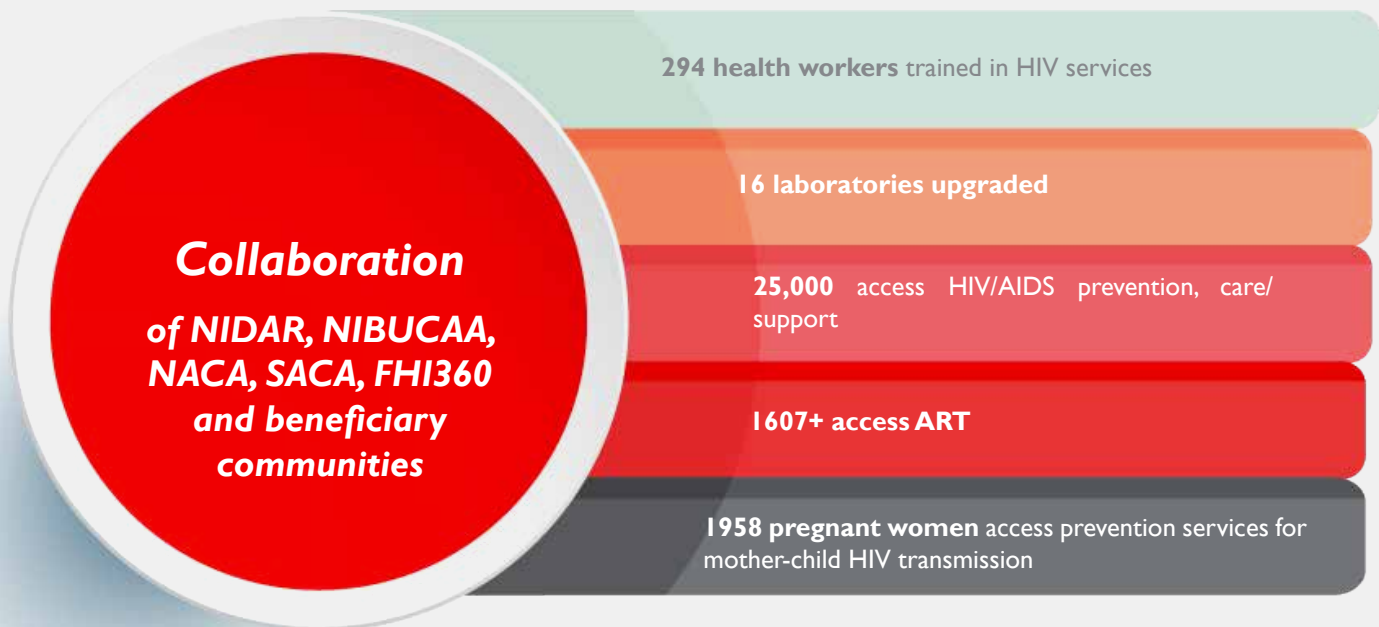


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AIDS patients  
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contribute to the national response, NIDAR focused on Providing access to high quality HIV services in Niger Delta communities, training health workers to deliver quality health care, integrating other health services into HIV programs, establishing strong referral linkages and strengthening community involvement.

NIDAR collaborated with the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS(NIBUCA), NACAs, SACAs, CDC, FHI360 and beneficiary

communities. A total of 294 Health workers were trained in quality HIV services, Close to 16 laboratories were upgraded and drug revolving schemes were established. These strategies enabled over 25,000 people access to HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support in rural communities, over 1,607 had access to antiretroviral medicines (ART) and 1,958 Pregnant women accessed services to prevent mother to child HIV transmission.



Stakeholders must determine a fair and sustainable path to reaching their targets. In scaling up towards universal access, countries must ensure that nobody is left behind. Efforts should therefore be made to improve and sustain service delivery while continuing to adapt to technological advances. Approaches can also include integrating services into existing systems.

Effective interventions must remove barriers to access, it must be equitable, accessible, affordable and sustainable. This means that information and services must be made available when and where people need them without fear of prejudice or discrimination. HIV interventions especially in the new normal must be linked, planned and delivered with the full inclusion of people living with HIV, civil society, faith-based organizations, private sectors, international partners and the government. HIV interventions should not be one-off but must be made available with new technologies and approaches that must continue to be developed to meet ever-changing needs.



