

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Active Strategic Scale-up of Comprehensive HIV Services: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Nigeria office was established in February 2001, providing technical leadership and assistance to the Ministry of Health (MOH) and implementing partners to scale-up HIV testing and treatment, tuberculosis (TB) services, HIV services for general and key populations, along with supportive laboratory services, while mitigating the impact of HIV on affected families through the orphans and vulnerable children program.

Strengthening Laboratory Systems and Networks: CDC provides technical leadership and assistance to the Government of Nigeria and stakeholders for in-country capacity building, and optimizes access to high quality medical laboratory services for HIV, TB, and related infections diagnosis. CDC also supports disease staging, treatment monitoring, and laboratory systems strengthening for efficient laboratory services delivery, high impact program interventions, and sustainable HIV/TB laboratory systems.

Strengthening Public Health Systems: CDC assists the MOH to strengthen epidemiology, surveillance, laboratory, medical informatics, operations research, and workforce capacity, essential components for a robust, sustainable public health system.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nigeria Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Surge and Retention Revolution: CDC is supporting Nigeria to rapidly identify people living with HIV (PLHIV) and ensure they are linked to and sustained on treatment, thereby accelerating progress toward HIV epidemic control. From May 2019 through September 2020, the weekly number of persons newly identified as HIV-positive who initiated HIV treatment increased approximately eightfold, from 587 to over 5,300. More than a quarter of a million people (254,551) began ART between March 2019 and September 30, 2020. (PEPFAR Nigeria, 2020) The program increased the number of PLHIV on PEPFAR-supported treatment by 450,000 from April 2019 to March 2021. Additionally, the Retention Revolution Program is underway to reduce treatment interruptions and optimize continuity of treatment through a series of data-driven and program approaches.

HIV Testing Services (HTS) and Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Services: CDC supports implementing partners to provide targeted, high quality, differentiated HIV testing, treatment, and other related services with continually increasing efficiency. Between October 2019 and September 2020, CDC and its partners provided HIV testing services to over 5 million people in Nigeria, out of which 195,575 were HIV-positive and linked to treatment. As of September 30, 2020, PEPFAR Nigeria supported 1,146,635 patients receiving ART; CDC partners accounted for 62 percent (709,214) of this achievement. In addition, 724,266 orphans and vulnerable children received one or more services through CDC implementing partners by the end of September 2020. (PEPFAR Nigeria, 2020) CDC is implementing a Recent Infection Public Health Response Strategy to improve HIV case finding and break the chain of HIV transmission.

Prevention of Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission (PMTCT): CDC worked with local stakeholders and partners to establish 917 sites offering PMTCT services. According to PEPFAR Nigeria data (Oct. 2019 - Sept. 2020), 839,836 pregnant women knew their HIV status in antenatal clinics, and of these, 12,301 HIV-positive women received ART to prevent mother-to-child transmission. In addition, the 23,789 babies born to HIV-positive women received early infant diagnosis within the first 12 months of life. (PEPFAR Nigeria, 2020).

TB/HIV: CDC strengthens TB/HIV collaborative activities by providing technical guidance to four comprehensive implementing partners. Between October 2019 and September 2020, CDC partners screened 728,523 known HIV-positive patients for TB signs and symptoms. Conversely, 22,446 TB patients knew their HIV status, and 99% of those co-infected with HIV started on ART. In the same period, 240,039 PLHIV began TB preventive treatment (TPT). CDC scaled up the infection control program TB BASICS across PEPFAR-supported facilities, helping protect health care workers and patients from healthcare-associated TB infection and other airborne infections. CDC also scaled up the Clinic-Laboratory Continuous Quality Improvement project, across all PEPFAR partners to close gaps in TB diagnostics.

Key Country Leadership

President:
Muhammadu Buhari

Minister of Health:
Osagie Ehanire

U.S. Ambassador:
Mary Beth Leonard

CDC/DGHT Director:
Adetunke (Mary) Boyd

Country Quick Facts
(worldbank.org/en/where-we-work)

Per Capita GNI:
\$2,000 (2020)

Population (millions):
206.14 (2020)

Under 5 Mortality:
117/1,000 live births (2019)

Life Expectancy:
55 years (2019)

Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic
(aidsinfo.unaids.org)

Estimated HIV Prevalence
(Ages 15-49): 1.3% (2020)

Estimated AIDS Deaths
(Age ≥15): 37,000 (2020)

Estimated Orphans Due to
AIDS: 880,000 (2020)

Reported Number
Receiving Antiretroviral
Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15):
1,434,706 (2020)

**Global Tuberculosis
(TB) Epidemic**
(who.int/tb/country/data/profiles/en)

Estimated TB Incidence:
219/100,000 population
(2019)

TB patients with known HIV
status who are HIV-positive:
11% (2019)

TB Treatment Success Rate:
87% (2018)

Estimated TB Mortality:
77/100,000 population
(2019)

DGHT Country Staff: 92
Locally Employed Staff: 83
Direct Hires: 7
Fellows & Contactors: 2

Our success is built on the backbone of science and strong partnerships.

