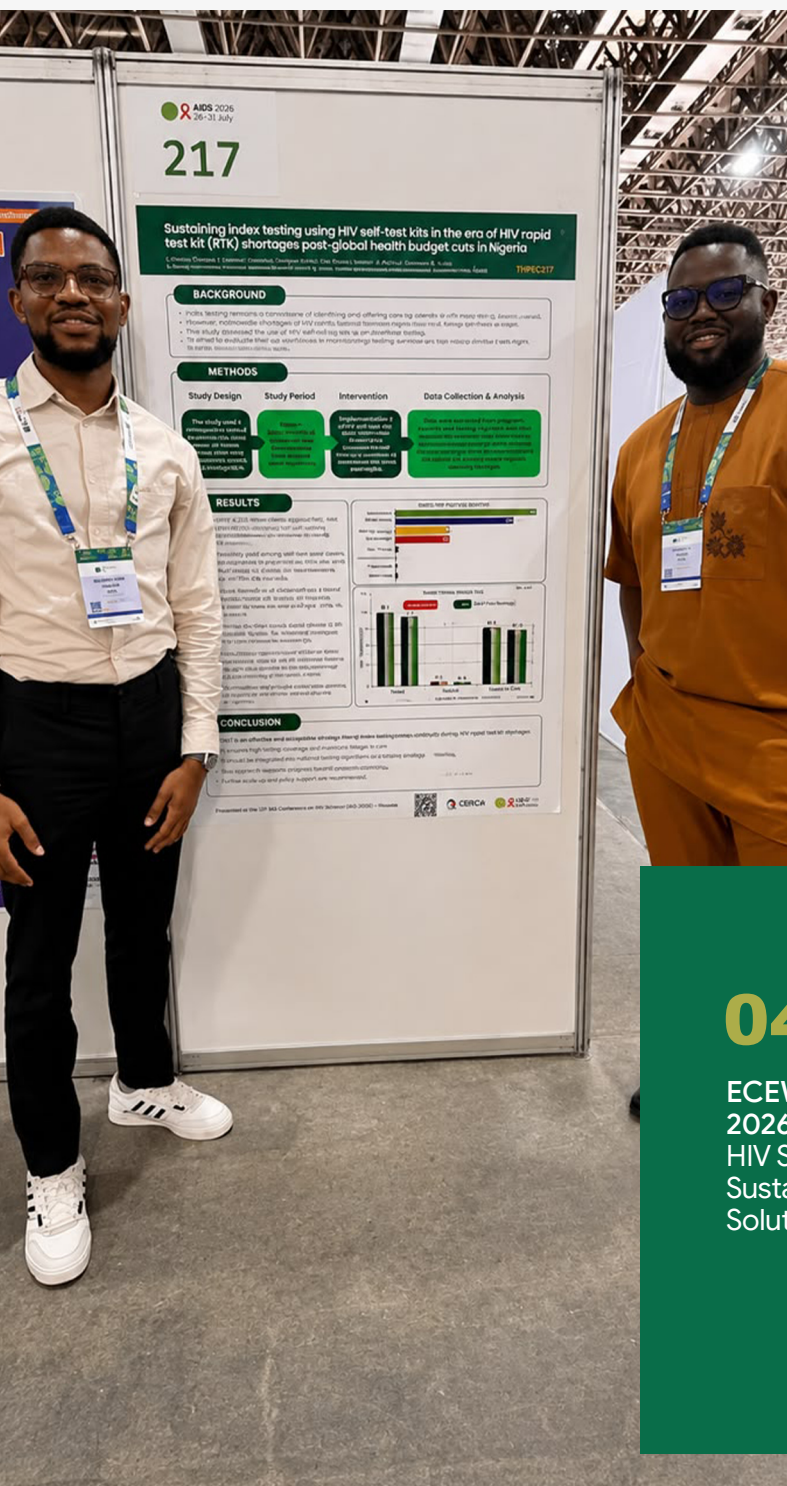