***We need to firm up our resolve, strengthen our partnerships and say no to complacency, Let's start with a successful replenishment that results in a fully funded Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria that will enable it, along with its range of partners, including UNAIDS, to continue to deliver evidence-informed, people-centred and human-rights based support to the people and communities who need it the most.***

- Gunilla Carlsson, former **UNAIDS** Executive Director.



# United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS 2021

The United Nations convened its 76th General Assembly and its fifth high-level meeting on HIV and AIDS between the 8th to 10th of June since the last meeting held in 2016. In attendance were 193 member states, with speakers including 14 presidents, five vice-presidents and four prime ministers. The civil societies, non-governmental organizations people living with, at risk of and affected by HIV and various stakeholders were represented at the meeting to discuss effective implementation of the new political declaration entitled ‘Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Ending Inequalities and Getting on Track to End AIDS by 2030’. The declaration

indicates that if concerted efforts are made towards achieving the 95-95-95 targets there will be a preventive number of 3.6 million new HIV infections and 1.7 AIDS-related deaths by the year 2030.

The first meeting in 2001 was the fundamental for a collective global response to HIV and AIDS, this momentum was sustained through the 2006, 2011 and the 2015 high-level meetings with new targets to battle the HIV epidemic. The goal is to have zero new infections and AIDS related death in 2030. It is believed that the global progress since the 2016 UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting has been too slow, and the



## Setbacks



**1.7million**

**New HIV infections in 2019,**

**At least, thrice the proposed target of decrease in year 2020**

(A forecast of less than 500k new infections)

virus has increased in various countries and communities. The year 2019 had a staggering 1.7 million new HIV infections which are more than three times higher than the 2020 target of less than 500,000 new infections. Even the AIDS-related deaths of 690,000 in 2019 supersedes the target of lessening deaths to a fewer than 500,000 a year.

The fifth high level session on AIDS; The meeting covered multistakeholder conversations, thematic panel sessions and 30 supporting events. The panel discourse focused on Addressing Inequalities to End AIDS: 10 Years to 2030, Putting People and Communities at the Centre of the Response to AIDS, Resources

and Funding for an Effective AIDS Response and Advancing Gender Equality and Empowering Women and Girls in the AIDS Response.

The General Assembly Adopted the political declaration entitled “Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: Ending Inequalities and Getting on Track to End AIDS by 2030”, The new political declaration will serve as the roadmap to advance the response to HIV/AIDS within the next five years. The declaration mentioned on the under-preparedness of countries to address pandemic threats. It also noted with concern that most countries are still lagging in expanding harm reduction programmes, antiretroviral therapy and other relevant interventions that prevent the transmission of HIV, viral hepatitis, and other blood -borne diseases in accordance with national legislation

Resolutions were presented to the world leaders to build resilience against future.

pandemics, leveraging lessons from the HIV response to strengthen health systems. Leaders were encouraged to build solidarity and increase international and local engagement to accelerate collective actions against HIV/AIDS through comprehensive prevention, treatment, care, and support, increase investments in research, development, science, and innovations to build a healthier world for all, and leveraging decade the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development and ensure that no one is left behind. These will be instrumental to achieving the 2025 targets of comprehensive HIV services to 95% of the people who need them, the reduction of annual HIV infections from 1.5 million to fewer than 370 000 and AIDS-related deaths from 690 000 to fewer than 250 000.

## 2025 Targets



**95%**  
 Of HIV+ patients served



**75%**  
 Annual reduction of infection



**75%**  
 Annual reduction of infection



# Benefits of Working with Us



Become a member of **NiBUCAA** or partner without programs and projects to enjoy these benefits.

**1**

Unlimited health-related training (such as preventive education on communicable and non-communicable diseases) for your workers.

**2**

Assisting member companies to develop and implement HIV & AIDS workplace policies and programmes including prevention education to reinforce desired safer sex behaviours, HIV Counselling and Confidential Testing and Treatment.

**3**

Developing a formidable Community of Practice (CoP) to further improve your organization's social impact.

# Events

## **WORLD HEALTH DAY WEBINAR**

***– Accelerating the Impact of HIV response  
in The New Normal.***

The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NiBUCAA) commemorated the 2021 World Health Day by hosting a webinar tagged “Accelerating the Impact of AIDS Response in the New Normal”. The virtual conference created awareness on the need for continued investment in HIV AIDS response despite the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that gains made in the fight against HIV preCOVID-19 were not lost. At the webinar, the panelists also discussed how private organizations could invest in the fight against HIV to achieve the national framework on HIV in Nigeria.

