

# NIGERIA 2022

Summary of the Joint Programme's support to the national HIV response in 2022



Scaling up adolescent- and youth-friendly services was at the centre of the Joint Team's support to the HIV response in Nigeria. In 2022, more than 78.5 million adolescents and young people were sensitized on various issues, including HIV prevention, sexual and reproductive health, teenage pregnancy, and COVID-19 during the International Adolescent Health week and via several community and virtual outreach initiatives. Over 1 million condoms were also distributed to communities across the country, including to people living with HIV, adolescent and young people, sex workers and their clients, and internally displaced populations (UNFPA).

More than 30 000 vulnerable adolescents, including adolescents living with HIV, and 2000 parents, community leaders and policy makers in 32 communities improved their knowledge of HIV and sexual and reproductive health through participatory life skills strengthening activities. (UNICEF). Additionally, over 2150 teachers and teacher educators were capacitated to deliver Family Life HIV Education (FLHE) and the Family Life and Emerging Health Issues (FLEHI) curriculum for adolescent and young people in Nigeria. As a result, 149 732 adolescents and young people improved their understanding and skills to practice safe behaviours and empower them to lead a healthy life. About 34 000 traditional and religious leaders, parents and guardians were sensitized and reached with advocacy messages on FLHE and encouraged to assimilate gender-transformative attitudes to address sociocultural norms that discriminate against women and girls (UNESCO).

Besides, with support from the Joint Team, 20 newly established female sex workers support groups and 45 trained female sex worker peer educators will improve access to quality HIV and sexual and reproductive health and referral services among this group (UNFPA).

Innovative strategies, approaches, and data tools and platforms, including the Prevention Self-Assessment Tool (PSAT) were developed and harmonized improving HIV prevention services for adolescent and young people. A total of 14 024 adolescent and young people took the HIV risk assessment test and 11 184 people identified to have a high risk of infection took HIV self-testing, and 38 people tested positive (UNICEF). Additionally, through the VCT@WORK initiative and collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Labour, the Nigerian Labour Congress and networks of young people and people living with HIV, HIV testing was integrated in various meetings and international events. As a result, 14 925 workers received HIV testing in Abuja, Lagos and Edo states (ILO).

Finally, efforts were made to sustain the HIV response in Nigeria. In May 2022, the Federal Government passed the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIA) Act, which included HIV care and treatment services in the national health insurance package which will improve access to quality services for all, following the intense advocacy and technical support from the Joint Team and its partners. Furthermore, the HIV Trust Fund was established with US\$ 150 million funding for the HIV response, to particularly strengthen HIV testing and treatment services.

## KEY RESULTS

- Adoption of the "Find All Pregnant Women, Test All Pregnant Women, Treat All HIV positive Pregnant Women" Strategy by government and partners.
- Successful mobilization of resources from the Global Fund to scale up PMTCT services from 6000 locations to over 39 000, including with traditional birth attendants.
- HIV care and treatment services are now included in the national health insurance package following adoption of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIA) Act.
- Supported development of the National HIV Strategic Plan 2023-2027 and of the Health sector Plan, informed by a gender assessment of the HIV response.

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## 2022 Joint Programme Expenditure

Total US\$ 6 678 878

2022 expenditure data available at the time of the update (August 2023)

