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Year 2024 in Retrospect



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TRANSITIONING SUSTAINABLE HEALTH CARE IN GOMBE STATE



An impactful closeout speech by the CEO, CIHP Dr. Bola Oyeledun

For the past 17 years, CIHP has played a key role in the fight against HIV in Gombe State, Northeastern Nigeria. This journey of dedication, innovation, and resilience has remarkably transformed the state's healthcare landscape, moving it to one of the states in Nigeria that has achieved HIV epidemic control and a sustainable health system.



A session of participants at the closeout ceremony

In a robust ceremony marking the successful program completion and transition, the CEO, CIHP, Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun accompanied by staff members, paid courtesy visits to stakeholders including the state Deputy Governor, Dr. Manassah Daniel Jatou, the Commissioner of Health, Dr. Habu Dahiru, and the Chief Medical Director of Federal Teaching Hospital, Gombe, Dr. Yusuf Abdullahi, appreciating the state government for the support received throughout the program duration. She said; "In 17years, Gombe state has become one of the states in Nigeria with HIV epidemic control. CIHP's efforts, through partnership with the state government have led to the identification of 26,000 HIV positive individuals, with all of them receiving ART treatment."

In response, the deputy governor said; "we are happy that you intervened in the management of HIV-AIDS from 2007. Even though I was still serving as a Customs Officer then, I know the statistics that Gombe, Benue and Taraba ranked highest in the prevalence rate. We are happy that the trend has been reversed."

The ceremony also recognized orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) in the program, who were treated to a nice evening party as a way of appreciating their resilience and courage. The close out ceremony climaxed with dinner in which awards were presented to stakeholders from the state government, traditional/religious leaders, community-based organizations, health facilities, CIHP staff members in the state, among others.

In a virtual address, Dr. Dennis Onotu of the US CDC applauded the partnership between CIHP and Gombe State, which achieved HIV epidemic control. Building on this success, a sustainability initiative was introduced to foster state ownership and resilience.

Gombe State was chosen for the Government-to-Government (G2G) transition due to its high treatment saturation and progress toward epidemic control. In line with the National alignment 2.0 led by the Federal Ministry of Health to enhance efficiency, CIHP transitioned the HIV program support from PEPFAR/CDC to the Global Fund. By leveraging National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) structures, the initiative ensures program continuity, efficiency, and local ownership.

CIHP's contributions to health systems strengthening and community engagement have positioned Gombe to independently sustain its progress. This milestone secures access to quality HIV care, advancing resilient healthcare systems and reaffirming Nigeria's commitment to epidemic control.

CIHP CEO RECEIVES TRADITIONAL TITLE IN GOMBE STATE

Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun, CEO, CIHP has been bestowed the title of “Garkuwan Lafiyar” meaning “Health Champion” by the Emir of Funakaye, local government area, Alhaji Yakubu Kwairanga.

The title according to the Emir, is a token in appreciation of Dr. Bolanle for her steadfast commitment to enhancing healthcare across Funakaye, Gombe state and the nation at large. He emphasized “This title, is not just an honor, but a responsibility to continue your noble work and leading example.”

Dr. Oyeledun was conferred the title during CIHP 17-year HIV program close-out ceremony in Gombe state.



Dr. Bola Oyeledun receiving traditional title from Emir of Funakaye, Alhaji Yakubu Kwairanga



From L to R: Gombe State Commissioner of Health, Dr. Habu Dahiru, Emir of Funakaye, Alhaji Yakubu Kwairanga, CEO CIHP, Dr. Bola Oyeledun,

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Alhaji Yakubu Kwairanga– Emir of Funakaye

4TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC ROUNDTABLE SERIES TACKLES ADOLESCENT VULNERABILITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS



Group photo of stakeholders at the 4th Scientific Roundtable Series

This year’s 4th Annual Scientific Roundtable Series focused on addressing the intersecting vulnerabilities of adolescents, recognizing the need for more holistic and inclusive solutions. Guided by the theme, ‘The Missing Link: Reducing Vulnerabilities of Adolescents and Young Persons through Sustainable Interventions’, the event convened key stakeholders to discuss innovative and sustainable strategies aimed at mitigating these challenges. By fostering collaboration among experts, policymakers, and community leaders, the forum sought to identify practical approaches that address the unique needs of adolescents and young persons, ultimately working towards reducing their vulnerabilities and enhancing their resilience.

Dr. Uwemedimo Uko Esiet, the keynote speaker, set an engaging tone for the event with a thought-provoking presentation that sparked impactful discussions among participants. He emphasized the importance of adopting tailored approaches to effectively address the diverse challenges faced by adolescents. Highlighting their unique and varied needs, he remarked, “Adolescents are not homogeneous, and are everywhere,” underlining the need for context-specific strategies to ensure inclusive and sustainable solutions.

Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun, also highlighted the importance of empowering adolescents to address their health challenges. She stressed that empowering young girls through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education and life skills is crucial for bridging the gender gap in technology and science. She also emphasized the need for life skills to help young people manage mental health, achieve financial literacy, and navigate life’s challenges.

A significant moment of the event was the presentation of an award to AIG of Police, Idowu Owohonwa, in recognition of his remarkable leadership in strengthening the response to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).

In response to the honour, AIG Idowu appreciated CIHP for the award noting that it was an inspiring one for him.

CIHP'S 'CANDID CONVERSATIONS' EMPOWERS WOMEN AND YOUTHS ON CONSENT AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE



An impactful moment with the panellists at the Candid Conversations with Bola O.

CIHP, recently hosted adolescent girls and young women in Lagos for a special edition of its regular "Candid Conversations with Bola O." (CCWBO) series, addressing the widespread issue of violence against women and girls in Nigeria.

Themed "No Means No: My Body, My Rules," the event was led by CIHP's CEO, Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun, and a panel of four speakers. The interactive session focused on topics such as sexual abuse, personal boundaries, and social media navigation, empowering participants with knowledge of their right to consent and the importance of speaking out.

In a similar vein, a July edition of the series took place at CIHP's Abuja office, exploring strategies for coping during tough economic times. Titled "Tough Times Never Last but Tough People Do: Surviving the Nigerian Economy," the discussion featured experts who shared insights on managing financial challenges.

Investment expert Mr. Elijah Affi urged participants to invest in appreciating assets rather than leaving money idle in banks. He emphasized, "Saving is not meant to keep you wealthy, but rather a tool to build wealth."

Additionally, Dr. Oyeledun further stressed the importance of gratitude and adaptability, noting that gratitude is not just a mindset, but a mind shift.

The "Candid Conversations with Bola O." series continues to provide a safe space for open discussions on key social and economic issues, offering participants valuable knowledge and practical advice.



CCWBO session with adolescents in Lagos



Group photo of panellists to at the CCWBO Abuja

CIHP FORGES NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN NIGERIA



An impactful moment with the panellists at the Candid Conversations with Bola O.

This year, CIHP forged a new partnership with the French Embassy in Nigeria, resulting in a transformative health outreach program in Kuchingoro. Over 500 women and children received essential healthcare services, including medical consultations, screenings, and medications.

Beyond providing essential healthcare services, CIHP is renowned for its unique approach to community outreach. The partnership with the French Embassy in Kuchingoro was no exception.

To create a memorable and engaging experience, CIHP organized a fun-filled event featuring bouncing castles for children, music, and games for everyone present. Adolescent and young women entrepreneurs were also given free booths to showcase their diverse businesses. This innovative approach not only provided vital healthcare but also fostered a sense of community and well-being.



CIHP team and Kuchingoro Stakeholders in a group photo with Ketty Regis, Attachée de Cooperation French Embassy in Nigeria.

Our partnership with the French Embassy is a testament to CIHP's dedication to improving health and building strong relationships.



Sights from the Kuchingoro outreach and funfair

CIHP MAKES GLOBAL IMPACT AT THE 31ST CONFERENCE ON RETROVIRUSES AND OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS (CROI)

In March, CIHP participated in the 31st Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) in Denver, Colorado U.S.A. Dr. Bola Oyeledun (CEO) and Dr. Abimbola Phillips (Associate Director of Evaluation and Surveillance) represented CIHP, marking our strong presence on the global stage.

During the event, Dr. Bola led a fascinating panel discussion on "strengthening testing, treatment, and prevention of HIV and STIs." Supported by the esteemed Dr. Harriet Nuwagaba-Biribonwoha, the session delved deep into the frontline efforts to combat infectious diseases.

Additionally, the conference served as a unique opportunity for CIHP to showcase her innovations, with Dr. Abimbola Phillips (a CROI Investigator Scholarship recipient) presenting a HIV response-focused abstract titled "Undetectable = Untransmissible: Key populations living with HIV lag in sustaining undetectable viral load levels in four Nigerian States, 2020-2023".



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Dr. Philips Abimbola, Associate Director, Evaluation & Surveillance, Strategic Information Unit, CIHP
Dr. Bola Oyeledun, CEO, CIHP Nigeria*

This research spotlighted critical insights into HIV response efforts, paving the way for targeted interventions to bridge gaps and improve outcomes for key populations across Nigeria.

INSPIRING VISIT FROM HIGH-LEVEL PEPFAR DELEGATION AT CIHP'S STEM HUB



A group photo of US CDC team, CIHP team, and the STEM girls during the visit of Senator Cory Booker to STEM Hub

CIHP was honored to host a distinguished delegation from PEPFAR, which included US Senator Cory Booker from New Jersey and Congresswoman Barbara Lee, among other esteemed personalities from the United States of America, at our STEM Hub for Empowerment of Young Women.

