

# NEWSLETTER

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## CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED HEALTH PROGRAMS(CIHP)



## CIHP HOSTS 2<sup>ND</sup> CDC BIENNIAL STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING



Group photo of participants at the 2nd CDC biannual review meeting

CIHP played a significant role in hosting the second edition of the Biannual Program Performance Review meeting organized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Abuja, between April 18 and 19, 2023. The two-day meeting brought together key stakeholders from the National AIDS and STDs Control Program (NASCP), state government and implementing partners from all 19 CDC supported states.

The primary focus of the meeting was to review progress made in the HIV program response in Nigeria and explore approaches to ensure the sustainability of these efforts. Given the critical role of PEPFAR in supporting HIV programs globally, the meeting intended to assess achievements and identify areas for improvement.

In her address, Dr. Mary Boyd, the CDC Country Director, emphasized the importance of identifying and addressing gaps in service delivery to persons living with HIV.



The CDC Country Director, Dr. Mary Boyd delivering her speech

Furthermore, Dr. Funmi Adesanya, the PEPFAR Country Coordinator, stressed the significance of working harmoniously in collaboration with stakeholders, including state governments towards attaining the ultimate goal of ending HIV in the country.

## NATIONAL CHILDHOOD TUBERCULOSIS TESTING WEEK: 41 CHILDHOOD TB CASES DIAGNOSED IN OSUN STATE

In a week-long event from May 22 to 26, 2023 the National Childhood Tuberculosis Testing Week (NCTBTW) aimed at addressing the low TB case finding among children, held in Osun state, where CIHP, a subrecipient to the Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria (IHVN) implements the TBLON3 project.

Activities during the event focused on promoting TB screening and raising awareness about the disease. Across various the local government areas of the state, health talks were conducted to sensitize residents, teachers, guardians and children on prevention, symptoms, and treatment of the disease.

At the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Chest Clinic, a clinical meeting was held to educate pediatricians about the use of stool GeneXpert for diagnosing TB in children, a technology which helps to improve the accuracy and speed of diagnosis, resulting in early intervention and better outcomes for affected children.



Students screened for TB in Ede Primary school

The highpoint of the event was the screening of children across various locations such as health facilities, schools and orphanage homes. Of over 200 children tested, 41 TB cases were diagnosed and placed on treatment across the supported facilities in the state.



Symptomatic TB screening ongoing at Riyadudana Quranic Memorisation School, Iwo LGA

## CIHP STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP WITH LAGOS STATE POLICE TO ENHANCE GBV RESPONSE AND SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS



*Dr. Bola alongside Gender Team in a round table discussion with the Lagos Commissioner of Police and members of Nigerian Police Force*

In line with CIHP's mandate to support comprehensive package of care to gender-based violence (GBV) survivors, our CEO, Dr. Bola Oyeledun along with the Gender Team, on May 10, 2023 paid a consultation visit to the Lagos state newly appointed Commissioner of Police (CP), Idowu Owohunwa.

The purpose of the visit was to engage with the state Police leadership and discuss issues related to GBV response and support for survivors. Being a key player in providing support services for GBV survivors, CIHP sought to strengthen collaboration with law enforcement agencies to enhance the overall response to GBV cases in the state.

While congratulating the new Commissioner of Police, Dr. Oyeledun in her remarks noted that the visit was a up follow up to explore support for the establishment of the sexual and gender-based violence referral centre, referencing CIHP's milestones and footprint in the state. She further stressed on the need to build the capacity of the Nigerian Police Force, in order to bridge existing gaps in responding to GBV cases in the state.



*Group photo of CIHP team and the Nigerian police force*

Appreciating the decision of CIHP to support the process, the CP presented an award to the CEO, in recognition of her commitment toward ensuring adequate response for GBV survivors .

## CDC INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY BRANCH ATLANTA VISITS CIHP LAGOS FACILITIES



*Interactive session during the visit*

Towards a collaborative effort at combating the spread of tuberculosis (TB) amongst persons living with HIV, the CDC International Laboratory branch (ILB) Atlanta, paid a supervisory visit to CIHP supported facilities in Lagos from May 22 to 26, 2023.

The visit was aimed at assessing and evaluating the progress made in TB-Clinic Lab Interface Continuous Quality Improvement (TB-CLICQ) across three selected CIHP supported health facilities in the state.

During the visit, the CIHP team was guided on improving TB-CLICQ towards enhancing the fight against the spread of Tuberculosis.



*Group photo of CIHP team, with the CDC ILB Atlanta team*



## ICAP/CIHP COLLABORATION TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS IN PEDIATRICS AND PMTCT SERVICES: A QIC TRAINING OF TRAINERS MEETING FOR CIHP TECHNICAL TEAM

From June 21 to 23, 2023, CIHP staff from Gombe, Kaduna, Kogi and Lagos states converged in Abuja for a 3-day Quality Improvement Collaborative (QIC) Training of Trainers (ToT) meeting towards improving viral load suppression among the pediatric sub population.

The training was part of ongoing partnership between CIHP and ICAP to fast track gains of HIV/AIDS services to the pediatric and Prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) sub populations, leveraging proven quality improvement methodologies.



*Presentation by CIHP staff during the ICAP learning session*

Following presentations from both CIHP and ICAP technical leadership teams, conversations were focused on strategies that will guide Facility Quality Improvement Teams (FQIT) to uniquely adapt and implement key change ideas in their respective contexts.



*Participants during group work*

Participants are expected to step down learnings from the training to their respective state and health facility teams as well as further support facilities in convening learning sessions towards improved virologic outcomes for children on HIV treatment.

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