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private sector's response
to HIV and AIDS

Leading the HIV fight together!



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WELCOME

Being the voice and the arm of the private sector's response to HIV/AIDS in Nigeria is no mean feat, considering the size of Nigeria's population and demographic profile, its unique history and socio-political climate. In 2021, we undertook a bold and audacious plan to rebrand and re-strategise to position the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS as the largest business coalition focused on HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa..

This report highlights the giant strides achieved in 2021 through our high-impact programs and communication campaigns. We reached the at-risk populations and the public with information on HIV/AIDS, HIV counselling and testing services, and other life-saving materials.

At NiBUCAA, our drive remains to deliver the best returns on investment for members of the coalition as well as help private organisations build capacity to impact communities and contribute sustainably, especially in ending HIV/AIDS.

CHAIR'S STATEMENT

As with the entirety of the human landscape, the world through the year 2021, has focused its efforts on navigating what has become a new normal.

The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS has not been exempt from this trend, and I must say that I am deeply impressed by what has been achieved despite the many challenges that we have been confronted with.

NiBUCAA continues to support private and public organizations to strengthen already existing systems, spearhead advocacy efforts to consistently raise awareness on HIV/AIDS, promote effective implementation of policies, bridge the gap instituted by social and economic inequalities and provide vital advisory services to member organizations. With the commitment to achieve the 95-95-95 target by 2030 and the exceptional passion demonstrated by member organizations, I believe we are just getting started.

We, at NiBUCAA, have been playing our part and despite prominent strides achieved with the HIV response, the fight against HIV/AIDS is far from over as many individuals in the country still live with undiagnosed cases of HIV/AIDS. Our resolve to invest in HIV/AIDS interventions is hinged on our vision of achieving zero new HIV/AIDS cases, while properly managing existing cases with the resources and technical expertise of the private sector. In 2021, the workplace and the communities were our focal points.

We conducted HIV testing, counselling, and referrals across different states in Nigeria, promoted HIV prevention information through our media campaigns, and provided



varied support to persons living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria, State agencies on HIV/AIDS and peculiar civil society organizations. Another major touchpoint is the coalition's investments towards HIV and Sexual reproductive health education for adolescents and young persons through its NiBUCAA NYSC Ambassadors Initiative (NANI). All of these are laudable and of great significance to the social, economic and development goals of our country.

Having attained our key strategic priorities for the year 2021, I am excited for the year to come as we would continue to explore new frontiers to deliver effective action against the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria, by adequately interpreting existing policies and prioritizing the most at-risk



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groups, while enhancing synergy between the efforts of private organizations and that of the government to ultimately end the spread of HIV/AIDs in Nigeria.

Once again, we acknowledge the irrefutable value that the entire team at NiBUCAA, as well as all member and partner organizations offer, your dedication is actively changing the world one day at a time. To our board of trustees, thank you for your continued support, none of our goals; lofty and otherwise are attainable without you.

Herbert Wigwe

Chair, Board of Trustees, NiBUCAA

CEO'S STATEMENT

Ladies and Gentlemen, it has indeed been a year, it's special to reflect on the journey we've taken together as a team, with our partners and our communities.

Our impact has been profound, though we all are still aware of the significant challenges that the Covid-19 epidemic has posed in moving us closer to achieving the 95-95-95 targets by 2030. We want to express gratitude to the partners and donors without whom our accomplishments would not be possible. Your support has been critical to our success. Our organization, which was founded on the premise that businesses have collective role to significantly galvanize resources to mitigate the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria has efficiently coordinated private sector entities towards addressing the pressing challenges of HIV/AIDS and other associated diseases at all levels of intervention.

UNAIDS earlier in the year had issued recommendations to get us back on track to end AIDS during its Political Declaration and general assembly meeting, the recommendations focused on addressing inequalities and reaching the vulnerable population, so that the HIV infection and mortality rate can be reduced to the barest minimum. Nigeria accounts for the country with the second largest epidemic in the world with about 1.9 million people currently living with HIV, and about 600,000 undiagnosed cases. Now, to achieve the national HIV strategic plan, it has been projected that \$2.8 billion will be required to finance the HIV response between year 2021-2025. The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS through the year has bent the trajectory of the epidemic and galvanized the resources of the private sector in alignment with the HIV strategic plan targets to realize



significant gains especially in states with the high prevalence of the HIV epidemic. We have strengthened the capacities of the private sector entities to improve health outcomes in their organizations. Also, many more adolescents and young persons, business owners, market women, truck drivers, people with disability, and people living with HIV were reached in all their diversity with development programmes specifically targeted towards their needs. Our participation at high-level stakeholders' conversations at the national and state level is worthy of mention; we provided technical advisory and support on coordination, policy development, high-impact programmes, and resource mobilization.

The year ahead promises to be an exciting one as we continue to deliver on the values on which our organization is hinged on, while consolidating our leadership position

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in championing the fight against HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. I would like to say, that the achievements that we have recorded in the year 2021 is only made possible because of all our collective efforts. To my team, your dedication and excellence are noteworthy, I thank you for your immense support and contributions. If we are determined to end AIDS by 2030, we all have a role to play towards achieving a more sustainable and resilient health systems.

Isaiah Owolabi

Chief Executive Officer, NiBUCAA



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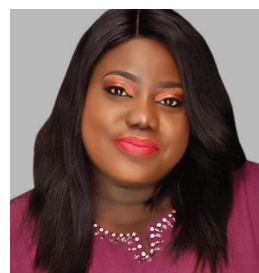
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Our Mission

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

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.

Advocacy

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.

Partnership

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.

Innovation

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

Impact Investment

WORKFORCE



Our Employees

Our employees are the stanchion of our organization, they are highly proficient and committed to achieving the goals and objectives of the organization. NIBUCAAA fosters a culture of acceptance and mutual respect and endeavors to provide a conducive environment for its employees. NIBUCAAA supports personal and professional capacity building to enhance employee performance on the job.

Internship

NIBUCAAA 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-coordinate 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. NiBUCAA presents an inclusive policy that allows 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

NIBUCAAA 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.

STATE OF MEMBERSHIP



NIBUCAA is a body of 38 members/companies across Nigeria. To strengthen collaboration with partners, we conducted an internal review and deployed new approaches to better engage the members, strengthen trust and foster new relations with non-member companies who now serve as partners. To this regard, we implemented the following.

- We sent out a communication to all our member companies and key partners respectively introducing the new management and its commitment to chart new way forward and ensuring that their expectations as regards the social returns on Investment are met.
- We met with over 40 private organizations, Civil society organizations and diplomatic agencies on strategic collaboration to accelerate the impact of HIV interventions in Nigeria.
- We have also provided members and prospects access to capacity-building training and opportunities.
- Provided members with public recognition in our publications, press releases, TV/radio appearances, social media, and websites
- Supported events of members and partners through Knowledge sharing and dissemination of HIV information.
- Engaged member companies, key partners, and prospects with innovative proposals, relevant information, and updates about the Coalition.

The NiBUCAA Rebranding

We introduced the new NiBUCAA brand identity early this year, to better reflect who we are and what we stand for. The NiBUCAA brand has indeed grown and evolved over the past 20 years, it was imperative to showcase the growth and reposition NiBUCAA as the leading voice against HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.

The new brand identity has so far given NiBUCAA a unique, modern, and corporate look, one which our audience can associate with quality and excellence. The company's values, goals including its unique position as the private sector lead on HIV response in Nigeria has been particularly represented through the new brand identity.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021



10M

NiBUCAA reached over 10 million Nigerians across different states in Nigeria through its awareness campaigns, print and broadcast media.



24k

NiBUCAA equipped over 24,000 corps members and NYSC Camp officials with information on HIV and sexual reproductive health information through its NANI Programme.



180

NiBUCAA trained over 180 Private organizations on HIV Workplace policy and Culture of Health.



1,000

NiBUCAA reached over 1,000 private sector employees with HIV self-test kits and information.



10

NiBUCAA reached 10 States + FCT through its Programs and Communication Campaign.



1M

NiBUCAA convened the World Health Day webinar bringing together leaders across sectors. This webinar reached over 1 million Nigerians.



NiBUCAA provided technical support to UNICEF on the 1st African & 2nd Nigeria Conference on Adolescent & Young Health, Abuja.



7,000

NiBUCAA sensitized over 7,000 secondary school students and teachers through its HIV awareness campaign for secondary schools on HIV, Sexual reproductive Health, Mental Health and Covid-19.



NiBUCAA provided hands-on professional learning experience to persons with disability and skill empowerment opportunities to persons living with HIV.

The cover features a central white hexagon with a thick red border. This hexagon is set against a background of diagonal stripes in red, white, and grey. The stripes are arranged in a pattern that creates a sense of depth and movement, with some stripes appearing to recede into the distance and others appearing to come forward. The overall design is clean, modern, and professional.

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Promoting Health and Wellness in the Workplace

The private sector is a key player in the prevention and mitigation of HIV/AIDS scourge in the workplace and in communities. When the culture of health and wellness among employees are being promoted, organizations can be well assured of a productive workforce. Considering the importance of health systems strengthening in the private sector, the Nigerian Business Coalition against AIDS partnered with the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), Lagos State chapter to advance organization and people development through its 2021 Open House knowledge Sharing focused on HIV workplace policy and culture of Health.

The training provided guidance to participants on policies and programmes aimed at addressing HIV/AIDS in the workplace, while also enabling a healthy environment for the workforce in their organizations.

NiBUCAA also collaborated with Lagos State Aids Control Agency (LSACA) and International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) on a two-day training for Human Resource professionals in the private sector on the development and implementation of Workplace HIV/AIDS policy and care programs for their organizations.

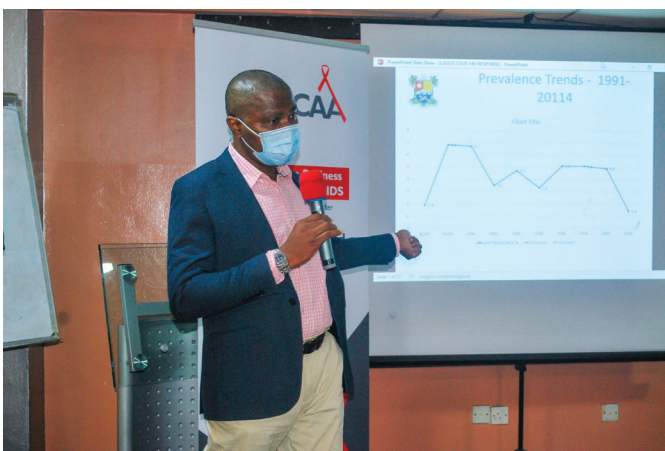
“We are thankful or this opportunity to have been tutored by NiBUCAA on the HIV workplace policy and Culture of Health. The session was detailed and informative. As leaders in the Human Resource profession in our respective organizations, we are taking the lessons learned back to our team and reviewing our policies on health and wellness for the employees where need be.”

Ogochukwu Egbuonu
Chairman, CIPM, Lagos State Chapter



180

180 Human Resource Professionals reached with Capacity building training on HIV workplace Policy and Culture of Health.



International Labour Organization Partners with NiBUCAA on HIV Self-Testing for the Private Sector

The 2018 Nigeria HIV/AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey results revealed that about 1.9 million people are currently living with HIV in Nigeria, and about 600,000 people infected with the virus do not know their status. To achieve the United Nations first 95-target by the year 2030 and achieve a country where everyone knows their HIV status, it becomes crucial that strategic solutions are provided to eliminate barriers regarding access to HIV prevention, care, treatment, and support services.