Their visit reflected a shared commitment to reducing the vulnerabilities of young women through education and technology. The delegates were inspired by the exceptional standards at the Hub and the potential they saw in our tech girls.

The girls shared their tech journeys and impressive projects, showcasing the limitless opportunities ahead. Their stories resonated with the guests, emphasizing the need to encourage vulnerable girls to pursue tech careers.

CIHP remains grateful to PEPFAR and the U.S CDC, for their continuous support, which has been instrumental in driving our mission to empower the next generation of female innovators.



Senator Cory Booker taking a quick selfie with the girls at the Hub.



The PEPFAR team applauding the girls' presentations.



A Tech girl during her presentation.

FAITH AND INNOVATION UNITE: CIHP IN COLLABORATION WITH CDC LAUNCH BABY SHOWERS TOOLKIT

In collaboration with the Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV/AIDS (NINERELA+), CIHP has been at the forefront of strategic advocacy and sensitization efforts. These efforts have involved 12 religious bodies, both Christian and Muslim, across Kaduna and Lagos states. The aim is to promote human rights, reduce stigma, and ensure gender equality through a tailored sermon guide that addresses gaps in HIV treatment and gender-based violence among worshippers.

Building upon this progress, CIHP was honored to host the dissemination of the 'Toolkit for Implementing Baby Showers in Congregational Settings for the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV' in Lagos. This innovative toolkit, designed for use by CDC implementing partners, leverages the power of congregational settings to enhance HIV prevention efforts.



FR L-R: Alfa Nla, Dr Bola Oyeledun, Rev. Babarinde at the Toolkit Launch in Lagos.

By engaging religious leaders and communities, we are paving the way for a healthier future through increased support for pregnant women and their partners.



Picture highlights from the Baby Showers Toolkit Launch.

CIHP PARTNERS IN IMPACT4HIV TO IMPROVE PEDIATRIC HIV CARE IN NIGERIA

CIHP is proud to be a partner in the UNITAID-funded IMPACT4HIV project, which is led by the Aurum Institute. This collaborative effort, implemented in close coordination with the Federal Ministry of Health through the National AIDS and STIs Control Program (NASCP), aims to transform pediatric HIV care in Nigeria. The project focuses on reducing HIV-related mortality among children by improving access to early diagnosis, timely treatment, and comprehensive care for advanced HIV disease (AHD).

CIHP is playing a crucial role in enhancing service delivery by providing technical support, improving diagnostic and treatment tools, and helping to decentralize services, particularly in underserved communities. Through this partnership, we are committed to ensuring that pediatric HIV care in Nigeria is accessible, human-centered, and community-driven.



Working alongside global and national stakeholders, CIHP's contributions are aligned with broader Universal Health Coverage (UHC) goals, improving care accessibility, treatment adherence, and overall health outcomes for children living with HIV.

CIHP SHOWCASES DATA-DRIVEN HEALTH SOLUTIONS AT THE 5TH NATIONAL BIG DATA HEALTH SCIENCE CONFERENCE



CIHP took center stage at the 5th National Big Data Health Science Conference at the University of South Carolina, where the CIHP team highlighted groundbreaking work in Northern Nigeria's Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health Plus Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) program.

Dr. Collins Imarhiagbe, Director of the Strategic Information Unit, CIHP, highlighted the transformative impact in Kaduna, one of the states CIHP implements its program. The presentation focused on how the data visualization dashboard has revolutionized health interventions by leveraging 'big data'.

This holistic, data-driven approach addresses health needs from preconception to adolescence, fostering healthy behaviors and tackling social determinants of health. The initiative is significantly improving health outcomes for women and adolescents.

CIHP looks forward to participating in the 6th edition of the conference as we continue our mission to enhance healthcare systems in Nigeria.



Dr. Collins during his presentation



A group photo of CIHP team at the 5th Big Data Conference

This year, at CIHP, we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support. Thank you for believing in our vision!

Through your partnership and collaboration, we continue to touch thousands of lives and renew hope in countless hearts.

As the festive season brings us together, we wish you peace, prosperity, and boundless joy!

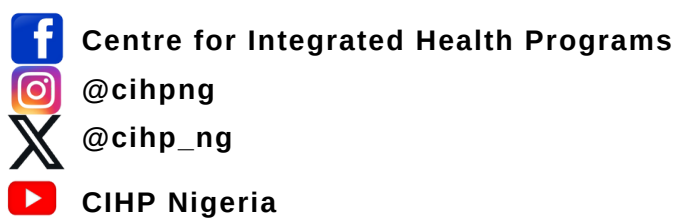
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