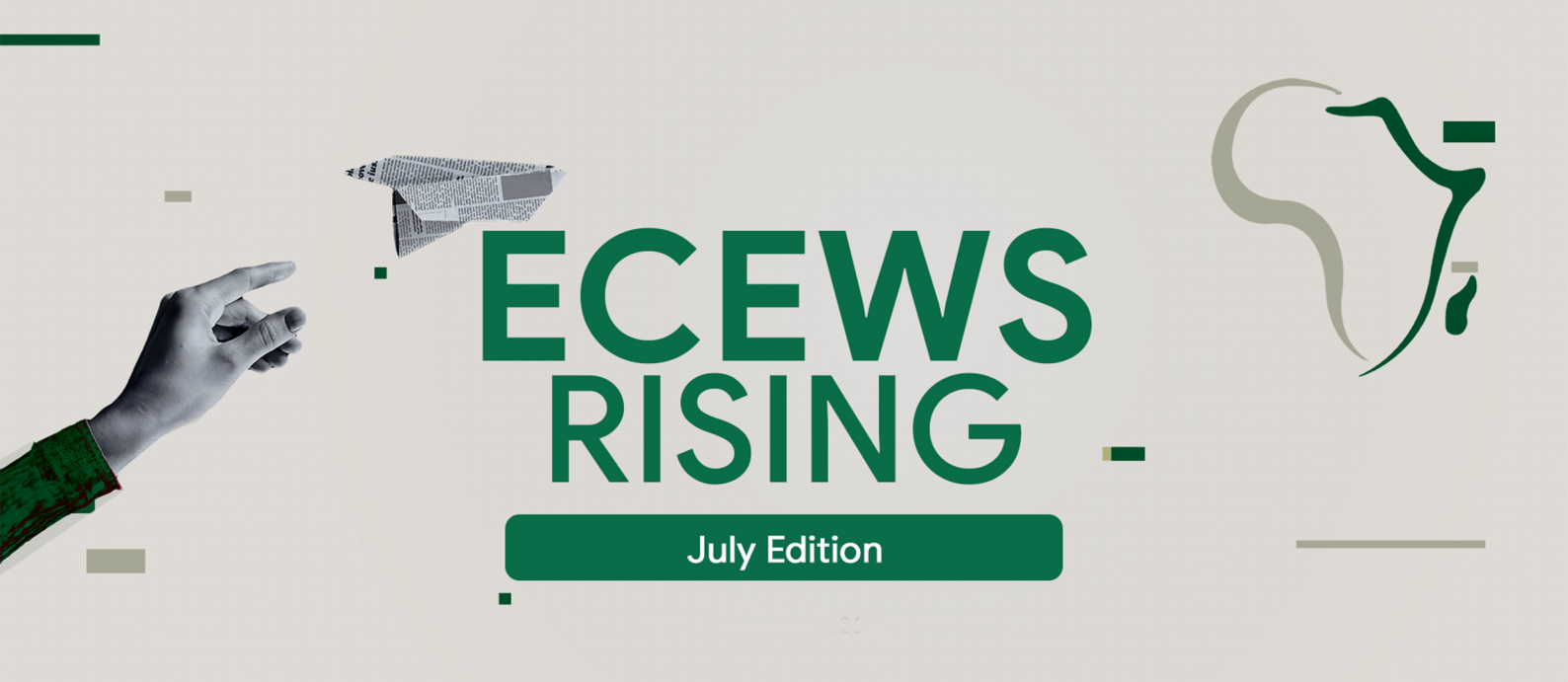




