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CEO'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

At CIHP, we remain resilient in our mission to strengthen health systems, improve access to quality care, and empower communities across Nigeria. Our work is guided by collaboration, innovation, and a people-centered approach that ensures no one is left behind.

In this edition of our newsletter, we are pleased to share stories and highlights that reflect the impact of our collective efforts and the progress we continue to make together.

Every step we take is built on the dedication of our staff, the trust of our communities, and the invaluable support of our partners. Together, we are not only responding to today's health challenges but also building sustainable solutions that will shape a healthier future for generations to come.

As we continue this journey, I am confident that our shared vision and collective action will drive lasting impact. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and for walking alongside us in advancing health and well-being for all.

Warm Regards.

Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun

Chief Executive Officer, CIHP

CDC Delegation Visits Lagos State to Advance HIV Program Sustainability and Local Ownership



L-R: Dr Olusegun Ogboye, Dr Megna Desai, Dr Victoria Egunjobi, Dr Jerry Gwamna, Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun, at the Lagos State Ministry of Health

A high-level delegation from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), led by the Country Director, Dr. Meghna Desai, recently paid a courtesy visit to the Lagos State Ministry of Health (LSMoH). The delegation was accompanied by CIHP leadership.

The team was received by Dr. Olusegun Ogboye, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health, who represented the Honourable Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi. Also in attendance were key stakeholders from the Lagos State AIDS Control Agency (LSACA), Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA), and the Health Service Commission (HSC).

Central to the discussions during the visit was the strategic development of a roadmap to ensure long-term sustainability of the HIV program in Lagos State, as well as integrating HIV services into the state's health financing and human resource systems to promote long-term program stability.

The visit also coincided with the official close-out of the National Clinical Mentorship Program, which has strengthened clinical capacity across the state. Dr. Desai described the program's conclusion as a milestone toward achieving full local ownership of the HIV response.

Overall, the engagements emphasized CDC's commitment to building state capacity for sustainable HIV programming and exploring new avenues of collaboration to advance Nigeria's health security agenda.



The delegation's visit to LSACA

Improving Lifesaving Care: CIHP Partners with Federal Ministry of Health to Promote Kangaroo Mother Care for Preterm and Low-Birth-Weight Babies

CIHP, in collaboration with the Newborn Unit of the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, is advancing efforts to promote Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC), a proven, lifesaving intervention for preterm and low-birth-weight infants.

Under the Gates Foundation-funded project, Accelerating MNCH Innovations, CIHP supported the development of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials on KMC to raise awareness among health facilities and communities. To validate the materials, CIHP and the Ministry convened a three-day stakeholder review meeting, bringing together representatives from the Federal Ministry of Health, National Primary Health Care Development Agency, pediatricians, neonatologists, public health experts, and development partners.



Stakeholders reviewing the KMC IEC materials in Abuja

The collaborative review ensures the IEC materials are technically accurate, culturally appropriate, and aligned with the World Health Organization's standards as well as Nigeria's national KMC guidelines. Once finalized, they will serve as key tools for promoting consistent practice of KMC across the country.



Stakeholders reviewing the KMC IEC materials

CIHP Participates in NISA 10th Annual Conference, Advocates for Sustainable Growth through Local Action



Women must nurture women... women must empower women, and men must help to nurture and empower women too.

CIHP CEO, Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun during a panel discussion

CIHP participated in the 10th Annual Conference of the Nigeria Implementation Science Alliance (NISA), held in September 2025, under the theme “Sustainable Growth through Local Action: From Investment to Impact.”

The conference convened policymakers, development partners, academics, and private sector leaders to explore strategies for advancing sustainable development through community-driven solutions and targeted investments.

As part of its engagement, CIHP hosted a panel session on “Local Action for Sustaining Public Health Research Momentum in Nigeria in the Era of Limited Funding,” which brought together experts to discuss innovative approaches for maintaining research excellence and promoting locally led solutions despite financial constraints. CIHP also presented several abstracts showcasing evidence-based interventions and program outcomes across key thematic areas.

During a session on succession in public health, CIHP CEO, Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun, emphasized program continuity, mentorship for emerging leaders, and greater inclusion of women in health leadership.

Through these engagements, CIHP reaffirmed its commitment to driving sustainable, locally led health solutions that transform investments into lasting community impact.



A moment with the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare for Nigeria, Professor Muhammad Ali Pate



A panel discussion hosted by CIHP

Preventing Mother-To-Child Transmission of HIV: CIHP Empowers Healthcare Workers on PrEP

Prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV is essential for ensuring healthy futures for both mothers and their babies. This strategy not only reduces the risk of HIV transmission during pregnancy, childbirth, and breastfeeding but also contributes to breaking the cycle of HIV transmission in communities.

Recognizing the critical need for informed healthcare provision, CIHP recently conducted a comprehensive orientation for healthcare workers in Lagos, Kaduna and Kogi states. This orientation focused on the effective use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for pregnant and breastfeeding women, equipping frontline providers with the knowledge and tools necessary to support safer pregnancies and healthier outcomes.