This World Health Day 2021, NIBUCAA brought together Sustainability, CSR, and health leaders in private sectors, Finance managers and directors, CEOs, Government officials, Civil society leaders, and representatives from donor agencies and diplomatic missions to foster conversation and share information on leveraging partnerships, mobilizing resources, and integrating the new normal into implementing high impact HIV interventions in Nigeria.



## The Webinar featured

### Zouera Youssoufou,

The *MD/CEO of the Aliko Dangote Foundation* as keynote speaker. Panelists at the event included Tope Adeniyi, CEO, AXA Mansard Health, Dr Akinwunmi Fajola, Regional Community Health Manager, SHELL Nigeria, and Dr Okuns Ohiosimuan, Corporate Medical Services Manager, Nigeria LNG Limited.



### Isaiah Owolabi,

*CEO of NiBUCAA*, highlighted the need for both the public and private sectors to work together to end HIV and AIDS while giving his welcome note at the webinar. He said, "Just like COVID-19, HIV/AIDS directly impacts the development of nations. HIV AIDS is not just a health issue; it is a development and economic challenge." He also spoke on that in line with this year's World Health Day theme of a Fairer Healthier World, we need to reduce inequalities that continue to drive HIV/AIDS in our communities.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

# Zouera Youssoufu

**MD/CEO, Aliko Dangote Foundation**

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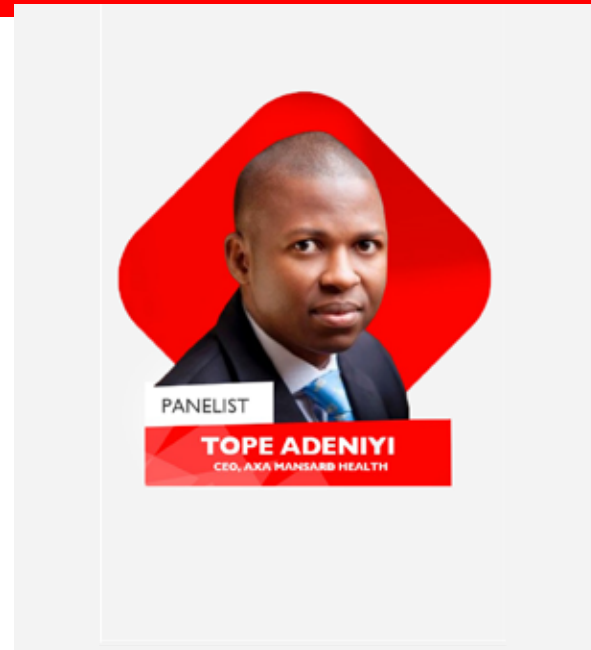
## Key Points

- This is the first time the world would have a pandemic such as this; the Covid-19 has displaced every health dollar towards itself and has undercut recent health gains.
- NIBUCAA sets up the HIV Trust Fund to ensure that the private sector sets money aside to lead interventions against HIV/AIDS through awareness, education, and testing.
- We need more testing, prevention, and conversation around HIV/AIDS so that people are informed and educated appropriately.
- We need to focus on Prevention of Mother to child transmission and never relent in the fight against HIV/AIDS.
- The eradication of HIV/AIDS requires collective support from everyone.

**PANEL SESSION I:**

# Tope Adeniyi

**CEO, AXA Mansard Health**



## Blueprint for integration of HIV into health insurance scheme.

*This session focused on Policy responses and coverage for HIV-related healthcare needs for people living with HIV and discussion on industry actions and implementation steps for successful integration of HIV services into health insurance schemes.*

### Key Points

- Countries that have achieved universal health coverage have only achieved this through effective health insurance. Everyone deserves a good health care. HIV is a disease that can be managed and not a death sentence.
- We need to have good quality data, this is the first area that drives health insurance or any class of insurance; the data of the burden of the diseases, the data of the burden of the geographical spread and the data of the demography of the diseases.
- Data is the very cardinal point that enables health Insurance Integration into any disease, it helps insurance companies plan the premium appropriately and cater for testing and treatment effectiveness.
- Insurance represents a very effective channel to carry out prevention through education and early test detection, for instance, annual health check is inclusive in the Axa health insurance package.
- Insurance can demystify HIV as part of the routine check instead of a stand -out test.
- In conclusion, it is a collective effort, HIV coverage should be included in insurance both in public and private systems, this way, we are promoting an excellent sense of care and ensuring that we have a healthier nation.