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From the CEO's Desk

As we flip through the pages of another impactful edition of our newsletter, we are filled with gratitude for the people, partnerships, and purpose that continue to drive the ECEWS journey. Every story in this edition reflects our commitment to improving lives and creating opportunities for communities to thrive.

From the innovative drone-enabled ART delivery in Boki, Cross River State, which brings quality HIV services closer to hard-to-reach communities, to our participation at the International AIDS Society (IAS) 2026 Conference in Brazil, where we contributed to conversations shaping the future of HIV science and public health, ECEWS continues to explore creative solution that drive meaningful impact. Emmanuella's journey of recovery further reminds us that behind every intervention is a life transformed.

We also celebrate opportunity and recognition. Supporting Miss Erifon Ukpe with a ₦1 million educational and travel grant to study in Thailand reflects our belief in investing in the next generation. The Champion of Enduring Impact Award presented to ECEWS by ISDMA and the Humanitarian Meritorious Service Award presented by Medical and Dental Consultants' Association of Nigeria, University of Uyo Teaching Hospital Chapter (MDCAN UUTH) are humbling reminders of the impact of our collective work.

In Osun State, the U.S. CDC team conducted a programme review with ECEWS and health facility leadership to assess progress in HIV/TB service delivery. The engagement highlighted the value of strong partnerships, accountability, and continuous quality improvement in sustaining quality HIV services.

As you explore this edition, I invite you to see the people and possibilities behind every story. Whether through service delivery, innovation, education, advocacy, or partnership, each effort contributes to a larger purpose of building stronger health systems and creating opportunities for people and communities to thrive.

Together, we will continue to innovate, serve, and create lasting impact.

Dr. Andy Eyo

Chief Executive Officer, ECEWS



ECEWS Backs Sustainable HIV Financing in Ekiti State

Ending Nigeria's HIV epidemic will require more than donor funding, it demands strong government systems, deliberate financing strategies, and long-term institutional ownership. This commitment was reinforced on 5 June 2026 as ECEWS through the United States Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (U.S CDC) funded Sustainable Programs for HIV Epidemic Control and Service Delivery (SPEED) Project, coordinated and participated in the Nigeria State Health Investment Project (N-SHIP) Phase II Stakeholders' Meeting in Ekiti State.

The meeting brought together key representatives

from the National AIDS and STIs Control Programme (NASCP), Ekiti State Ministry of Health (SMOH), Ekiti State Hospital Management Board (EKHMB), Ministry of Budget & Management, Ministry of Finance, the State AIDS and STIs Control Programme (SASCP), Ekiti State Health Insurance Scheme (EKSHIS), NEPWHAN, and the Ekiti State Primary Health Development Board (EKSPHDB).

The meeting served as a platform for reviewing the progress of health financing initiatives aimed at strengthening government ownership of the HIV response. Participants assessed ongoing efforts to institutionalize long-term financing mechanisms, enhance domestic resource mobilization, and integrate HIV services into routine government health systems. Discussions also focused on improving inter-sectoral collaboration to ensure the continuity of quality HIV prevention, treatment, and care services across the state.

By convening critical government stakeholders to jointly review progress and define actionable next steps, ECEWS reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Ekiti State in building resilient health systems, advancing government-led HIV programme financing, and driving the transition towards greater government leadership and ownership of the HIV response.



ECEWS at IAS 2026: Bolstering HIV Science & Sustainable Solutions



ECEWS joined thousands of global leaders, researchers, policymakers, and partners at the 2026 International AIDS Society Conference (AIDS 2026), held from 26 to 31 July 2026 at the Riocentro Convention and Event Center in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to address global funding pressures, advance HIV science, and strengthen community leadership in the HIV response.

The conference opened with a pre conference session titled "Transforming Health Assistance: Implementing US Government Bilateral MOUs

for Sustainable HIV Programs," where ECEWS Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dr Andy Eyo, joined fellow experts to discuss practical approaches to advancing country led HIV programs and building resilient health systems. Throughout the conference, ECEWS contributed actively to the global scientific dialogue through technical panel coordination, stakeholder engagement, and side sessions organized by Roche.

As part of its scientific contributions, ECEWS presented a poster titled "Sustaining Index

Testing Using HIV Self Test Kits in the Era of HIV Rapid Test Kit (RTK) Shortages Following Global Health Budget Cuts in Nigeria." Presented by Bonaventure Ukoaka and Joseph Ekong, the poster highlighted adaptive strategies ECEWS implemented to sustain HIV index testing and prevention services amid rapid diagnostic kit shortages following global funding cuts. The findings showed how context specific, innovative approaches enabled continuity of essential HIV testing services despite significant resource constraints, reflecting ECEWS' commitment to building resilient health systems and translating implementation challenges into evidence that informs global best practices.

ECEWS also joined partners and stakeholders

across the global health community at an interactive stakeholder session on "Integration from the Ground Up: Unlocking HIV Investments for Impact." Representing ECEWS on the panel, Chief of Party, Dr Adeoye Adegboye shared insights on strengthening integrated HIV programming, maximizing investments, and advancing sustainable, country led approaches to improving health outcomes.