The integration of PrEP into maternal care reduces the risk of HIV transmission while ultimately advancing the goal of an HIV-free generation.



A section of the team in during the orientation



Clips from sections of the orientation in Lagos, Kaduna and Kogi states

Lagos Advocacy Team Launches Effort to Support Almajiri and Out-of-School Children



The Lagos State Advocacy Team of the National Commission for Almajiri and Out-of-School Children Education (NCAOSCE) in a courtesy visit to His Royal Majesty, Oba Alayeluwa Saheed Ademola Elegushi, Kusenla III.

The Lagos State Advocacy Team of the National Commission for Almajiri and Out-of-School Children Education (NCAOSCE), led by the Chairman, Luqman Balogun, has launched a coordinated initiative to address the plight of street and out-of-school children in the state.

At its inaugural meeting, the team outlined its mission to provide access to both formal and informal education, healthcare, and social support, enabling vulnerable children to break free from poverty and exclusion.

As part of advocacy efforts, Dr. Bolanle Oyeledun and team members paid a courtesy visit to His Royal Majesty, Oba Saheed Ademola Elegushi, Kusenla III, who welcomed the initiative through his Special Assistant on Media & Public Affairs, Temitope Oyefeso. The team noted that the monarch's support would be critical in mobilizing communities and driving impact.

With the collaboration of traditional institutions, government, and community stakeholders, the advocacy team expressed optimism about delivering sustainable solutions to end educational neglect in Lagos.



An advocacy visit to His Royal Majesty, Oba Saheed Ademola Elegushi, Kusenla III of Lagos.



A meeting of the Lagos State Advocacy Team of the National Commission for Almajiri and Out-of-School Children Education

Collaborating for Change: CIHP Engages Global Experts at IAS 2025 in Kigali

In July 2025, CIHP joined global leaders, researchers, policymakers, and advocates at the 13th International AIDS Society (IAS) Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2025) held in Kigali, Rwanda. The five-day event served as a platform for advancing cutting-edge scientific discovery, sharing innovative solutions, and shaping policies that place people at the heart of the HIV response.

The IAS 2025 Conference convened over 4000 leading minds from around the world to accelerate HIV research and advocacy. With its strong emphasis on educating changemakers and ensuring that global responses remain grounded in science, the conference offered a valuable platform for organizations like CIHP to showcase best practices, build strategic collaborations, and adopt innovative approaches to enhance the quality of care for people living with and affected by HIV.

Critical learnings from the conference included the recommendation by WHO on long-acting injectable drug Lenacapavir for HIV prevention following results of almost 100% efficacy, as well as the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in advancing prevention. CIHP highlighted its work in prevention, treatment, and health systems strengthening, offering insights from its extensive program implementation across Nigeria.



CIHP representatives at the IAS conference: L-R: Dr. Francis Ogirima, Evelyn Urueye, Ray-Desmond Umechinedu



Clips from panel sessions the IAS 2025 conference - Kigali



L-R: Evelyn Urueye-CIHP, Dr. Kenneth Ngure- IAS President Elect, Ray-Desmond Umechinedu- CIHP at the IAS 2025 conference

Health Stakeholders Collaborate to Accelerate Efforts Towards Ending HIV in Nigeria



L-R: Dr Murphy Akpu- UNAIDS, Dr Funke Ilesanmi Odunlade- WHO, Dr Bola Oyeladeun- CIHP, Dr Bashorun- National Coordinator NASCP

Achieving the UN goal of ending AIDS by 2030 is within reach, provided key stakeholders join hands in a unified effort. In this spirit, CIHP joined partners at the National HIV Sector Symposium, hosted by the National AIDS and Viral Hepatitis Control Program (NASCP) of the Federal Ministry of Health in July.

Held in Abuja, the 2-day event focused on strategies to expand prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) and paediatric HIV treatment coverage nationwide, highlighting the collaborative approach necessary to overcome challenges and accelerate progress towards an AIDS-free future.

CIHP Joins National Workshop to Transition NOMIS for Stronger Local Ownership

As part of efforts towards strengthening Nigeria's child protection systems, CIHP, in August, participated in a transformative five-day workshop that marked a significant milestone, which focused on transitioning the National Orphans and Vulnerable Children Management Information System (NOMIS) from Data.FI to the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs.

Beyond the technical transfer, the initiative reflected a shared commitment among stakeholders to build local capacity, establish sustainable support systems, and ensure NOMIS continues to serve as a functional and responsive tool for meeting the needs of Nigeria's most vulnerable children. With this transition, the system is being positioned firmly within national structures, creating stronger government ownership and accountability.

NOMIS, developed to collect, analyze, and report data on orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), has been an essential tool for evidence-based decision-making. It supports the monitoring of program performance and guides policy interventions that improve child welfare and protection across the country. Previously supported by implementing partners like Data.FI, NOMIS has enabled improved data collection and reporting at the community, state, and national levels.



Insightful contributions from the CIHP team

The handover to the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs signals a new chapter in Nigeria's efforts to institutionalize child welfare systems.



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