A National Operational Guideline on HIV Self-testing was developed to guide the delivery of HIV self-test services to the working-class population in Nigeria. The International Labour Organization (ILO) is collaborating with the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NiBUCAA), WHO, UNAIDS, NACA, Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC), Nigeria Employers Consultative Association (NECA) amongst others to champion the HIV Self-testing awareness programs and the distribution of the HIV Self-test kits in the workplace.

The process commenced with a 3-day HIV Peer Educator Training in which NiBUCAA nominated 10 HIV Self-Testing Champions from the Private sectors for participation. Beneficiary organizations were ExxonMobil, Nigerian Breweries, Shell Nigeria, Linland Group, Northline Press, Frigoglass Industries, Prunedge and CR Consulting. The participants had increased knowledge on HIV/AIDS, HIV Self-testing, and their role as peer educators to promote and implement the flagship initiative in their organizations.

The pilot phase of the project is in progress as the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS has trained 1,000 private sector professionals on HIV-Self-testing and provided them with the test kits, so that they can be aware of their HIV status and take precautionary measures leading to a healthy lifestyle.



Partners Feedback

The training was enlightening. Staff members were very much interested in being part of the training and acquiring the HIV Self-test kits. It is also great to know that reactive cases can receive the necessary support required if they reach out to NiBUCAA. This is a great initiative.

-CFAO

With HIV Self – Testing, more working-class individuals are aware of their HIV status, and can take action with the necessary and adequate information at their disposal. Our employees found the training informative, especially because it allows people to take the test and interpret their results at their convenience.

– Access Bank

The prevalence of HIV in Nigeria and among the working population age group is still alarming, the HIV Self-testing training and kits is a step in the right direction. As an organization with plenty of employees, we do not relent in promoting HIV prevention information amongst our employees.

- Nigerian Breweries





EQUIPPING ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO LIVE HEALTHY & PRODUCTIVE LIVES IN NIGERIA.

“Investing in Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights is significant to the social, economic, and development goals of a nation. Its impact is evident on individuals and communities, helping to remove barriers that might hinder adolescents and young people from realizing and maximizing their full potentials. The country must honour its obligation to the youths by providing them with education, opportunities, and youth-friendly services.”

*- Isaiah Owolabi,
Chief Executive Officer, NIBUCAA*



Sexual Reproductive Health and Right in Nigeria

The Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) of adolescents and young people have continually remained a topical and significant public health issue globally. With a population of over 60% of young people (less than 25 years), Africa has been dubbed the youngest continent in the world. Interestingly, the most populous country in the African continent – Nigeria, has a population of over 30% of young people, aged 24 years and below which represents one – third of its entire population. This affirms that adolescents and young people represent a growing share of the local, regional, and global population. In order to harness the potentials of this demographic dividend, it has become germane to invest in areas that affect the health and productivity of adolescents and young people.

Amongst the many phases of development, adolescents, and young people on the cusp of adulthood might experience events as it relates to their bodies, wellbeing, and overall health. As earlier stated, sexual reproductive health and rights for adolescents and young people have garnered a lot of local and international investments in terms of policy development, advocacy, and implementation; programs design and implementation; awareness creation, amongst others. Despite these investments, SRHR has remained a front-burner issue, demanding even greater attention, to ensure adolescents and young people make informed and healthy sexual choices, to continually impact their productivity.

According to Plan International, the major leading causes of death for adolescent and young people in low- and middle-income countries are acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and maternal mortality. In 2019, UNICEF reports that 460,000 young people were newly infected with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). In 2018, more than 1 in 5 adolescents were living with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) in Africa with adolescent girls accounting for 76% of new infections among adolescents. Reports also state that boys are at higher risk for AIDS-related mortality because they mostly acquire the virus perinatally and display lower rates of antiretroviral therapy initiation and coverage. However, in Nigeria, Boys between the ages of 15-19 are said to have more knowledge of HIV than their girl counterpart. (UNAIDS 2019).

In Nigeria, the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) and UNAIDS (2019) reports that 1.9 million people are living with HIV in Nigeria. Also, the Nigeria HIV/AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey (NAIIS, 2019) records a 1.4 % prevalence among adults aged 15 – 49 years. This represents the young and most productive age group in Nigeria. The data also indicates that in all new HIV reported cases, about 40% of them occur in adolescents and young persons aged 15-24, which is the highest when equated with the other age groups.

The Young and a Representation of Their Realities

Growing up in Nigeria, I remember watching the popular TV-Drama series ‘Wetin Dey’ in the late 2000s and, beyond its catchy soundtrack that still plays relentlessly in my head whenever someone says *Wetin dey*, the message therein highlighted the realities of living with HIV and AIDS in Africa, more so to raise awareness among adolescent and young persons aged 15-24 in Nigeria. The series was an intermix of thematic subjects on complex issues of love and sex. It was a period involving of mass-media interventions –Television, radio, billboards, newspapers aimed at influencing behavioural change amongst the AYPs and the general population. It had lots of awareness and people were well informed about the virus.

In 2021, HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases do not appear to be Folashade’s concern. In her words, “Is HIV still around? The days of HIV are in the past”. At 22, Folashade has multiple partners who are as sexually active as she is, she says she enjoys sex without protection. Chidi, 24, is a Year 3 student in one of the Federal Universities in Nigeria. He one day hopes to lead policies and advocacy programs targeted at young people. In his small community in Ikorodu Lagos, Chidi sensitizes his peers on HIV prevention and sexual reproductive health

Folashade and many within her age range exemplify that low HIV and sexual health knowledge is a major barrier to achieving reduced infection amongst young people. Chidi represents a society where the youths have active leadership roles in the development and implementation of HIV-specific interventions at all levels.

Indeed, it has shown that adolescents and young people contribute largely to the statistics of sexual reproductive health issues. According to CHANGE, SRHR comprises issues such as Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and HIV, abortion, maternal health and rights, access to contraceptives, stigmatization and discrimination, gender-based violence, etc. One might wonder: “Why are adolescents and young people involved with these issues? How and why does it affect them?” These questions should be answered from a multifaceted point of view, as sexual reproductive health and rights are a bit complex, considering institutional perspectives.

Some of our customs and cultures are quite traditional and vehemently frown against discussions about sexual education, especially amongst adolescents and young people. There is a silent rule of keeping mute about matters relating to sexual education in most homes, as it is assumed that having such discussions with children and adolescents can introduce them to licentious behaviors. This has contributed to the widespread misinformation about SRH (Sexual and Reproductive Health) and has propelled young people into seeking answers to curiosity from the wrong sources. These days, with the advent of smartphones, computers and tablets, any young person with access to the internet can browse for content related to sexual issues. In the case where such a child has no prior or little information about sexual health or its issues, such a child can view the wrong sources for information.

Additionally, the educational system accommodates the surface level fraction of sexual education, especially in secondary schools. In some cases, teachers are not allowed to explain beyond the context of the approved syllabus or teaching notes, which might be limited. Furthermore, some religious institutions are not allowed to discuss issues relating to sexual education to adolescents and young people, as it is believed to be “ungodly.”

Considering the importance and relevance of adolescents and young people in our society, it has become pertinent to educate them on sexual reproductive health, to enable them to make educated choices and live productive lives.



The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NIBUCAAA) - NANI Project as the Solution

For the past 18 years, The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS has led the private sector effort towards fighting the HIV and AIDS pandemic at all levels of intervention. A body of over 30 leading members/companies across the country and one of the largest business coalitions in Sub-Saharan Africa, NIBUCAAA have reached over 6 million Nigerians with HIV information and through its programs directly reached over 1 MILLION Nigerians with HIV counseling, testing, and referral service while incorporating economic empowerment, education, and technology perspectives.

In November 2019, the NiBUCAA Ambassadors NYSC Initiative (NANI) was launched to contribute to the reduction of new HIV infections among adolescents and young people by increasing their access to gender-responsive, HIV prevention information, and services. The NANI Project is an adaptation of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Peer Educator Trainers (PETs) Project, in alignment with UNAIDS “Start Free, Stay Free, AIDS-Free” super-fast framework for ending AIDS among children, adolescents, and young women by 2020.

The Project was launched at the Federal Capital Territory and Abeokuta State in 2019, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the project was halted. In early 2021, the project commenced with Orientation Training and Master Training for volunteer corps members and has been implemented in Benue, Kaduna, and Lagos States. The training takes the concept of the NYSC PETs where the Orientation Training/Seminar is conducted for all corps members and a five-day Master Training for volunteer corps members.

So far, the project has equipped over 700 volunteer corps members also known as NANI Ambassadors with trainings on sexual reproductive health, HIV, and life-building skills. Recently, information on mental health and persons with disabilities (PWDs) have been included, to accommodate the recent realities of young people. Through the Orientation Training, over 10,000

corps members and NYSC officials have been reached with information on sexual health and HIV. The multiplier effect of the NANI Project rests on the fact that NANI Ambassadors reach adolescents and young people in their schools and communities with information on sexual reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, and mental health to increase their knowledge and assist them in making educated and healthy choices.



Beneficiary Stories - NANI

The 2021 NIBUCAA Ambassadors NYSC Initiative (NANI) powered by Access Bank Plc was implemented in Benue, Akwalbom, Kaduna, Rivers, and Lagos States while Axa Mansard provided support for the NANI project in Kano State. A total of 4,682 corps members and NYSC Camp officials were educated on HIV and Sexual Reproductive Health across the Project States.

The five-day Master Training focused on building the capacity of the volunteer corps members on Sexually Transmitted Infections, HIV/AIDS, Life Building Skills, Mental Health, Inclusion, and HIV. A total of One hundred and ninety-five (195) corps members graduated as Community Peer Educator Trainers / NANI Ambassadors.

“I am excited to be part of NANI, I have been equipped with quality and accurate information about HIV/AIDS, I intend to use the information to counsel and educate other young people about their sexual choices”

- Oluchi Eboh, NANI Ambassador

“I have learned a lot about HIV, Life building skills, Value system, and human rights during this training. Our facilitators have done an excellent job impacting us with the required knowledge to lead by example among our peers. I am grateful for this opportunity.”

- Bamidele Adewoyin, NANI Ambassador

“This is a project that has impacted young people positively, providing them access to information on sexual and reproductive health and HIV, also influencing them to make an informed decision on their sexual choices. These young people who benefit from this project will serve as organs of enlightenment within their peers and help influence Adolescents and young persons (AYPs) to delay sexual initiation and imbibe good behavior”.

- Martin Mary, Facilitator, NANI Project.

“The project has set the right pace for the young people in Nigeria, the young people sometimes find it difficult to access viable information on HIV, the project has orientated peer educator trainers who in their communities will deliver accurate and adequate sexual reproductive health information to AYPs”

- Amaka Nneji, Facilitator, NANI Project



ACCESS BANK – Leading Sustainability in Nigeria and Africa

This year, Access Bank plc was awarded Pan African ‘Sustainability Award’ during the 2021 EMEA finance of the year, how does this make you feel, knowing your efforts at impacting lives are being recognized?

For us at Access bank, our commitment statement is sustainability; impacting lives positively now and in the future, The EMEA award was a validation of our sustainability commitment and our impact on communities. We have over the years integrated sustainability into our business strategy, which has also been showcased in our business grants, our expansion across different markets in which we operate. Today, at Access Bank, sustainability is embedded in all employee KPIs and employees are passionate about impacting lives positively. The EMEA finance award reinforced that message to the bank. We are committed to pushing the efforts of sustainability, not only in Nigeria but across Africa.

What are the Strategic approaches of Access Bank Plc to promote and improve sustainability efforts in Nigeria?