From scientific exchange to practical implementation, ECEWS remains committed to advancing evidence driven solutions that improve health outcomes in Nigeria and beyond, contributing to the shared global goal of ending HIV as a public health threat.



ECEWS CEO Inspires Emerging Leaders at CIHP Leadership Think Tank

Investing in people is investing in the future. reinforcing this commitment, the CEO of ECEWS, Dr. Andy Eyo, joined leading development experts as a Lead Mentor at the Centre for Integrated Health Programs (CIHP) Leadership Think Tank, a leadership development initiative designed to equip interns across Nigeria's development sector with the skills to lead transformative change.

Held on 9 July 2026 in FCT Abuja, Nigeria, the programme brought together aspiring professionals eager to learn from seasoned leaders shaping Nigeria's development landscape. In her welcome address, the CEO of CIHP, Dr. Bola Oyeledun, emphasized the importance of investing in young professionals and creating platforms that empower them to navigate complex development challenges with competence,

innovation, and confidence.

Delivering a thought-provoking session on "Leadership Lessons Learned from Challenges," Dr. Andy Eyo challenged participants to see every obstacle as an opportunity to grow, innovate, and lead with purpose. Drawing from his leadership journey, he encouraged the interns to embrace resilience, pursue excellence relentlessly, and cultivate the adaptability required to deliver lasting impact in their communities and beyond.

The mentorship session reinforced the role of values-driven leadership in sustainable development, reflecting ECEWS's broader dedication to mentorship and capacity strengthening for the next generation of leaders.



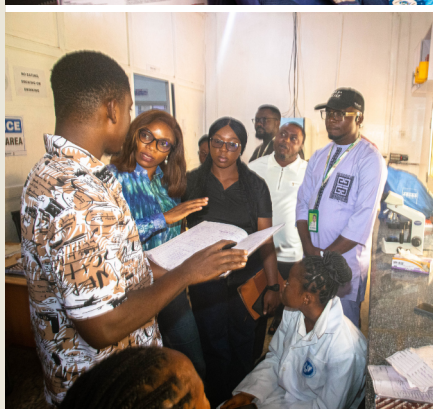
ECEWS Conducts HIV Care Quality Assessment

ECEWS continues to strengthen health systems for sustainable HIV service delivery in Cross River State. As part of this effort, the technical team of the Accelerating Control of the HIV Epidemic (ACE-5) Project, funded by the U.S. Government and implemented by ECEWS, conducted a two-week support mission from July 19 to 31, 2026. Led by Chief of Party, Dr. Adeoye Adegboye, the team visited 11 health facilities and engaged three community structures across the Southern, Central, and Northern clusters of the state.

The mission assessed the quality of HIV service delivery and provided targeted support across HIV Testing Services, Care and Treatment, Prevention Mother to Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT), Tuberculosis and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (TB/HIV) integration, case management, data quality, and community service delivery. The team also reviewed client-tracking systems, Differentiated Service Delivery (DSD) sites, community birth centres, and implementation practices at facility and LGA levels.

The assessment also highlighted good practices, including integrated medical records and pharmacy services, effective client-tracking systems, and strengthened caregiver support. The team also identified opportunities to improve adherence to national HIV testing standards, expand community case finding, strengthen PMTCT and TB/HIV integration, and improve data quality.

At the state out-brief, project and government stakeholders reviewed the findings and agreed on priority actions to address implementation bottlenecks. The visit reaffirmed ECEWS' devotion to continuous quality improvement and supporting Cross River State's preparedness for the ongoing Government-to-Government transition through stronger, integrated, and client-centred HIV service delivery.



From Critical to Thriving



Emmanuella's Journey of Recovery



Yusuf Emmanuella, a 13 year old, lost her mother to AIDS in 2022. Toward the end of October 2025, she began experiencing recurrent illness. Her caregivers promptly sought medical attention at Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH), where she received treatment and initially recovered. However, in early January 2026, her health deteriorated significantly. She became progressively weak, experienced severe weight loss, and was unable to carry out her normal daily activities. Alarmed by her worsening condition, she was immediately rushed to EKSUTH for urgent medical attention.