**PANEL SESSION 2:**

# Dr Akinwunmi Fajola

**Regional Community Health Manager,  
Shell Nigeria.**



## Scaling Up Effective Interventions for HIV/ AIDS response In the New Normal

*This session provided insight on the need to scale up systemic high-impact programs that are designed and delivered to ensure equity in access to HIV information, prevention, treatment, and care. The conversation also focused on programmatic coverage, impact, and sustainability to achieve an HIV-free Nigeria while highlighting Shell’s success on HIV interventions and plans to build on this success in the new normal.*

### Key Points

- Communication, awareness, social mobilization, and reaching priority community of people are keys scaling up effective interventions in the new normal.
- Shell’s focus of intervention was in the Niger Delta for the project; Niger Delta AIDS Response Project which started in 2008-2013.
- Critical issues were in that Zone were: limited access to HIV prevention, care and treatment at the primary level, poverty and low health resource capacity to deliver HIV services, amongst others



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*“We need to make HIV services equitable, accessible, affordable and sustainable ”*

**Dr Akunwunmi Fajola**  
*(Regional Community Health Manager, State Nigeria)*



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## Shell’s Response:

Shell established high-quality HIV/AIDS services at supported facilities, also collaborated with other stakeholders to use HIV/AIDS entry point to strengthen health care systems. With this response, Shell was able to contribute to HIV/AIDS national scale-up response and build capacity of health workers in communities.

- The pillars of sustainability for an effective intervention include Community involvement, Communication, Service integration, Partnership, Monitoring and Evaluation, amongst others.
- We need to unlock opportunities using technology and expand our testing.
- To scale up effective interventions in our society, there has to be a coordinated response across sectors and there should no barrier to accessing HIV care and treatment. We need to build systems not silos.

**PANEL SESSION 3:**

# Dr Okuns Ohiosimuan

**Corporate Medical Services Manager,  
Nigeria LNG.**



## Maximizing the Role of Strategic Partnerships in HIV/AIDS response.

*This session Focused on the need to define and strengthen strategic partnerships to galvanize resources and actions in response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.*

### Key Points

- Data is instrumental to getting partners willing to invest in HIV/AIDS response.
- Nigeria has never raised money within a short time for a single health cause as it has done for Covid19 and if a quarter of the money raised for Covid can be raised for HIV and other health challenges, most of the problems would have been solved.
- While we need to focus on rendering people into a non-transmissible state, no aspect of HIV management and prevention is less than the other, education is important and data has to be shared
- There must be clear leadership,
- It is not only the big players that should be involved in the response, Everyone has to be involved.
- Relevance has to be shown, people have to see the link between the healthy population and how their businesses thrive.
- Those who are implementing must get data and show what lessons have been learnt and what can be done differently.





**Official Launch of National Domestic Resource Mobilization and Sustainability Strategy for HIV 2021-2025**

The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS was present at the official launch of the National Domestic Resource Mobilization and Sustainability Strategy for HIV 2021-2025. The Chief Executive Officer of NIBUCAAA, Isiah Owolabi in his goodwill speech stated that the launch of this document has come at a better time, where we can look forward to a world without HIV for the first time ever. This year marks the 40th year of HIV discovery. For the first time, we can look forward to

the future and NIBUCAAA would continually support governments efforts to achieve the 95-95-95 global targets and through its private sector-led HIV trust fund targeted at raising 50 billion for the HIV response.

The National Domestic Resource Mobilization and Sustainability Strategy reflects a systematic approach and blueprint on Multiyear resource funding to respond to the current and future needs of the national HIV response. According to the background overview delivered at the official launch, it was indicated that the sustainability of the HIV response requires innovative domestic funding, this will in turn lessen the country’s dependence on external bodies for the HIV financing.

Between 2005 and 2018 More than 81 percent of HIV funds came from international donors within the total of US\$6.2 Billion that has been spent on HIV response and treatment of almost 1.1 Million people living with HIV.