Sustainability is incorporated into our corporate strategy, as we know, sustainability is aligned with the triple bottom line, which is economic, social, and environmental. Across the pillars of sustainability, we are strategic with the initiatives we implement in the workplace, community, and the marketplace. In terms of our approach, we implement initiatives based on societal needs, for instance, we are aware that malaria is one of the biggest killers in Nigeria, one of our efforts in developing the malaria initiative in which we implement several malaria projects across different communities in Africa. Another of our approaches is focused on climate change, Access Bank is very conscious of its effort in reducing its negative impact on the environment. We have over the years

deployed renewable technology in our branches, solar panels most specifically, we have solar-powered ATMs and LED lighting, all these efforts are aimed towards reducing climate change and the bank's negative impact.

We also initiated the first corporate green bond in Nigeria, certified by the climate bond initiative in Africa, this further affirmed the bank's commitment to environmental sustainability.

Furthermore, we are conscious about building entrepreneurs, as we believe that the finance sector is one of the major drivers of the economy, we have provided grants in partnership with ACT foundation to avail grants to entrepreneurs to grow their businesses. We have also experienced a lot of goodwill to the brand and the bank. For every initiative we take and efforts latched into, it is from our corporate strategy and our commitment to sustainability.

Additionally, Access Bank is leading the efforts to reduce the incidence of HIV in Nigeria, through our leadership position as chair of the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS, we are committed to ensuring the mitigation of the HIV epidemic in Nigeria through

What do you believe is the key role of the private sector in achieving the 2030 targets to End AIDS?

The private sector oils the wheel of the economy, the resources of the private sector need to be leveraged to end HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. The private sector has

the technical, financial, and material resources to galvanize industry leaders and players to join the global effort in ending HIV/AIDS. We have seen AIDS kill a lot of people in Nigeria as reports have confirmed that about 1.9 million people are living with HIV in Nigeria. Ending AIDS cannot be done in isolation, public-private collaboration and solidarity are required. The private sector plays a key role in complementing government efforts in ending HIV and AIDS in Nigeria.

How do you intend to continue leveraging your partnership with NiBUCAA to contribute to the HIV response in Nigeria?

It is more of collaboration with other private sector leaders and committing our technical and financial resources towards this public health challenge. We have seen NiBUCAA birth the HIV Trust Fund of Nigeria and Access Bank has been at the forefront of this initiative, we are passionate about this, it aligns with our corporate strategy. Health sits as one of the core pillars of the bank's corporate social responsibility and we will continue to be on that front.



Inequalities, AIDS, and Pandemics - Bold and Collective Action Is Required



The world is at a turning point. We have shown that we have the capability to end the three biggest threats facing humanity today: inequalities, AIDS, and pandemics. The fight against HIV has been on for four decades, and we have recorded some major victories, however, there is so much work that still needs to be done, especially with the 2030 deadline hovering over our heads, the inequalities that persist, and the COVID-19 pandemic that seek to deter any progress made to end AIDS. Fortunately, putting an end to AIDS is not just another wish list, scientific advancement has made the tools and knowledge required available. There has been increased availability of prevention tools like PEP and PrEP, the development of HIV tests, and successful HIV treatments. Now, people living with HIV can live longer and healthy lives and not infect another person when undetectable viral loads have been achieved.

With the remarkable strides and gains achieved thus far, misinformation, discrimination, and structural inequalities continue to allow HIV/AIDS to remain a crisis. We see how the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted the health systems, including HIV services, most populations at risk faced a lot of stigma and discrimination and were unable to access HIV prevention, testing and treatment services.

Inequality is one of the greatest threat to human progress in modern times, destroying many lives and holding our societies back. Now, more than ever, It has become apparent that putting an end to these inequalities is not just central to ending AIDS but also advancing human

rights, improving people's standard of living, strengthening our capacity to beat COVID-19 and future pandemics, and ultimately, making the world a much better place.

While there is a lot of emphasis on governments to take step up, take action, and promote inclusion by putting an end to laws, policies, and practices that are discriminatory in nature, it is also important that all global leaders, civil society, businesses, communities, and citizens come together to end inequalities and ensure that everyone, everywhere, has access to HIV services as well as COVID-19 services. We need the unique, essential resources every sector and stakeholder has to contribute. HIV/AIDS affects labour productivity, markets, economic growth, education, and development efforts. And it is no news that businesses succeed when people and societies are healthy. Thus, ending AIDS is everyone's business. Ending AIDS wouldn't be possible without collaborative efforts and partnerships with the private sector. Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund once said, "We can only succeed in our fight to end AIDS, TB, and malaria by working with private sector partners. We need the private sector's resources, innovation, and know-how to counter the threat of drug resistance, to extend our reach, and to build stronger health systems – all of which will save more lives".

The private sector can complement the government's efforts by advancing investments in the latest technologies and innovations that will accelerate the end to inequalities, AIDS, COVID-19, and other pandemics. By committing to the development of simple, better, cheaper, and effective products, the private sector can support improved access to essential health products and services for everyone, especially the at-risk populations.

The time has come to scale up innovations, funds, technical expertise, human resources, supply chain management, data analytics and artificial intelligence, including other resources to bridge the gap and significantly contribute to the AIDS response and achieve the targets of ending AIDS by the year 2030.



COMMUNITY
INTERVENTIONS

NIBUCAAA Tours 5 States + FCT for the Know Your Status Media Campaign

The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS embarked on the 'Know your Status media campaign in Abia, Abuja, Kaduna, Anambra, Oyo and, Delta States in Nigeria, touring Radio and television stations to convey campaign messages to the residents of the states by creating awareness about HIV and AIDS, encouraging the reduction of HIV stigma and discrimination, promoting the importance of HIV testing and prevention options, and encouraging people living with HIV to begin and stay in treatment.

The campaign which commenced in the month of July reached over 4 million Nigerians with accurate and quality information on HIV/AIDS, encouraging the residents of the states to know their HIV status, while debunking certain myths about the virus. The campaign was broadcasted in 7 media stations and presented in English, Pidgin and indigenous languages such as Yoruba, Igbo, Hausa and Kanuri to enable message intelligibility and comprehension among audiences.

The Know Your Status Campaign is a sub-campaign from the End HIV Campaign championed by the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NIBUCAAA) which seeks to reduce the prevalence and incidence of HIV infection via Awareness campaign, HIV testing, counselling and referral services.



Media visit to NTA Kaduna



Media visit to Anambra radio broadcasting station



Media visit to Trend Fm, Delta State



Media visit to Nigeria Info, Abuja.



Media visit to Radio Nigeria, Oyo State.

I Know My Status Project – HIV Testing and Counselling in Ebonyi, Edo, Benue and Abuja

The Nigerian Business Coalition against AIDS this year implemented "I know My status" project in Abuja, Ebonyi, Edo and Benue States respectively.

The project targeted hotspot communities with large number of the vulnerable population. Over 1,000 participants were tested and are updated about their HIV Status across Project states.

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.

Isaiah Owolabi

CEO of NiBUCAA



HIV Testing at Ebonyi

NIBUCAA Supports NANI Ambassadors and NYSC Lagos Secretariat on HIV Awareness and Testing Services for At-Risk Populations

The NiBUCAA Ambassadors NYSC Initiative (NANI) conducted a sensitization and HIV testing services (HTS) program through its Peer Educator champions at the Surulere area of Lagos State.. The program commenced with a distribution of IEC materials amongst truck drivers, bus riders, motorbike riders, hawkers, and passers-by, to encourage them to uptake HIV testing services.

Prior to clients getting tested, the corps members provided lecture on Covid-19, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STI) and their preventive measures. NiBUCAA supported the sensitization and HIV testing and counselling program with Information, education and communication materials, HIV kits and condoms to enhance the knowledge of participants on HIV/AIDS and Sexual Reproductive Health.

Earlier in the year, the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NiBUCAA) also supported the medical outreach by the NYSC Lagos State Secretariat at Olorunisola, Ayobo-Ipaja Local Council Development Area in Lagos State to reach the less-privileged and the inhabitants of the community with HIV information, testing and counselling services.

Health education and HIV integrated interventions such as this would improve health outcomes in underserved communities and help reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS across communities in Nigeria.





YOUTH
EMPOWERMENT
AND SKILL
ACQUISITION
PROGRAM

NiBUCAA Sponsors Youths for Ishk Tolaram Skill Acquisition Program

NiBUCAA partnered with the Ishk Tolaram Foundation to sponsor youths from the National Youth Network on HIV in Nigeria (NYNETHA) on its 6-month Skill acquisition program designed to equip young persons with soft skills, vocational training and internship opportunities, to improve their ability to live productive lives. The ongoing program has trained the participants on Leadership, Character Development and Personal Effectiveness. Participants are currently being taught the rudiments and practical of Fashion designing. During a progress check on our enrollees, they revealed that the program has been of immense benefits to them.

Q: How has the training been so far?

A: Adebimpe Shadia: "This skills acquisition program was just exactly what I needed. It has equipped me with the required skill to make a livelihood for myself. I can comfortably cut fabrics, measure clients appropriately and sew various creative styles.

Q: What can you say about the training process?

A: Uzoigwe Chika: "The training has been impactful; our facilitators are very patient with us. I am happy to be part of this 6 months skill acquisition program, it has given young people like me a chance to survive,

as there are many of us without jobs. I have learnt a lot and still learning lots more from this program.

A: Magnus Stephan: "The instructors has really been nice in their own capacity, and they ensure that we understand and practicalize all they are teaching us. Now, I can confidently make good clothes for myself and people around me.

Q: What are your plans going forward after the training?

A: Thomas Tosin: "Well, I definitely will be setting up myself after the training. With adequate funding and support, I believe I will be able to fend for myself and my family.



NIBUCAAA Partners 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 partnered with Project Enabled on 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.

According to the 'World Report on Disability,' more than one billion people, or about 15 percent of the world's population, live with some form of disability, of which the figure is projected to increase due to aging populations. In Nigeria, people with disabilities face physical as well as attitudinal barriers to employment, usually leading to the lack of self-esteem, skills and support needed to compete fairly with their able-bodied counterparts for opportunities. With over 20 million Nigerians living with one form of disability or the other, the disability group is the largest minority group, associated with poverty, and the most disadvantaged in any community or crisis. Persons with disability are especially vulnerable to discrimination and unequal employment opportunities, limited rights to work and low job security.

The Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2018 affirms the right of persons with disability to work on equal basis with others. It is however critical to ensure in this regard, the implementation of law and equal participation of persons with disability in all spheres of society, and to create enabling environment by, for and with persons with disability.





Chevron Nigeria Limited – Investing in the HIV/AIDS response in Nigeria

Chevron has, for close to 60 years, operated in areas of Nigeria where weakened health systems have contributed to the prevalence of the triad of HIV, Malaria and Tuberculosis (TB). The challenges posed by these diseases impact a wide spectrum of the society. While supporting public health is not Chevron's core business, Chevron companies in Nigeria recognize that this is core to the success of their business. In this regard, Chevron has continued to implement social investment programmes to address the incidence of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases

Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL), a member of the Nigerian Business Coalition against AIDS has been in the forefront in the fight against HIV/AIDS. The organization has a strong relationship with National Agency for

the Control of AIDS (NACA), the Global Fund's Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM-Nigeria) and relevant stakeholders in its efforts to fight HIV/AIDS.

Chevron Nigeria has supported the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS in all its programmatic interventions aimed at reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.

In time past, Chevron Corporation committed \$30 million to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Of that contribution, \$5 million was donated to NACA to support AIDS treatment programs. Also, Chevron in Nigeria has spent \$6.7 million to reduce the transmission of HIV from mother-to-child (PMTCT) in the Niger Delta. Since 2012, more than 56,000 pregnant women

have been reached through education programs on the dangers, causes and possible treatment of HIV/AIDS, with training for infected nursing mothers on ways to prevent their infants from becoming infected. Chevron partnered with Born Free Africa to help develop capacity within state ministries of health, this partnership supported PMTCT efforts by helping to equip more than 670 health facilities.