Following a comprehensive clinical assessment, Yusuf Emmanuella was admitted on 30 January 2026 for intensive management. Through the joint efforts of the Community Case Management Program (CCMP) and the Clinical Services Unit (CSU), under the Sustainable Programs for HIV Epidemic Control and Service Delivery (SPEED) Project, funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and implemented by ECEWS, she received comprehensive HIV care, including management of her acute illness, close clinical monitoring, nutritional support, adherence counseling, and caregiver education.

Furthermore, ECEWS Ekiti State team worked closely to manage her care, ensuring continuity between facility and community-based services. Clinical providers handled her medical treatment while the CCMP team reinforced treatment

adherence, provided psychosocial support, engaged her caregivers, and followed up to address barriers to sustained care throughout her three week hospitalisation.

Following her discharge, CCMP continued routine home visits, adherence monitoring, caregiver engagement, and linkage with the clinical team to prevent treatment interruption and support her long-term recovery. Remarkably, Yusuf Emmanuella responded well to treatment. She gradually regained her appetite, recovered her strength, gained weight, and was discharged home in a clinically stable condition. Since discharge, she has remained adherent to her antiretroviral therapy (ART), attended her scheduled clinic appointments, and resumed normal childhood activities.

Yusuf Emmanuella's story reflects the impact of integrated HIV care through CSU and CCMP collaboration. It highlights the SPEED Project's commitment to ensuring every child living with HIV receives comprehensive, compassionate care, and can recover, thrive, and lead a healthy life.

ECEWS Baby Shower Outreaches Foster PMTCT in Osun, Ekiti



ECEWS, through the U.S. CDC funded SPEED Project, conducted Baby Shower outreaches in Osun and Ekiti States in June 2026 to drive demand for antenatal care, HIV testing, and Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) services among pregnant women.

In Osun State, ECEWS partnered with As Sallam Mosque leadership and community stakeholders to reach 60 pregnant women in Olorunda Local Government Area on 18 June. The team delivered health education on PMTCT and antenatal care, and offered free HIV and syphilis screening during which three women testing positive for syphilis were referred for treatment, while one known HIV positive woman was linked to continued care. The outreach closed with distribution of Mama Packs to encourage ongoing engagement with preventive healthcare.

Subsequently, in Ekiti State, ECEWS partnered with the Ekiti State AIDS and STI Control Programme (SASCP) to conduct two outreaches, in Iye Community on 12 June and Ijero Community on 16 June. Both events educated pregnant women and their spouses on antenatal care registration, PMTCT services, treatment adherence, and safe delivery practices, alongside HIV counselling, testing, and referrals for further care.

Collectively, these outreaches continue to serve as effective platforms for integrating HIV prevention into routine maternal and child health services, improving access to lifesaving interventions, and advancing the SPEED Project's goal of achieving epidemic control through community-driven, people-centred healthcare.



Akuku-Toru CHIS: Renaissance Africa Energy Company and ECEWS Advance Implementation



Since the launch of the Renaissance-supported Akuku-Toru Community Health Insurance Scheme (Akuku-Toru CHIS), there has been an increase in access to quality health care by the people of Akuku-Toru Local Government Area (LGA) and its environs in Rivers State.

ECEWS leadership, led by CEO Dr. Andy Eyo, on 8th July 2026 visited Rivers State to advance implementation of the scheme, assessing remodeling works at the Model Primary Healthcare Centre, Abonnema, and touring Obio Cottage Hospital, the model on which the Akuku-Toru CHIS is built.



The visit also included a courtesy visit to Renaissance's corporate office where they met with the Renaissance country health manager, Dr. Akinwumi Fajola, to reinforce collaboration and appreciated the company's continued support for community health initiatives.