Preliminary estimates revealed that achieving the National HIV Strategic Plan 2021-2025 will require US\$2.8 Billion to finance the HIV response, with a significant funding gap close to \$350 Million if no further steps are taken. To address the resource gap, there is a need to pool funds from the National level, state level and the private sector.

At the event, the Director General of NACA in his opening address commended the UNAIDS , Global Fund and other partners for their support thus far on the epidemic control in the country. He revealed that the Nigerian Government has placed 100 thousands people on complete HIV treatment and to increase by another 50 thousands annually. Assuring the participants, he affirmed that NACA with other relevant partners are on the right path to end AIDS by 2030.

**“ we saw what CACOVID did during the heat period of COVID-19 and we strongly believe that , the private sector can do likewise also, in the fight against HIV and AIDS funding, because we cannot continue to depend on the external support for ever. ”**

The Board Chairman of NACA; Senator Dipo Odujinrin MFR commended the effort of the FG for adding 50 thousands new PLHIV to the treatment log. He also called on for increased investment from the Private Sector. He said,

The UNAIDS representative congratulated Nigeria for launching the strategic document. He stated that the response to HIV should be constituted on shared responsibility and global solidarity. The Private sector must be fully involved and the States must also take responsibility.



**US\$2.8Billion**

**Will be required to finance the HIV response between 2021 - 2025**



***NibucAA joins in the 14th Year Anniversary Celebration of the National Agency for Control of AIDS (NACA)***

The National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) held its 14th anniversary with relevant partners and stakeholders to celebrate progress and milestones of the HIV response in Nigeria while evaluating present status, challenges and strategic approaches going forward to achieve the targets to end AIDS by 2030. NACA was established as the agency for the multi-sectoral coordination of the HIV response in Nigeria on February 22, 2007.

The Director-General of NACA, Dr Gambo Aliyu in his address applauded the increased ownership of the HIV response across all levels as 50,000 persons are now being placed on

treatment annually, thereby reducing the morbidity and mortality rates and increased viral suppressions amongst HIV positive persons in the country,

NACA also noted a viable milestone achieved in the year 2018, which is the largest population-based HIV/AIDS survey in the world (NAHS). The Survey showed the progress of the HIV epidemic in Nigeria; a decrease from 3.2 million persons living with HIV to 1.9 million persons living with Nigeria, and a prevalence of 5.8% to 1.4%. This survey has provided the required data for the public and private stakeholders to pursue the global target of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

The commemoration of the 14th anniversary called for shared responsibility, stronger partnerships, responsible implementation and shared accountability to the HIV response in Nigeria

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#### Dayo Ojerinde

**T**he Nigerian Business Coalition against AIDS has unveiled the first phase of the 'I know my status' project in Abuja, Ebonyi and Edo states.

The Chief Executive Officer of NIBUCAA, Isaiah Owolabi, in a statement on Tuesday, said the project developed from the *End HIV Campaign* was designed and implemented to increase the knowledge of vulnerable people on their HIV status.

He said, "The project is expedient to reduce the incidence of HIV in Nigeria; there is a need for continuous dissemination of sexual and reproductive health information; HIV prevention and treatment information; continuous HIV Counselling and Testing especially among adolescent and young people, women, and transport workers. This is because these populations fall within the high prevalence age bracket."

The Monitoring and Evaluation Officer of AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Oluwatobi Ojo, in the statement, said the intervention was an eye-opener as it revealed the agitations of some people in the communities regarding HIV testing.

He also stated that there was a need for increased awareness and testing especially among adolescent and young people, women, and transport workers. This is because these populations fall within the high prevalence age bracket," he said.

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JOSEPHINE ONOJIE

**T**he Nigerian Business Coalition against AIDS (NIBUCAA) has launched the first pilot phase of the 'I know my status' project in Abuja, Ebonyi and Edo states to tackle the HIV/AIDS scourge in the country.

The initiative is developed from the End HIV Campaign and designed and implemented to increase the knowledge of vulnerable people on their HIV status and enough safe sexual practices through HIV Testing Services and dissemination of Sexual and Reproductive Health Information.

The End HIV Campaign championed by NIBUCAA seeks to reduce the prevalence and incidence of HIV infection via HIV testing, communication, and technology strategies.

Isaiah Owolabi, chief executive, NIBUCAA highlighted the importance of the project, saying it is expedient to reduce the incidence of HIV in the country.

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