In 2017, Chevron invested additional \$5 million to support the national HIV and TB programmes in Nigeria, and this gesture contributed significantly to the following national results by 2019:

- **More than 1 million people living with HIV on antiretroviral therapy**
- **More than 42,000 HIV-positive pregnant women received antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy to prevent passing the virus to their babies**
- **More than 1 million HIV-positive patients were screened for TB in HIV care or treatment settings**
- **More than 7 million people tested for HIV and received their results**
- **More than 2.8 million pregnant women knew their HIV status**

In 2020, CNL celebrated the 12-year partnership between Chevron and the Global Fund in the fight against infectious diseases - HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria - and building of resilient health systems in Nigeria. Chevron has been one of the largest Global Fund corporate partners and is contributing strategically to the development of Nigeria by helping to improve the health of its people.

As part of Chevron's contribution to the National TB goal in Nigeria, Star Deep Water Petroleum Limited, a Chevron Company, and its parties in the Agbami field - Famfa Oil Limited, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Equinor, and Petroleo Brasileiro Nigeria Limited deployed a social health investment programme on TB.

Chevron and the Agbami parties have built, equipped, and donated 28 chest clinics in health institutions across the country. The clinics have consulting rooms, wards and fully-equipped laboratories with mobile X-ray units and gene expert machines to help facilitate the diagnosis of susceptible and resistant tuberculosis.



INTERNATIONAL
DAYS AND
AWARENESS

International Youth Day - NiBUCAA Celebrates Leading Youths at the Forefront of HIV/AIDS response in Nigeria, Calls For Improved Youth Participation In Achieving An HIV-Free Generation.

Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS commemorates with the youths on this International Youth Day to celebrate their roles as essential partners in promoting human rights and development. This year, NIBUCAA commemoration highlighted the importance of youth engagement in the response to HIV/AIDS in Nigeria, The Coalition over the years has created platforms that enable collaboration, partnership, and opportunities geared towards addressing the needs of young people in Nigeria.

NIBUCAA this year, partnered with Youth Networks to implement HIV awareness campaigns across states in Nigeria. Through the NiBUCAA Ambassadors NYSC Initiative (NANI), thousands of Adolescent and Young People have been reached in the last one year. The NANI project was piloted in 2019 to contribute to the reduction of new HIV infections among adolescents and young people by increasing their access to gender-responsive, HIV prevention information, and services

NIBUCAA provides internship opportunities to undergraduate students to utilize their myriad skills and interests to support the implementation of actionable HIV/AIDS activities. The NiBUCAA Volunteer Program enables young individuals and corporate employees to support the implementation of program activities in targeted communities. Emerging public health leaders also have access to a hands-on learning experience to enhance their skills towards real-life public health situation and to position them for global impact.

The Chief Executive Officer of NIBUCAA, Isaiah Owolabi in his message to the Youths highlighted that the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS is committed to the empowerment of young people in Nigeria, especially Youths Living with HIV. "We are working with and for young people to ensure they are armed with the necessary information that can positively influence their sexual choices which in turn will help reduce the spread of HIV infection in Nigeria. This year, we are celebrating youths who through their representation in the HIV space are inspiring their fellow young persons and are influencing change within their community".

In celebrating the leading youths, NiBUCAA conducted an interview with three extraordinary HIV Youth champions whose work are positively impacting adolescent and young persons in communities across Nigeria.

1. Faith Onu

21 Years Old Faith Onu is the National Secretary of Association of Positive Youth Living with or Affected by HIV in Nigeria. She is a UNAIDS Youth Champion for West and Central Africa. She has also worked as an adherence counsellor for the National Youth Network on HIV in Nigeria.

Due to the passion that she has for adolescent and young people living with HIV and those affected by HIV, Faith began working in the HIV sector seven years ago as a Peer Mentor to adolescents and young people, helping them build their self-esteem and providing support for AYPs who are affected by HIV.

Faith is on the African Community Advisory board (AFROCAB) educating stakeholders and health care workers on advanced HIV disease and treatment optimization,



"When I was 14 years old, I started mentoring positive adolescents to adhere to their treatment, so they can live healthy lives".

Faith has been involved in advocacy response, co-ordination, programming, mobilization, and policies across different states in Nigeria.

2. Moses Okpara

Moses has been strategically involved in youth/HIV programming, advocacy, community development and resource mobilization within Africa.

Moses has been an alternate member of the country coordinating mechanism for the global fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria in Nigeria where he represents the interest of the young people.

He has also served as the executive committee of the African regional youth network on population and development (AFRIYAN), Southeast zonal lead for independent monitoring for Nigeria AIDS indicator and impact survey (NAIIS) and as the Community mobilization and linkage to Care Lead for the 2020 integrated biological and behavioural surveillance survey for key populations (IBBSS) project consulting for the University Of Manitoba's (Uom) West Africa Centre For Public Health And Development [Wacphd].



"I ventured into the development space over fifteen years ago because of a desire to affect my generation and communities positively. This desire ensued when I was honored with a state award for being the best corps member who implemented an impactful personal community development project during my service year."

Moses is the national secretary for the youth network on HIV in Nigeria (NYNETHA).

3. Sarah Orukpe

Sarah is a NIBUCAAA Youth Ambassador/Peer Educator Trainer who currently educates adolescent and young persons in her community with accurate and quality HIV and Sexual Reproductive health information. In Sarah's case, a situation that occurred in her environment ignited the passion to champion HIV prevention education amongst adolescents and young persons.

The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS will continue to complement government effort and partner with Youth-focused networks to improve youth development and participation in actualizing the 95-95-95 targets towards achieving an HIV-free generation.



"The passion to be an HIV Peer Educator was birthed years ago, when a young one in my neighborhood committed suicide when she found out that she was HIV positive. Working in the community where I currently serve as a Peer Educator Trainer has been a bit challenging as many young ones have little or no information on HIV & Sexual Reproductive Health. However, I have been doing all I can to create awareness on youth abstinence and peer pressure."





NiBUCAA on Al- _Ansar radio, Borno

International Youth Day - Media Appearances on Lagos Traffic Fm and Al-Ansar Radio-Borno State.

The NiBUCAA team was on Lagos Traffic Fm and Al-Ansar Radio Borno to discuss the paramountcy of youth participation in the HIV response in Nigeria, Nibucaa's partnership with youth networks, its youth-centered programmes , and how these interventions have positively impacted the youths of Nigeria.



NiBUCAA on Traffic FM, Lagos

NiBUCAA Youth Aware TiKToK Video Challenge

Stand a chance to win **N5,000** for the weekend!

How to win

1. Recreate the "Dangerous" challenge video in the next slide with your own message on **safe sex**
2. Tag @nibucaa in ur post
3. Use the hashtag - #nibucaayouthaware

Challenge ends at: **11:00 PM Monday | 16th of August**

Swipe left to see the challenge video



Three Winners
 -Video with the most views
 -Video with the most comments
 -Video with the most engagements

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TikTok Video Challenge on Safe Sex

Our young online audience created a Tiktok Challenge video with creative and entertaining messages on the benefits of Safe Sexual practices and the demerits of unhealthy sexual behaviors.

They shared the video on Instagram, tagging NiBUCAA in their posts and using the hashtag **#NiBUCAAYouthAware**. Three winners were selected and given cash gifts based on the following criterias; video with the most view, video with the most comment and the most creative video. The tiktok challenge amassed over 200,000 engagements on social media.

NiBUCAA Celebrates Women Leading the Fight Against HIV/Aids In Nigeria.

NiBUCAA celebrates women leading the fight against HIV in Nigeria on International women's day. These women are inspirational and are at the center of the HIV response in Nigeria delivering programmes, advocacy and policies aimed at shaping an inclusive environment for women and girls living with HIV. Their leadership has empowered women and girls to stand for their rights, challenge gender stereotypes and live a productive life.



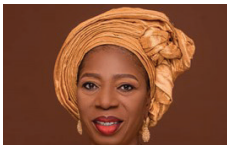
Professor Morenike Ukpung- Renowned NACA Consultant and a researcher at the Obafemi Awolowo University whose work has informed multiple HIV and research bioethics. Prof. Morenike Ukpung, coordinates the New HIV Vaccine and Microbicide Advocacy Society (NHVMAS).



Zainab Ahmad Suleiman MFR/JP - Executive Director for the Community Support and Development Initiative, CSAID.



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



Veronica Terna Tutu - HIV/AIDS and SRH Advocates in Benue and the North Central Zone of Nigeria,



Monica Obi - The secretary of the network of people living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria, Lagos chapter (NEPWHAN) and CEO of Positive Proof Women Health Care Empowerment Initiative (POPWHEI)



Victoria Mbah - Board member of Civil society on HIV/AIDS (CISHAN)



Amaka Nneji - Development practitioner and Lead, the Obijackson Foundation's Entrepreneurial development project.



#LoveIsSafe – Valentine’s Day HIV and Sexual Reproductive Health Campaign

The Love Is Safe Campaign raised awareness on the importance of knowing one's HIV status through HIV testing and the need to practice safe sex to prevent new HIV infections. The campaign reached over 40,000 Nigerians through social media, participatory dialogue, information, education/communication materials, and condoms.

Zero Discrimination Day



On Zero discrimination day, the Nigerian Business Coalition against AIDS actively joined the rest of the world to campaign against discrimination and inequality that affects people living with HIV/AIDS. The campaign echoes a call to action to Nigerians, governments, policy makers to enable a Nigeria where stigma and discrimination is reduced to the barest minimum.

Our laws and policies should protect and uphold the rights of the vulnerable population. People living with HIV have equal rights to fairness and dignity.

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



NLNG - Enhancing Efforts to Achieving the 95-95-95 Goals through Partnerships

How has NLNG contributed to the HIV response in Nigeria this year?

First, we have been able to do this through our NGO-Ibani-se, NLNG funds and supports the NGO on various HIV programs and activities in the community. We have also had a peer educator campaign where matters on HIV, malaria, and other vital public health concerns are discussed.

For example, on World AIDS Day, NLNG provided HIV test kits and conducted HIV counselling and testing services. In promoting HIV prevention measures, NLNG made available condom dispensers across its establishments for employees. The Company also provides treatment for HIV-positive employees.

Our partnership with the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS has also positioned NLNG as one of the leading private sector voices aimed at reducing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria through high-impact interventions.

What are NLNG's plans towards achieving the 2030 goal of zero AIDS-related death in Nigeria?

We are about to sign an MOU With the SURGE Project

focused on achieving the 95-95-95 goals and Bonny island has been identified as one of the areas in Rivers state with high HIV prevalence. We believe that achieving Zero AIDS-related deaths can be achieved by 2030, if the viral loads of HIV-positive people are undetectable, thereby limiting the spread of the HIV infection. Our Ibani-se HIV initiative is our major intervention on the island, it is community-based and run by the community. We are currently focused on strengthening this system and this is part of what our partnership with the UN agency is about; training the community and impacting the community directly by those within.

Also, in our workplace, we will continue to strengthen our HIV/AIDS workplace activity, not just through the dissemination of information but provision of HIV testing and counselling, then treatment for positive employees.

Why should the private sector continue to invest in HIV response in Nigeria?

Protecting the health of Nigerians is the right thing to do, it is our collective responsibility as corporate organizations, to make sure that those within and around us are healthy. It is indeed in our best interest to ensure that our workforce and the community

in which they reside are well taken care of. At NLNG, we are a company where our vision is about having a better Nigeria, we invest in what is a problem and eliminate the problem. Nigeria has the capacity in terms of knowledge, manpower, and funds to curb the spread of HIV. Every organization should do its bit.