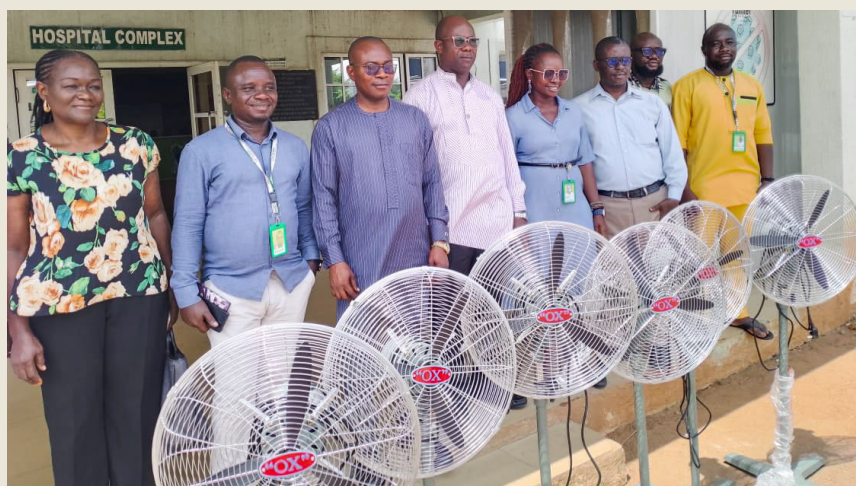
The engagements provided valuable insights into strengthening service delivery, enhancing operational efficiency, and adapting proven best practices to meet the unique healthcare needs of the Akuku-Toru communities which has so far benefitted over 6000 enrollees, served by about 20 doctors and more than 65 nurses.

ECEWS, IHVN-Backed Donation Improves Patient Comfort at AE-FUTHA ART Clinic

On Tuesday, 2 June 2026, ECEWS team, led by the Deputy Project Director/Technical Lead (DPD/TL), Dr. Bokime Frank, paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC), Dr. Uchenna Nwedu of Alex Ekwueme Federal University Teaching Hospital Abakaliki (AE-FUTHA), Ebonyi State.

ECEWS handed over six (6) standing fans, procured with support from the Principal Recipient of the Global Fund grant, Institute of Human Virology (IHVN), Nigeria to improve patient comfort and service delivery at the Antiretroviral Therapy Clinic. The DPD/TL also requested AE-FUTHA's support for the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Centre, specifically a functional water system, waiting chairs, and waste bins for the offices and laboratory.

The CMAC assured the team of AE-FUTHA's commitment to addressing these needs and promised to brief the Chief Medical Director (CMD), who was unavoidably absent, to ensure follow-through. This reinforced the strong partnership between ECEWS and AE-FUTHA in improving the quality of healthcare services and patient outcomes.





U.S CDC Program Review Strengthens HIV Service Delivery in Osun State

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently conducted a comprehensive program review of ECEWS-supported interventions across five health facilities in Osun State namely State Specialist Hospital, Asubiaro; State Hospital, Ede; UNIOSUN Teaching Hospital (UTH), Osogbo; Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospitals Complex (OAUTHC), Ile-Ife; and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Hospital, Jaleiyemi, from 23rd - 25th June 2026.



The review provided an opportunity to assess program performance across key technical areas, including HIV, TB/HIV, laboratory services, and other related interventions. Through facility assessments, stakeholder engagements, and technical discussions, the team examined progress made, celebrated notable achievements, identified implementation gaps, and developed practical recommendations to strengthen service delivery and improve patient outcomes.

A key highlight of the exercise was the advocacy visits to senior leadership at participating facilities. The CDC team engaged the Chief Medical Director of UNIOSUN Teaching Hospital, the Chief Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC) at OAUTHC, and the Chief Consultant at State Specialist Hospital, Asubiaro. These engagements reinforced the

critical role of institutional leadership in sustaining quality healthcare services, promoting accountability, and ensuring continued support for HIV and TB/HIV interventions.

The review reiterated the shared commitment of CDC, ECEWS, and facility management to continuous quality improvement and evidence-based programming. By identifying opportunities for enhancement while recognizing existing successes, the exercise has laid a stronger foundation for improved service delivery and sustained progress toward achieving epidemic control and ending the HIV epidemic in Osun State.

