

Project Brief



ECEWS NTD

Neglected Tropical Diseases





Project Background

In line with ECEWS mission to preserve and improve human life through the provision of quality healthcare services to vulnerable communities in Africa, ECEWS in partnership with Helen Keller International (HKI) is on a mission to control and eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases through preventive chemotherapy, Morbidity management and Disability Prevention in Akwa Ibom State. This project is funded by THE END FUND, whose key objective is to successfully eliminate NTDs by 2030 in line with the Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3).

Our Belief

We believe that multisectoral collaboration and responsiveness from the ministry of health, ministry of education and the private sector, alongside political will and commitment, will ensure optimal coverage and effectiveness of all interventions.

...about **NTDs**?

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) are a diverse group of tropical parasitic and bacterial infectious diseases common in low-income population, and in developing regions like Africa, Asia etc. These diseases kill slowly and can take many years, and as such do not receive the buzz, attention and commitment that other diseases with high and rapid mortality rates receive, hence the name: "Neglected Tropical Diseases". They affect over 1.7 billion people in about 149 countries, with about 100 million Nigerians affected. 40% of the global NTD burden is concentrated in Africa, which is why THE END FUND focuses its work in this geographical region, with Helen Keller International being one of its implementing partners.

Key Objective of THE END FUND and its Implementing Partners is to successfully Eliminate NTDs by 2030. The 5 targeted NTDs in Nigeria include: Trachoma, Lymphatic Filariasis (LF), Schistosomiasis, Onchocerciasis and Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) common in school aged children. Public health concerns associated with NTDs include; Irreversible blindness caused by Trachoma and Onchocerciasis, Lymphoedema in the legs (Elephantiasis), arms, breast and scrotal sac (Hydrocele). Soil Transmitted Helminths in children leads to malnutrition, cognitive impairment, stunted growth and absenteeism.



Project Purpose

To Improved health outcomes in target population, with total elimination of NTDs in endemic areas in targeted communities.

Increasing awareness on NTDs among the populace

Increasing access and provision of NTD prevention and care services with primary health care

strengthening NTD management practices





AKWA IBOM STATE ECEWS / HKI-NTD STRATEGIES

- Preventive chemotherapy: used for Lymphatic Filariasis(LF), Onchocerciasis , Schistosomiasis and Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH)
- Morbidity Management and Disability Prevention: used for hydrocele and lymphoedema
- WASH (Safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)
- Vector and Intermediate host control

COORDINATING TEAM



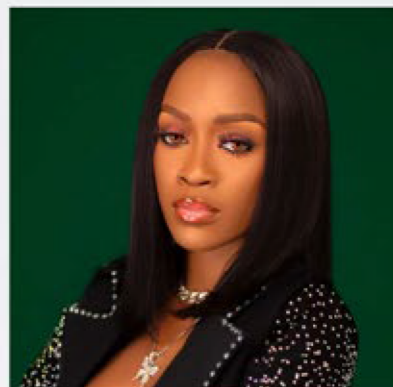
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