How do you feel that the lessons learned in the HIV response are shaping the future of global health?

One of the lessons learned from the HIV response is that no area is isolated from every area. Every nation had to collaborate and pool resources together. In this Covid pandemic, there is more willingness for countries to promptly address the pandemic.

Locally, NLNG has invested \$5 million into the Covid response, this is because we have learned that if we do not quickly address this, it will affect us all. Lastly, HIV has also taught us the danger of stigmatization. When a disease is stigmatized, it makes it difficult for people to access care even when it is available for free. If we do not manage stigma, we might not be getting the desired result no matter how much resources we put in.

What are your recommendations for NiBUCAA as we set out for the new year?

First, I must commend the new management, as there now seems to be more interaction between the coalition and the partners. Moving onwards, in 2022, it should be about more collaboration and more impact projects. Partners should come together, deliberate on a project we all would want to achieve, and focus efforts on that one program, this should be asides the individual projects we all implement. Thank you.

Stakeholders in the HIV national response have a role to play in epidemic control and sustainability – Dr Gambo Aliyu, DG, National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)



The Nigeria national response is in the last mile of its epidemic control, therefore the push for sustainability is crucial. The public and private sectors, the communities and all stakeholders in the national response have roles to play in ensuring shared ownership aimed at overcoming all barriers that prevent access to services, creating an enabling environment that promotes equal access, safeguarding the rights of PLHIV and holding decision makers and implementers accountable. Interventions must be evidence driven and targeted at the most-at-risk populations/ Persons irrespective of class or creed must have access to quality and affordable health technologies to live a long, fulfilled, and meaningful lives.





EVENTS

Fortifying The Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry – The Nigeria Oil and Gas Conference and Exhibition 2021

The Nigeria Oil and Gas Conference & Exhibition (NOG 2021) was a platform for the international energy industry and the Nigerian oil and gas leaders to discuss policies and strategies that will be employed to navigate the emerging business environment and to drive the nation towards energy sufficiency.

The CEO of NIBUCAA, Isaiah Owolabi who spoke at the 20th edition of the Nigeria Oil and Gas Conference in Abuja which held on the 5th to 8th July, 2021 lauded the efforts of the oil and gas sector in the response to HIV, particularly our oil and gas companies that have been championing NIBUCAA's interventions across 25 states in Nigeria. The companies; Shell Nigeria, Chevron, Total E & P, Yinka Folawiyo Petroleum, and NLNG have continued to contribute to the provision of counselling, testing and treatment services for people living with HIV.

In his presentation, he stated that the 2019 NAHS report estimates that about 1.9 million people currently living with HIV in Nigeria.

Nigeria alone has spent over 6 billion dollars on HIV testing, counselling, and referral services. The fight against HIV/AIDS is not over, though The Covid-19 has exacerbated the HIV epidemic, this is not to time to slow down on HIV investments.

The CEO further elucidated on the Harvard Business school concept of presenteeism and the past concept of absenteeism, which can be caused by Covid-19 and HIV. He encouraged the importance of HIV workplace policy and the integration of the Culture of Health, so that the concept of presenteeism and absenteeism can be effectively managed.



“**NIBUCAAA integrates HIV services with other public health issues like maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases, malaria, and mental health into its programs, because a silo investment in one public health issue will not yield economic and lifetime returns on investment.**”

In his closing remarks, He called on further investment to accelerate HIV integrated programs that will address the HIV epidemic and ensuring that No one is left behind. He reiterated that NIBUCAAA integrates HIV services with other public health issues like maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases, malaria, and mental health into its programs, because a silo investment in one public health issue will not yield economic and lifetime returns on investment.

The NIBUCAAA exhibition provided awareness and education to spectators on NIBUCAAA's programs, collaboration opportunities, and HIV/AIDS, this was achieved through face- to-face sensitization, IEC materials, brochures, and marketing souvenirs.

The exhibition provided the opportunity to meet key industry players, business prospects and volunteer prospects. Lots of participants commended NIBUCAAA for its effective response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria.

The Nigeria oil and gas event also hosted the NIBUCAAA Raffle draw where two participants; Kaylea Playford from Euro Gas Systems and Emmanuel Chiemejonam from West Africa Ventures won the raffle. The Proceeds garnered from the ticket sales were donated to NIBUCAAA to support the coalition's activities.

Our board members; Osagie Okunbor; the Country Chair and Managing Director of Shell Companies in Nigeria, Mike Sangster who is the Managing Director of Total E&P Nigeria, and Richard Kennedy; the Chairman and Managing Director of Chevron Nigeria were part of the Panel Session on the Future Outlook for Investment into Nigeria's Energy Sector.

During this session, the Panelists commended the government for passing the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) and engaging the relevant stakeholders in the development of the bill. In Mike Sangster's words "It took us 20 years to



achieve this, and it is interesting to know we can get here”.

Osagie Okunbor indicated that host communities play vital roles in the sustainability of Shell’s operations, he implored that the bill should incentivizes the host communities so they can protect the oil and gas assets.

Richard Kennedy gave credit to the industry for navigating through the Covid-19 pandemic effectively despite challenges faced. He revealed that Chevron is working on new strategies to increase the use of renewables in their operations.

The utilization of innovative technologies was brought to the fore of the conversation, for instance, Exxon Mobil has invested 600 billion dollars in innovative technologies. The deployment of Innovative technologies helps to garner real time transfer of information, provide support in terms of surveillance, and gather data to improve productivity.

On carbon emission, the panelists shared their

commitments of to get to zero emission, while investing in alternative energies and renewable sources.

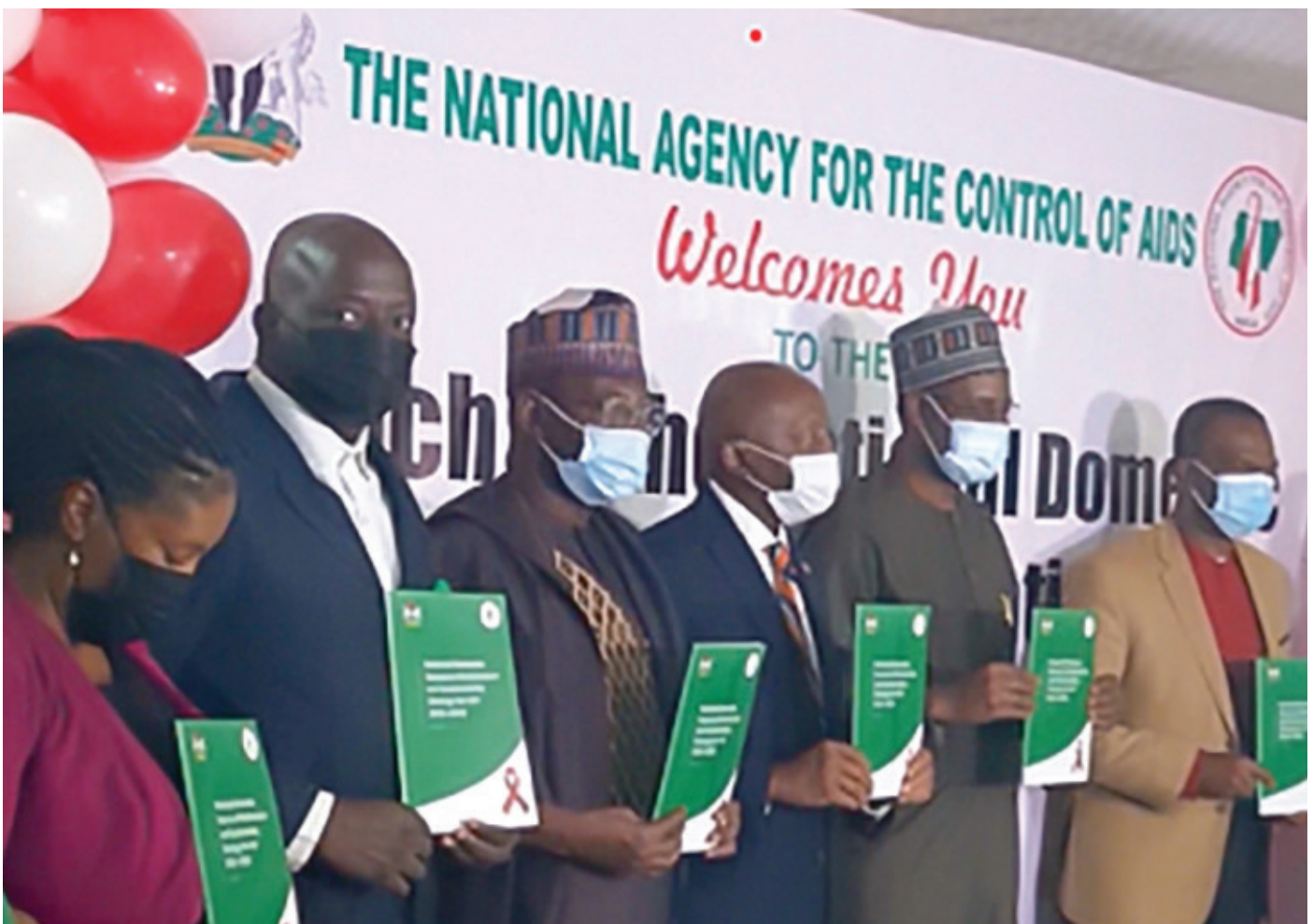
Other thematic panels focused on Expanding the Nigerian Content Frontier through Intra-African Trade, the review of the Nigerian oil and gas industry in the post Covid-era, the future of Nigeria’s hydrocarbons sector and the global transition, bridging Nigeria’s domestic energy gap, strategies in the mid & downstream sectors and developing the domestic gas market to utilize gas utilization.

Other Speakers present at the event were Eyono Fatayi-Williams, Timi Austen-Peters, Iroghama Ogbeifun, Ronke Onadeko , Simbi Wabote amongst others.



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, Isaiah 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. 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 ₦2.1 billion for the HIV response.



NiBUCAA Attends the Project 2 Launch of The Association for Reproductive Family Health

The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS participated in the project 2 launch of the association for reproductive family health, themed Mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS on orphans and vulnerable children and their caregivers.

The project which commenced with the Integrated Child Health and Social Services Award (ICHSSA), in Lagos state, partnered with project HOPE and FHI360, with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Lagos State Ministry of Youth and Social Development.

The ARFH-ICHSSA 2 project seeks to ensure that all children and adolescents are able to access health care services seamlessly by mitigating the impact of out-of-pocket payments for health services on them through partnership with the Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA). The project also focuses on vulnerable children and their households in ten LGAs namely Agege, Ajeromi/Ifelodun, Apapa, Badagry, Kosofe, Lagos Island, Lagos Mainland, Ojo, Shomolu and Surulere. It is a five-year project (2019-2024), with a critical mass of ten Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS amongst them.

In attendance were Dr Felix Iwuala , Chief of Party ARFH-ICHSSA 2, Professor Oladapo Ladipo, CEO ARFH,



Professor Babatunde Salako, Director general , Omoboanle Victor-Laniyan, Head of Sustainability, Access Bank plc, Professor Emmanuel Abayomi, commissioner of Health, Lagos State, Dr Ibijoke Sanwoolu, the first lady of Lagos State and Mrs Elena , representative of and Mr Hakeem Adesanya, the Council manager, Surulere local government.