Nigerian Student Receives ₦1 Million ECEWS Scholarship to Study in Thailand

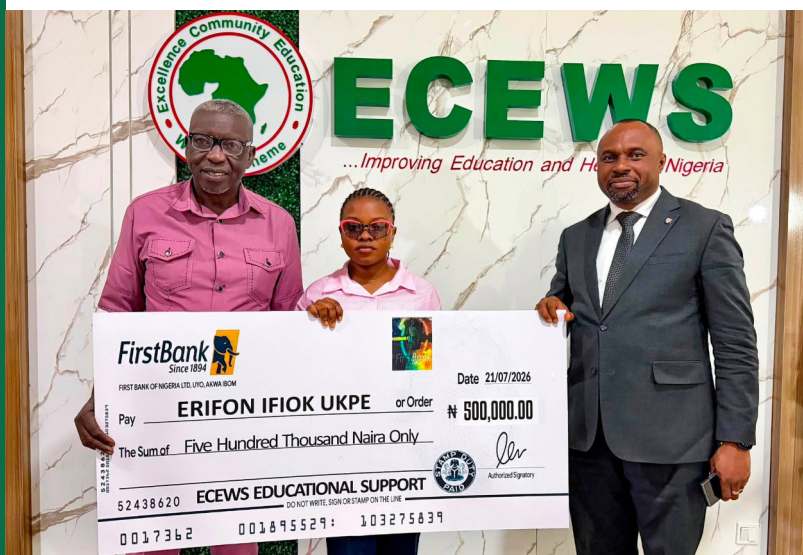
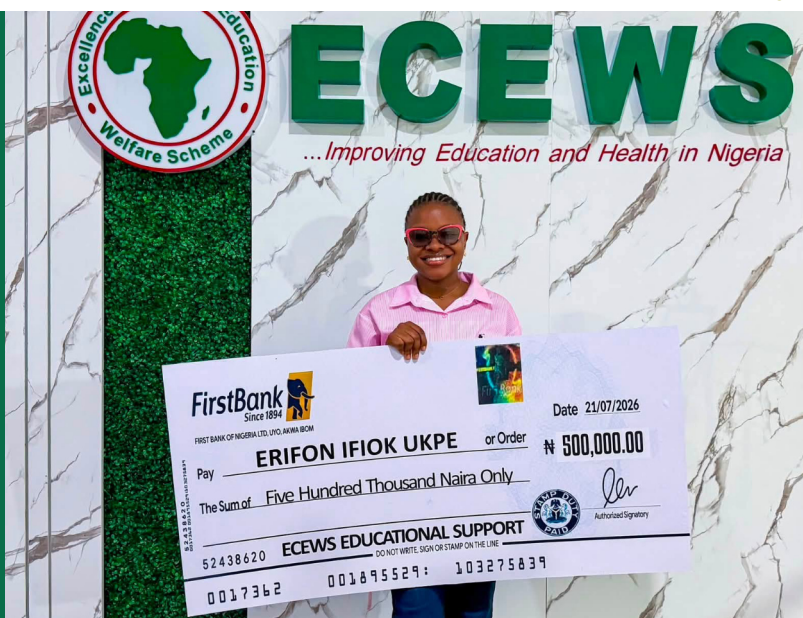
Education remains one of the most powerful investments in shaping the future, and at ECEWS, we are proud to support exceptional young Nigerians in pursuing their dreams.

The leadership of ECEWS recently welcomed a delegation of educators led by Professor Uko, alongside Miss Erifon Ukpe, a Chemistry graduate of the University of Uyo who has earned a fully funded scholarship to study Green Chemistry in Thailand.

In recognition of her outstanding achievement and in line with ECEWS' commitment to advancing education and nurturing future leaders, the CEO of ECEWS, Dr. Andy Eyo, presented Miss Erifon with an educational grant of ₦500,000 through the ECEWS Underprivileged Fund. She also received an additional ₦500,000 to support her travel expenses as she prepares to commence her academic journey in Thailand, bringing the total support to ₦1 million.

The ECEWS Underprivileged Fund is an educational support initiative sustained by the generosity of friends, partners, and well-wishers. Through this fund, ECEWS continues to create opportunities for deserving young people to access quality education and unlock their full potential.

Expressing her heartfelt appreciation, Miss Erifon thanked the Management and Staff of ECEWS, as well as everyone who has contributed to the Underprivileged Purse, for believing in her potential. She pledged to make the most of the opportunity and represent Nigeria with excellence as she embarks on her studies in Thailand.



