



NIGERIA

CDC Division of Global HIV & TB's Strategic Focus

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) office in Nigeria was established in February 2001. CDC provides technical leadership and assistance to the Ministry of Health (MOH) and implementing partners to achieve comprehensive, sustainable, and government-led HIV programs, with the goal of reaching the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets. CDC also supports tuberculosis (TB) services, laboratory services, health system strengthening, and workforce capacity building.

Key Activities and Accomplishments

Building Public Health Capacity

- Built the clinical and program capacity of healthcare providers at the facility level and ensured quality service provision through the National Clinical Mentors Program in partnership with the National AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, and STIs Control Programme. By the end of 2024, the program had 34 national and 315 state mentors in 34 states and the Federal Capital Territory.
- Implemented the Extension for Community Health Outcomes (Project ECHO) platform. Project ECHO serves as a conduit for tele-mentoring, information sharing, and communication to improve service delivery and outbreak responses at all levels—from state health commissioners to facility healthcare workers.
- Established the National Data Repository (NDR) system creating a central data warehouse that eliminated challenges caused by facility level electronic medical records. Within the NDR, CDC, works with other U.S. government agencies to help Nigeria establish an automated biometric identification system. By the end of June 2023, healthcare facilities collected fingerprints for nearly 1.3 million patients (98 percent) who receive treatment across approximately 1,200 CDC-supported sites. The automated biometric system identified over 1.2 million (97 percent) of the patient records as unique, while 34,234 (3 percent) were duplicates.

Strengthening Laboratory Systems and Networks

- Built in-country capacity for optimized laboratory networks and improved access to quality laboratory diagnostics services, including molecular diagnostic services for HIV, TB, and associated diseases.
- Improved surveillance and strengthened response efforts for diseases of public health importance to ensure patient management decisions and public health actions are informed by evidence-based practices.

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- Supported the renovation of the molecular laboratory at Federal Medical Centre Makurdi in Benue State in 2023-2024. Testing over 200,000 samples annually, the laboratory now serves as the molecular laboratory for HIV viral load and early infant diagnosis testing, as well as for molecular testing of other priority diseases. CDC's support enabled the space to be optimized for laboratory testing, ensured quality management system compliance, and minimized biosafety risks.

HIV Prevention and Treatment

- Implemented an HIV testing and prevention program known by its Spanish acronym, VICITS. VICITS provides tailored HIV testing and prevention services to people at greater risk of HIV. This package enhances HIV testing, peer navigation for linkage to treatment, and surveillance.
- Supported a comprehensive service package to increase adherence to HIV treatment and improve health outcomes among PLHIV. This includes linking patients to treatment after diagnosis, early ART initiation, treatment optimization, re-engagement of PLHIV who are not in care or not virally suppressed, and the management of opportunistic infections.
- Promoted differentiated service delivery models, such as pharmacy fast-track refill, multi-month dispensing, and high viral load tracking and management at decentralized sites.

Key Country Leadership

President:
Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Minister of Health:
Muhammad Ali Pate

U.S. Ambassador:
Richard Mills, Jr.

Acting CDC/DGHT Program Director:
Suzanne Theroux

Country Quick Facts

Per Capita GNI: \$1,880 (2023)

Population (millions):
236.75 (2024)

Under 5 Mortality:
102.8/1,000 live births (2024)

Life Expectancy:
54.63 years (2024)

Global HIV Epidemic

Estimated HIV Prevalence (Ages 15-49):
1.3% (2023)

**Estimated HIV Deaths
(Age ≥15):** 30,000 (2023)

**Reported Number Receiving
Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) (Age ≥15):**
1,690,291 (2023)

Global Tuberculosis (TB) Epidemic

Estimated TB Incidence:
219/100,000 population (2023)

**Reported Percent of People with TB
and HIV:** 4.9% (2023)

TB Treatment Success Rate:
93% (2022)

DGHT Country Staff

Locally Employed Staff: 94
Direct Hires: 14