The ECEWS ACE 5 Project
Accelerating Control Of The HIV Epidemic in Nigeria
OVERVIEW

Project Period: May 18, 2022- May 17, 2027
(5 Years)

Prime Recipient: Excellence Community Education Welfare Scheme (ECEWS)

Sub Recipients:
Achieving Health Nigeria Initiative (AHNi)
Family Health International (FHI360)
Howard University Global Initiative Nigeria (HUGIN)

The ECEWS-led ACE-5 consortium comprises three partner organizations with different responsibilities on the project.

Prime Implementing Partner, ensuring accountability for results; providing overall project leadership; technical, operational and financial management/oversight.
Leveraging PEPFAR (United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) resources, ECEWS ACE-5 project supports comprehensive HIV/AIDS and TB prevention, care and treatment services in 154 health facilities located across 34 Local Government Areas in Akwa Ibom and Cross Rivers. Understanding that resources and interventions in the facilities alone are no longer sufficient to drive progress towards epidemic control, the project has built on proven and time-tested community structures to advance HIV epidemic response in the project.
Major Stakeholders

» National Primary Health Care Department Agency (NPHCDA)

» Department of Health Planning Research and Statistics (DHPRS)

» Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS in Nigeria (NEPWHAN)

» Government of Nigeria (GoN)

» Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM)

» National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)

» National STI Control Program (NASCP)
HIV PREVENTION SERVICES
300,000 condoms distributed as part of HIV prevention campaigns

ACCESS TO HIV TESTING SERVICES
555,780 individuals knew their HIV status through community and facility-based HIV testing services

CONTINUITY OF HIV CARE AND TREATMENT
187,267 individuals receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART)

12,558 Individuals received pre-exposure prophylaxis to prevent HIV infection

6,900 Survivors of gender-based violence, including adolescents received clinical care and psychosocial support

1,631 patients with Advanced HIV Disease received specialized care and support

VIRAL LOAD TESTING AND SUPPRESSION
154 laboratories supported with consumables for viral load sample collection

178,403 individuals received viral load test results to monitor antiretroviral therapy

SCREENING AND MANAGEMENT OF CO-MORBIDITIES
17,706 HIV-positive women screened for cervical cancer,

1,373 clients receiving antiretroviral therapy were also managed for hypertension
PREVENTION OF MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION (PMTCT)

- 38 pregnant women were treated for syphilis
- 91,951 pregnant women knew their HIV and Syphilis status at antenatal care
- 1,720 HIV-positive pregnant women received Antiretroviral therapy for their own health and to prevent transmission to their babies

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

- 988 HIV-exposed infants received HIV prophylaxis to prevent HIV infection
- 1,388 were saved from HIV infection
- 7,419 adolescents accessed HIV testing using HIV self-test kits

SUSTAINABILITY

- 154 healthcare facilities received upgrades to their electronic medical records
- 21 Abstracts accepted to international conferences
- 2 Oral presentations

New PCR Alinity machines with higher throughput capacity Delivered to UUTH and COOUTH PCR Laboratories (50% increase in the daily output (2000 to 3000 samples)