The Chief Party of ARFH-ICHSSA during the event revealed that Adolescent and Youth friendly centres have been made available, which offers a special space for adolescents and help them get access to their anti-retroviral drugs have been set up and candidates have been enrolled in vocational activities and life skills acquisition program that the candidates have been enrolled in. Over 2, 000 households and caregivers were provided with cash, also a total of 7,611 adolescents and caregivers were provided with startup equipment such as grinding machines, and sewing machines.

The International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA)

The Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS attended the ICASA 2021 event themed “Africa’s AIDS response: The race to 2030 – Evidence. Scale Up. Accelerate” between 6th- 11th December, 2021. The event had in attendance government officials, researchers, academia, and implementers. The objectives were to, Strengthen health systems to integrate high impact interventions on comorbidities, emerging infections and NCDs , invest in Africa’s scientific capacity and manufacturing of vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics , Identify in Africa, resource tailored interventions for populations mostly affected, including women, children, adolescents, men, and key populations, Evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on the HIV/AIDS response and share lessons learned in overcoming barriers in maintaining continuity of care for people living with and at risk for HIV infections.

The five-day event had plenary sessions, community village, abstract driven sessions, virtual exhibition amongst others to enlighten participants of recent developments and studies in the HIV/AIDS space. At the end of the event, the President of ICASA 2021 , Prof. John Idoko in his closing speech urged all stakeholders to channel efforts to fight against infectious disease in Africa with more vigour, sustained through scientific research and technology to strengthen our health systems.

Country-level Consultation on the diagnosis and treatment of Paediatric HIV and TB in Nigeria.

The 3-days high-level consultation meeting fostered conversations on intensifying access and upscaling diagnosis and treatment of paediatric HIV and TB in Nigeria. The sessions varied on Epidemic, Challenges and Political Goals of TB And HIV in Children, the Burden of Paediatric TB and HIV in Nigeria, Enhancing Access to Paediatric TB and HIV and the Strategies for Improving Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Paediatric HIV and TB in Nigeria.

Present at the consultation meeting were; Isaiah Owolabi - CEO, NiBUCAA, Aliyu Gambo-DG, NACAA, Dr Erasmus Morah-UNAIDS Country director, Annemieke Brands -WHO Global TB programme, amongst leaders from other diplomatic agencies and civil society organizations.



Accelerating the Impact of HIV response in New Normal – World Health Day

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 pre-COVID-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 year, 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.

Zouera Youssoufou, while delivering the keynote address, spoke on the need for continued investment in the HIV response despite the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure past gains are not lost. She also said that the need to end the stigma connected to HIV/AIDS is key to ending HIV.

Tope Adeniyi spoke on the need for investment in healthcare, especially health insurance, to ensure a fairer, healthier world. In his submission, he said, “We need to make sure everyone has health insurance, and that HIV is covered for everyone to ensure that everyone has access to HIV testing and treatment.”

Dr Akinwumi Fajola, one of the panelists who extensively spoke on Scaling up effective interventions for HIV/AIDS in the new normal, said, “it takes all of us to bring HIV/AIDS prevalence to zero”. He also talked about how supporting HIV services and ensuring HIV is managed and contained helps increased productivity in the private sector as much more will be achieved when workers are healthy with no sickness absences.

The final speaker, Dr Okuns Ohiosimuan, elucidated on Maximizing the role of strategic partnerships in HIV/AIDS Response, he added that there has to be a clear and coordinated leadership across sectors to lead the fight against HIV/AIDS. He further said, “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”.

The event also featured a live Q and A session where attendees at the webinar engaged the panelists. One of the attendees at the event, Maimuna Suleiman spoke on ending the stigma around HIV/AIDS and the need for harm reduction measures, especially for drug users.

Nigeria has the second largest population of people living with HIV AIDS in Sub-Saharan with a national prevalence rate of 1.5%. Although giant strides have been made in recent times, much more remains to be done to reach the National targets of 95% of people living with HIV being aware of their targets and 95% of people living with HIV being on ARTs.

The World Health Day is celebrated every year on the 7th of April to create global health awareness on the world’s most pressing health challenges. This year, the focus is on building a fairer and healthier world.

National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) Southwest Zonal Technical Meeting.

In a bid to strengthen the coordination of the HIV response at the zonal level, NiBUCAA amongst other key stakeholders was invited to a three-day Southwest Technical Meeting by the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) to:

- Provide updates on all HIV interventions across the states in the zone especially concerning the non-health sector interventions.
- Build effective collaborations between key stakeholders across the zone.
- Develop Terms of Reference (ToR) for the zonal technical working group.

At the meeting, NiBUCAA highlighted the importance of a central system that aggregates data, provides education, and encourage action on HIV/AIDS to reduce duplication of efforts on HIV programming while providing real-time information. In addition, NiBUCAA reiterated willingness to partner with States to contribute to the fight against HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.

Other stakeholders in attendance were representatives of State Agencies for the Control of AIDS (Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo), Civil Society for HIV/AIDS in Nigeria, Networks, and international partners.



High-Level Stakeholders Meeting on the HIV Trust Fund of Nigeria (HTFN)



NiBUCAA joins the HIV trust Fund of Nigeria (HTFN) at a high-level stakeholder meeting to deliberate on the way forward regarding the launch of the trust fund. The HIV trust Fund of Nigeria is a private sector led initiative charged with the role of raising a start-up fund of 62.1 billion naira to finance the HIV activities in Nigeria, especially for the provision of Prevention of Mother to Child transmission (PMTCT) services. The HIV Trust Fund is driven by the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NIBUCAAA), in collaboration with National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)



Stakeholders present at the high-level meeting were Dr Herbert Wigwe-Group MD/CEO of Access Bank and Co-chair of the Trust Fund, Dr Jekwu Ozoemene -CEO HTFN, Ms Damilola Araoye (represented the CEO of NIBUCAAA, Isaiah Owolabi), Dr Erasmus Morah-Country Director UNAIDS, Dr Gambo Aliyu - DG NACA, Senator Dipo Odunrin - Board Chair, NACA, Dr Monsurat Adeleke – CEO, NACA, Dr Temitope Fadiya – National Program Officer, UNAIDS.

The Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Nigeria Orientation Meeting



The high-level meeting was chaired by the Honorable Minister of Health, Dr Osagie Ehanire. The objectives of the meeting were to update partners on the CCM Nigeria's Reform report and the newly reconstituted CCM's Nigeria Members. Key presentations were focused on the Overview of Global Fund and Role of CCM in Nigeria by Secretariat of CCM Nigeria, Overview of Nigeria Global Fund Grants by Resource Mobilization Committee.

The meeting re-confirmed NiBUCAA's membership of the CCM Nigeria among other newly reconstituted members, also, NiBUCAA received an indirect additional membership slot through the inclusion of Dangote Foundation as an alternate member of CCM Nigeria. In this meeting, NiBUCAA committed to providing technical support to CCM to ensure that the public is aware of the activities of CCM and all its implementing partners.

High-Level Discussion On ‘Partnering to Get Back On Track To End AIDS By 2030’.

NiBUCAA joins the UNAIDS, the U.S President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the Global Fund, and other notable leaders for a high-level discussion on ‘Partnering to Get Back on Track to End AIDS by 2030’. This discussion commemorated the 25th, 20th and 18th anniversary of the organizations.

The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Winnie Byanyima in her opening address urged that all stakeholders must act urgently to prevent an insurgent global pandemic and recover quickly from the effect of Covid-19, in order to get back on track to end AIDS. The rate of new HIV infections has been cut by half due to the provision of generic anti-retroviral drugs in Africa, Latin America and Asia, to achieve more gains, the next generation of HIV drugs and Covid vaccines must follow same pattern.

Felik Tshsekedi, the president of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Chair of the African Union ably represented the African Countries and elucidated on the progress achieved thus far in the HIV response in Nigeria. In his words, **‘ We have been fighting HIV for the past 40 years, Our successes and failures have taught us that we cannot prepare for or conquer a pandemic without ending inequalities, promoting people-centered approach while respecting human rights and working with communities to reach all people in need.’**

Angeli Archrekar, acting United State Global Coordinator, PEPFAR in a plenary session stated that PEPFAR has invested 85 billion dollars in the HIV response on health systems and health workers. It is of importance that everyone contributes their quota to the HIV pandemic and ensure the continued viability of health systems.



Network of People Living with HIV in Nigeria (NEPHWAN) - Empowering PLHIV to live healthy and productive lives

Year Founded and Founding Objectives

The network was established in 1998 with an objective to serve as the umbrella body of all people living with HIV in Nigeria and ensuring that people living with HIV have access to quality treatment services.

Achievements

- The functionality of all the state offices plus the FCT and ensuring that the needs of the PLHIV are attended to.
- The implementation of PEPP (Patient Education Empowerment Plan) to educate PLHIV on the services available to them and how to access these services. This initiative has been implemented across the country.
- A grievance mechanism is in the works, and the network is in discussion with the human rights commission so that the PLHIV are informed on what to do to ensure that their rights are respected.
- The Network has consistently been on the Global fund project to ensure that the interests of the PLHIV are being highlighted and given utmost importance.
- The Network has conducted the Nigeria PLHIV Stigma Index survey in 17 states. The survey revealed the current situation of stigma and discrimination in the country. Progress was recorded as there has been reduction in the rate of discrimination when

compared to the last time the survey was carried out.

- Community-led monitoring -This PLHIV is accessing the services to monitor the provision and quality of services being provided to them at the community level. NEPHWAN is the first Civil organization in Nigeria to implement community-led monitoring, this innovation is now being reported and referenced by UNAIDS and other UN agencies in other parts of the world.

Innovative Strategy towards the Network's Sustainability

The Network's sustainability strategy is to ensure the involvement of People Living with HIV in program planning and implementation, not just at the national level, but also at the state and support group level.

Steps Taken by the Network to address the challenges faced by People Living with HIV in Nigeria.

The stigma index survey has helped in determining the current level of stigmatization in the country, this has enabled the network to engage in some advocacy to the appropriate quarters where the stigma, discrimination, and other violations have been identified.

The network is focused on creating awareness and sensitizing Nigerians on the existence of the Anti-stigma



law; discrimination and breach of HIV confidentiality is an offense. The network is working with the national human rights commission to conduct training for judges who are at the level of addressing these cases.

The Grievance mechanism is to ensure that People Living with HIV are educated and empowered to know their rights and address any form of abuse to their rights.

Areas of Focus for NEPHWAN in 2022

- Enhancing community-led monitoring in states that have been captured, and upscaling to states and local governments that have not been captured.
- Ensuring that PLHIV in the country are vaccinated against Covid-19, providing education and awareness

to PLHIV on the need for vaccination; this has been commenced in partnership with the World Health Organization.

- Improving the involvement of the network in Global Fund activities and grants in the country.
- Ensuring that PLHIV in Nigeria has access to quality HIV services.
- Ensuring that the issue of stigma and discrimination is brought to the barest minimum.
- Strengthening collaboration with NiBUCAA and other vital players in the HIV space.



Association of Positive Youth Living with HIV in Nigeria (APYIN)- Providing support and Opportunities for Positive Adolescents and Young People

When was the Association Established and what was its Founding Objective?

The Association of Positive Youth Living with HIV in Nigeria (APYIN) was established in 2005, and it was established and saddled with the responsibility of providing access to treatment and support for adolescent and young people living with HIV, including other sexual reproductive health services. The association has grown to have its branches in 36 + 1 States, with state coordinators and state structures.

Highlight Key achievements of the Association in recent time?

APYIN was very instrumental to the ongoing advocacy push for consent of AIDS reduction to enable AYPs have access to HIV testing services and sexual reproductive health and rights. APYIN was also very key to the fight against stigma and discrimination in the country through different projects, one of which is the Lock the virus project supported by United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA), where Adolescent and Young Persons (AYPS) were empowered to serve as peer educators towards engaging their peers, social networks, and other relationship partners so that people get the accurate prevention information.

Recently, we have also been part of Covid response mechanism for young persons in Nigeria supported by Global Fund, we are currently working with UNICEF in 7 states to implement a project called Adolescent Kits Expression to strengthen community systems and structures of APYIN, provide health literacy, life-building skills, and career development. This project is targeting to reach over 900 young people in the space of two months.

What are some of the challenges faced by APYIN?

Let's share the challenges we face from the policy, institutional, and financing angle. From the policy aspect, we need the country to enforce the anti-stigma and discrimination act, the act was signed in 2014 by the former President Jonathan, however, the enforcement has not been encouraging.

Institutional wise, APYIN is evolving, however, we need the involvement of young person at the helms of coordination across the states in the country. Also, support groups for young people living with HIV in Nigeria is very few, there are over 247,000 youths living with HIV in the country, we need more support groups for them.

Regarding Financing, we must appreciate the support we have had over the years from our different partners. Now, we are looking at HIV financing from the country perspective, we should have a budget line created to provide support for young persons living with HIV. We understand that there are innovative mechanisms that have been set up on financing such as the HIV trust fund, support on program or institutional development of young persons living with HIV in Nigeria should be considered.

Also, on Socio-economic needs, young people need empowerment, one major challenge for the young people is lack of economic empowerment, and many are still with their caregivers who do not have jobs, so they find it hard to get money to even go to facilities to access treatment. If we can link them with the Labour market to be self-reliant and self-sufficient, this will lessen their burden.

What are some of actions taken to address the Challenges?

We have been engaging in some advocacies, and earlier this year, we had support from UNFPA and UNICEF where we brought together state coordinators from 12 states to review the investment case document and condom operational plan and see how an actionable plan can be developed for advocacy at the state level for social accountability, and procurement of condom in their respective states. The Adolescent Kits project that is in its pilot phase is focused on strengthening our internal and community system in 7 states. We have also initiated conversation with PEPFAR to see how they can scale up some of these initiatives.

Next Steps :2022 Plans and Opportunities

Our focus for 2022 is to enhance our systems and institutions, also position our state coordinators to be effectively involved in policy, decision making, high-impact interventions, and driving other domestic resource mobilization within their states and exploring economic empowerment opportunities. We also look forward to strengthening our partnership with NiBUCAA in the coming year. Through this partnership, we can achieve economic empowerment for the young people and see how young people more HIV prevention, care and support can have access to condoms, Prep, HIV counselling and testing and social protection services.

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WORLD
AIDS DAY
EVENTS

Every year on the 1st of December the World AIDS Day is celebrated to reflect on the worldwide response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, show support for the people living with HIV and to remember those that have died because of AIDS. According to the 2018, Nigeria HIV/AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey, the prevalence of HIV/AIDS stands at 1.5%. The UNAIDS and National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) estimate that 1.9 million people are living with HIV in Nigeria. This is indeed worrisome.

This year, the theme “End Inequalities. End AIDS. End Pandemics,” is a wakeup call to end disparity and division which have largely contributed to the HIV epidemic. To achieve the 2030 target of ending AIDS-related deaths globally, it is expedient that we channel more efforts into high impact activities aimed at reducing HIV infection to the barest minimum. The Nigerian Business Coalition, on this day, collaborated with partners to commemorate the World AIDS day 2021.



HIV Awareness Campaign for Secondary Schools In Lagos State

In commemoration of the 2021 World AIDS Day themed, End Inequalities, End AIDS, End Pandemics; Total Energies, and Partners - Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Prime, South Atlantic Petroleum (SAPETRO) and China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) limited held an HIV Awareness Campaign for 1,000 secondary school students in Lagos State. The beneficiaries of this Project are Immaculate Heart Comprehensive Senior Secondary School, Immaculate Heart Comprehensive Junior Secondary School, Mende High Senior Secondary School, and Mende High Junior Secondary School.

The data from the Nigeria AIDS Control Agency (NACA) revealed that 160,000 adolescents aged 10-19 years are living with HIV. Also, adolescents and young persons aged 15-24 account for 40 percent of all reported new cases of HIV in Nigeria with a prevalence of 4.2%. This age group categorizes as one with the highest HIV prevalence when compared to the other age groups.

The objectives of the HIV Awareness campaign were;

- To educate 1,000 adolescents and young people on HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health in Lagos State.
- To establish HIV clubs in secondary schools in Lagos State.



Project Implementation

Pre-Project Activities

Before project implementation, the Lagos State Ministry of Education was engaged through physical meetings to discuss the modalities of the project. After much consideration on the possible reach and impact of the project, the Ministry of Education selected four schools to be beneficiaries of this project. All project materials (comic books, exercise books, posters, information, education, and communication (IEC) Materials) were approved by the Ministry of Education and Total Energies before production.

In addition, the Lagos State AIDS Control Agency (LSACA) and the Lagos State Ministry of Health were informed about the project to provide advisory, support and participation. Lastly, advocacy visits were paid to the school principals who pledged their unwavering support to ensure the success of the project.

Project Launch

A total of 1,000 students attended the HIV Awareness campaign in secondary schools in Lagos. During the opening speech delivered by Mrs. Moyosore Areola on behalf of the Managing Director of Total Upstream Nigeria Limited, Mike Sangster, she said, "We believe that secondary school students need to be aware of the HIV virus, because we know that with knowledge comes the ability to make informed decisions to protect yourselves, families and communities against HIV/AIDS. In the last few years, we have taken this campaign to 19 schools in Nigeria. To reduce the impact of this disease, we have joined the United Nations and the World Health Organization as part of the broad-based collation that is leading the fight against HIV/AIDS. It is for this reason that Total Energies Upstream Nigeria Ltd extends its annual HIV awareness to secondary schools like yours."

The Chairman, House Committee on Education, Honorable Ganiyu Sanni also stated that teaching young people about HIV/AIDS is very important in ending the HIV pandemic. He said, "It is important to educate young people, especially secondary school students on HIV/AIDS and that is why this program has been organized. There is a need for you to not only develop safe behaviours but also, help in reducing stigma against people affected by and living with AIDS. In my capacity as the representative of the good people of Kosofe Constituency I in Lagos State House of Assembly, and as Chairman House Committee on Education, Ministry and Agency- Health education is very paramount to me."

A drama presentation that focused on educating students on abstinence and assertiveness was rendered by the Nigerian Youth Network on HIV/AIDS (NYNETHA). The drama advised adolescents and young people to avoid drugs and premarital sex to enable them to achieve their career goals. The students were also lectured by skilled facilitators on Covid-19 and mental health.

Presentation of HIV Toolkits

HIV toolkits such as 1,000 HIV literature, 1,000 flyers, 1,000 Posters, and 1,000 notebooks with HIV information were presented by NAPIMS and TUPNi to school principals to launch the HIV Clubs and provide students with information on HIV and AIDS, and Sexual Reproductive Health, to help them make informed and healthy decisions. Also, T-shirts, face caps and nose masks were distributed to the students and teachers who participated at the project launch.

Event Add-on

For the first time since the start of this project, the Chairman, House Committee on Education of Lagos State; Honorable Ganiyu Sanni was in attendance. The importance of his presence highlights institutionalizing the process of HIV education and awareness in Lagos State secondary schools. Also, it is the first time that a mental health expert will engage students on emotional intelligence, stress management, depression, use of psychoactive substances and decision making. The consultant has committed to providing support to the students throughout the project timeline.



Testimonials

The HIV awareness program for secondary school organized by Total Energies and partners for the students of this school was highly impressive, interactive and a step in the right direction in order to ensure that the students are aware of HIV/AIDS, its prevention measures, and treatments for anyone who has contracted the virus.

Mrs. Oluwaleye Folayinka, Principal, Immaculate Senior Comprehensive High School

The program indeed came at the right time; it was educating and entertaining at the same time. The lectures, the drama presentation, the IEC materials, music, and food all made the event a successful one. I am glad that my students benefited immensely from all the sessions.

Vice Principal Administration, Immaculate Junior Comprehensive High School

About the program held on the 1st December 2021, I must commend the sponsors and facilitators of the HIV awareness program. The program encourages the student to abstain from unprotected sex and wait till it is the right time before engaging in such. So much love was shown to the students as they were given T-shirts, food, face caps, masks, and HIV literature. We appreciate Total Energies and Partners.

Mrs Erido, Vice-Principal Administration, Mende Senior High School

This is a laudable initiative, and we are happy that the awareness was extended to Mende junior high school. Some of these children are already exposed to risky behaviors, so this awareness has sensitized them on HIV/AIDS, early sex, teens pregnancy, etc. We hope that this awareness will extend to the other secondary schools in Lagos State. We thank the sponsors for an event well-executed.

Mrs Adedoyi Asumah, Principal, Mende Junior High School

About the sensitization program, I would like to say that I was indeed impressed. The students have been taught about HIV, mental health and Covid 19. It is our belief that they would make use of all the learnings to inform good behavior. Thank you to Total Energies and other sponsors who made the program an achievable one.

Mr Adebayo, Teacher

Testimonials

The World AIDS Day program held at the school complex was so beneficial to the students and the teachers. HIV is still much around us, and this awareness program has brought this important public health challenge to the forefront of conversations among adolescents and young persons. The Sponsors and facilitators have done well in extending this opportunity to our school. We are grateful.

Mrs Falola, Teacher

During the HIV awareness program, they taught us about HIV/AIDS and how to prevent it. I also learnt that the COVID 19 pandemic is a deadly virus and that I should wear my nose masks and wash my hands regularly.

Babaghana Ibrahim, Jss2 Student

I got to understand more about HIV, how people contract it and how to prevent it. I particularly enjoyed the mental health session as it focuses on key issues affecting adolescents any young persons in this present time.

Harrison Moses, SS3 Student

This program indeed brought HIV information closer to the young ones. HIV is a strong virus, though it has no cure, but there are ways of preventing it. Also, with this kind of awareness, people are now educated on HIV testing, so they can know their HIV status. The program is a good one, and the Ministry of education is happy to have partnered with this great initiative that focuses on the health and wellbeing of students. We thank Total Energies and Partners and look forward to a continued partnership.

Olori Kalejaiye, Director & Head of Guidance and Counselling Unit of Schools Administration, Department of Education District 2

HIV Awareness Campaign for Secondary Schools in FCT and Benue

On World AIDS Day, Access Bank PLC in partnership with NiBUCAA conducted HIV awareness sensitization for secondary students/teachers and Leadership/competency building for selected Adolescents and Young Persons in FCT and Benue State. In FCT, the following three Schools in Kuje, Abuja were beneficiaries of the intervention: UBE Abuja School for the Deaf, Government Junior Secondary School and Gifts and Glory Group of Schools.

In Benue State, the following schools in Makurdi Local Government were targeted; UBE High Level Makurdi, UBE Wurukum Makurdi, St Catherine Secondary School Makurdi

For the HIV Awareness Sensitization in both states, over 7,000 students and teachers were reached with information on HIV and sexual reproductive health information. The one-day leadership and competency building training reached a total of 300 selected Students.



Special Students WAD 2021 School Intervention Program at UBE Junior Secondary School, along Kuje Prison road , Abuja



WAD 2021 - Benue School Intervention



Gifts and Glory Group of Schools-WAD 2021-Abuja School Intervention Program



WAD 2021 - Benue - St Catherine Secondary School Rail Way Makurdi



Total Energies Marketing Nigeria Partners with NiBUCAA to Test and Counsel 1,000 Truck Drivers on World AIDS Day

As part of the commitment of Total Energies Marketing Nigeria to contribute to the HIV response in Nigeria, the organization partners with the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS (NiBUCAA) and the Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG), to test and counsel 1000 truck drivers and residents of the Apapa and Abule Ado communities in celebration of the World AIDS Day 2021 themed “End Inequalities, End AIDS, End Pandemics”,

Reports have revealed that truck drivers are among the high-risk population in Nigeria with a HIV prevalence of 2.4%. The vulnerability of this population is intensified by their level of mobility within states and regions, multiple partners, and limited access to HIV information and treatment services.

The two-day event commenced with an opening ceremony which had in attendance dignitaries such as, Mrs. Olunmi Popoola-Mordi who represented the Managing Director of Total Energies Marketing Nigeria, Comrade Tayo Aboyeji, the Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG), representatives from the Apapa and Abule-Ado local governments, and representatives from NiBUCAA.

Giving the opening speech at the ceremony, Mrs. Olunmi Popoola Mordi on behalf of the Managing Director, Total Energies Marketing Nigeria PLC, Dr. Samba Seye, stated “The Total Energies Marketing Nigeria Plc in partnership with the Nigerian Business Coalition Against AIDS, will continue to contribute significantly to the HIV response in Nigeria as it has done over the years through its HIV interventions in communities and at the workplace.”

The MD also encouraged stakeholders not to slow down in collective efforts to end HIV. He strongly believed that at the end of the exercise, the beneficiaries will be more informed about their HIV status and become HIV advocates at work and in their respective communities.



During the event, the Community mobilizers mobilized truck drivers and residents of the Apapa and Abule Ado communities for the HIV testing and counselling services through face-to-face sensitization and the distribution of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials on HIV/AIDS. About 3,500 people were reached with IEC materials on HIV/AIDS and 1,000 people were tested, all reactive cases were counselled and referred for further diagnosis, treatment, and care.

The Depot Manager closed the event by applauding Total Energies Marketing Nigeria and NiBUCAA for the successful event and urged other private sectors to join the Government to achieve zero new cases of HIV in Nigeria.

This year, the theme of the World AIDS Day is “End Inequalities, End AIDS, End Pandemics”. The goal for this year is to highlight the urgent need to end the inequalities that drive AIDS and other pandemics around the world. To meet the 2030 targets of ending epidemics of AIDS, we must ensure that we contribute significantly by reducing inequalities of all forms.

The Total Energies Marketing Nigeria Plc is committed to providing support to employees, their families, and immediate communities through the promotion of preventive measures against HIV/AIDS, awareness campaigns, as well as the promotion of voluntary counseling and testing services.

Testimonials

I am happy to be here today for the free HIV testing and services, they explained to us the many ways of contracting the HIV virus such as unprotected sex or sharing unsterilized sharp object with an infected person. We were also told to go for HIV testing every three month to check our status. We were given refreshment and condoms after the HIV testing. I thank Total energies and Partners for this initiative.
Mr Hassan Fadipe, Abule-Ado Community

Thank you so much NiBUCAA, Total energies and other partners for bringing this initiative into our community, we appreciate you.
Mrs Titi Abayomi, Apapa Community

NiBUCAA Supports The Network Of People Living With HIV/AIDS on their World AIDS Day Event 2021.

NiBUCAA and Access Bank supports the Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in NIGERIA (NEPWHAN) on its 2021 World AIDS day, the conference was convened to create awareness about HIV in the midst of Covid-19 pandemic, also, sensitize the public on Stigma, discrimination, confidentiality, rights of people living with HIV and Sustainability plan focused on continuous access to qualitative and holistic HIV treatment, care and support for people living with HIV in Lagos State and Nigeria.

In a brief post-event call with Patrick Akpan, the Lagos State Coordinator of NEPWHAN, He said *"We want to appreciate NiBUCAA and Access Bank for being there for us in a time like this, they provided the event space and gave us some cash donations, these were instrumental to the success of our World AIDS program."*

The event also had an award ceremony where international and local partners, the governor of Lagos State were presented with an award for their continued support to the Network. On one major reason why NiBUCAA was a beneficiary of the award, Akpan stated, *"During the Covid-19 lockdown, it was a time where the People Living with HIV seriously needed support, NiBUCAA singlehandedly provided us with Covid-19 palliatives to meet our needs."*

Dignitaries present at the event were the CEO Of NiBUCAA-Isaiah Owolabi, a representative from the executive governor of Lagos State - Babajide Sanwoolu and representatives from agencies such as UNAIDS, IPAC, LSACA, NACA, FHI360, NYNETHA amongst others.



NiBUCAA Participates In the Lagos State Agency for Control 2021 Hybrid Symposium

The Lagos State AIDS Control Agency commemorated the World AIDS Day with a symposium themed *End inequality, End AIDS through Sustainable Financing in Nigeria amidst the Covid-19 pandemic*.

The CEO of NiBUCAA, Isaiah Owolabi was a panelist and spoke on the role of private sector funding in the HIV/AIDS sustainability.



HIV Testing Services in Amuwo-Odofin and Mushin on World AIDS Day

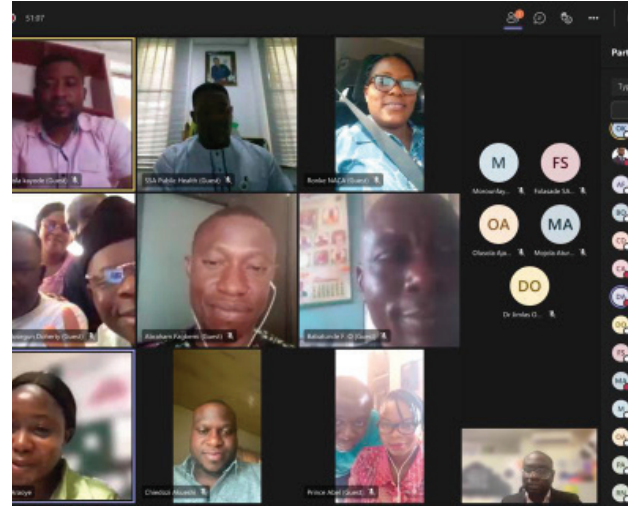
To celebrate the 2021 World AIDS Day, Access Bank Plc supported the Lagos State AIDS Control Agency with HIV Testing Services in 2 Local Government Areas (Amuwo Odofin and Mushin) in Lagos State. The six-day program tested over 700 residents (male -364, female -341) with 7 reactive cases (male - 3, female - 4) who were referred for further diagnosis and care. Residents were educated on preventive measures against contracting HIV and male condoms were distributed to encourage safe sexual practices.



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NACA South West Zone on Advocacy Visit to NIBUCAAA



Virtual Advocacy Meeting - Ekiti SACA and NIBUCAAA



Lagos State Nephwan on Advocacy Visit to NIBUCAAA





MEDIA
REACH



15 Million

over 15 million reached via traditional and new media in the last 6 months



6 Million

Over 6 Million social media users reached with over 2.4 million hashtag impressions

9 Million

people reached via print and broadcast media



200,000

over 200,000 information and communication materials produced

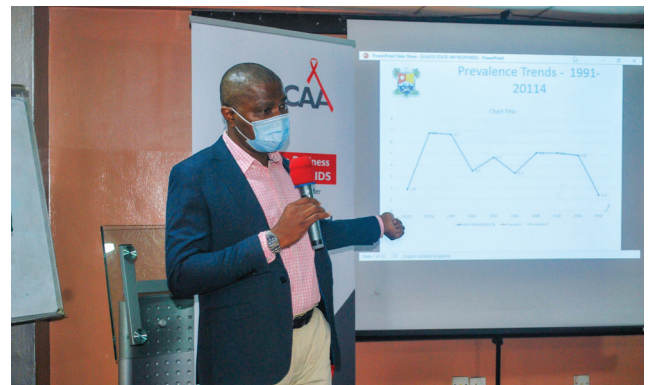


GALLERY

Team Bonding



Promoting Health and Wellness in the Workplace

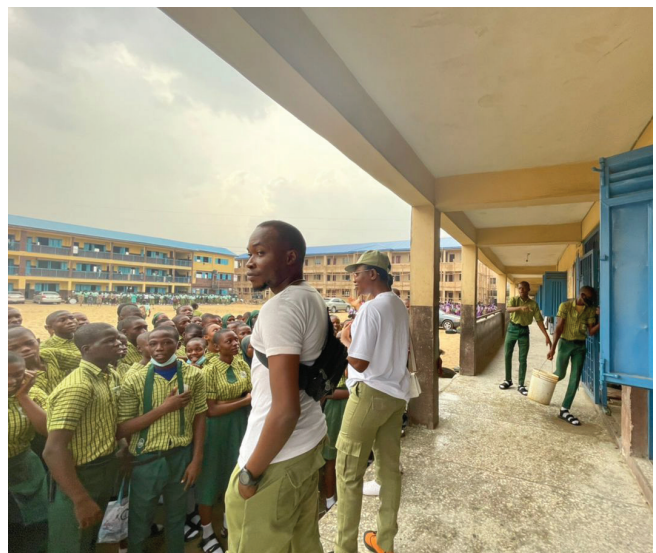




International Labour Organization Partners with NiBUCAA on HIV Self-Testing for the Private Sector



NANI Ambassadors Train Secondary School Students on HIV and Sexual Reproductive Health



I Know My Status Project – HIV Testing and Counselling in Ebonyi, Edo, Benue and Abuja



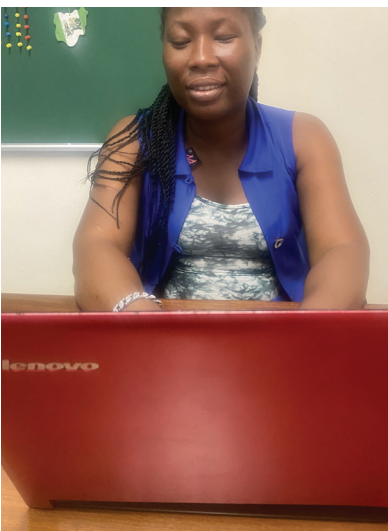
NiBUCAA Ambassadors NYSC Initiative



NIBUCAAA sponsors Youth for the Ishk Tolaram Skill Acquisition Program



NIBUCAAA Partners with PROJECT ENABLE on workplace inclusion for Persons Living with Disabilities



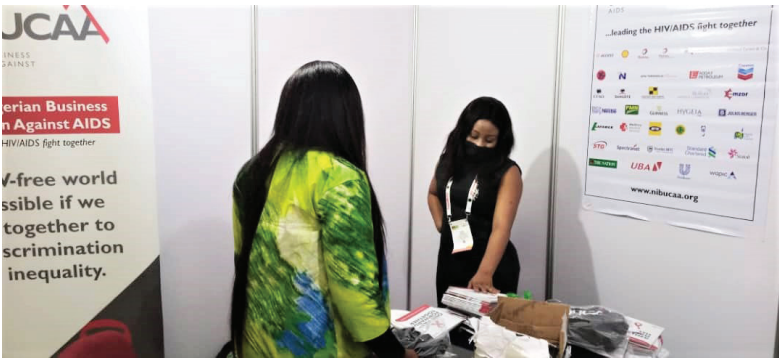
#LovesSafe – Valentine’s Day HIV and Sexual Reproductive Health Campaign



High-Level Stakeholders Meeting on the HIV Trust Fund of Nigeria (HTFN)



The Nigeria Oil and Gas Conference and Exhibition



Total Energies and Partners HIV Awareness Campaign for Secondary Schools In Lagos State



HIV Awareness Campaign for Secondary Schools in FCT and Benue



Total Energies Marketing Nigeria Truck Drivers World AIDS Day HIV Awareness and Testing Outreach





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