PSN Akwa Ibom Chapter Visits ECEWS, Commends Longstanding Support for Pharmacists



ECEWS was pleased to welcome the leadership of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Akwa Ibom State Chapter, led by Pharm. Nsikak Effiong, on a courtesy visit on 21st July, 2026. The meeting reasserted the longstanding relationship between both organisations and explored new opportunities for collaboration in advancing integrated healthcare and combating drug abuse across Akwa Ibom State.

During the visit, the PSN Chairman commended ECEWS for its longstanding support, recalling the organisation's sponsorship of council members for professional training in Germany in 2014. In his remarks, Dr. Andy Eyo, CEO of ECEWS, reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to working closely with pharmacists and other critical health stakeholders to co-create sustainable solutions that strengthen health systems, promote responsible medicine use, and improve health outcomes for communities.

At ECEWS, strategic partnerships remain essential to building resilient, people-centred health systems, and this engagement reflects the organisation's continued efforts to deepen collaboration with key professional bodies in advancing quality healthcare across Akwa Ibom State.





ECEWS Donates Air Conditioners to Improve Drug, Reagent Storage in Cross River State

With support from the U.S. Department of State, ECEWS has donated 14 air conditioners to improve the storage conditions of drugs and laboratory reagents across supported facilities in Cross River State.

Receiving the donation, the Cross River State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, commended the U.S. Government for its sustained partnership through ECEWS and reaffirmed the state's commitment to ensuring the equipment is properly deployed, monitored, and safeguarded.



ECEWS Deepens HIV Programme Ties with General Hospital Apapa's New MD

The Lagos State ECEWS Care and Treatment team, alongside the facility backstop, conducted a stakeholder engagement visit to General Hospital Apapa, on 8th of June 2026 to formally introduce the ECEWS-supported HIV programme to the facility's newly appointed Medical Director, Dr Ime Okon. visits of this nature are an important part of building the institutional relationships that underpin effective, government-owned HIV service delivery, ensuring that facility leadership is fully informed of the ACE-5 programme

scope, direction, and performance from the outset of their tenure.

During the visit, the team provided a comprehensive overview of ECEWS-supported HIV programme implementation at the facility, walking the Medical Director through current performance data and highlighting key achievements recorded under the programme. The engagement was candid and collaborative, creating space for open dialogue on the facility's HIV services and the shared

responsibilities that come with them.

The team also used the opportunity to raise an operational concern affecting service delivery, space constraints limiting the deployment of Point-of-Care EMR systems at the facility. Dr Ime Okon received the concern constructively and committed to supporting a timely resolution, a positive signal for the working relationship between ECEWS and the new facility leadership as they move forward together.

MDCAN UUTH Honours Dr. Andy Eyo with Humanitarian Award for Transformative Public Health Leadership



Dr. Andy Eyo, CEO of ECEWS, was honored to receive the Executive Committee of the Medical and Dental Consultants' Association of Nigeria (MDCAN), University of Uyo Teaching Hospital Chapter, on a courtesy visit to our Headquarters (HQ) on 3rd of July 2026.

The visit provided an opportunity for the newly elected MDCAN leadership to formally introduce its executive committee, appreciate ECEWS' longstanding contributions to improving health outcomes across Nigeria, and explore areas for deeper collaboration in healthcare delivery, research, capacity development, and public health interventions.

In recognition of his outstanding commitment to humanitarian service and transformative leadership in public health, ECEWS CEO, Dr. Andy Eyo, was presented with the Humanitarian Meritorious Service Award by the association.

ECEWS values strategic partnerships that bring together expertise, innovation, and shared purpose to improve health outcomes and build resilient health systems for the benefit of communities across Nigeria.



ECEWS Reaffirms Collaboration with the Office of the Coordinator of the First Lady of Akwa Ibom State



The CEO of ECEWS, Dr. Andy Eyo, and his wife, Mrs. Victoria Andy, paid a courtesy and appreciation visit to the Office of the Coordinator, Office of the First Lady of Akwa Ibom State, Lady Helen Obareki on 22nd of June 2026.

The visit was to express sincere appreciation to Her Excellency, the First Lady of Akwa Ibom State, for honoring ECEWS' 25th Anniversary Celebration with her presence, a gesture that solidify the shared commitment to improving the lives and well-being of the people of Akwa Ibom State.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to reinforce ECEWS' support for Her Excellency's Golden Initiative for All (GIFA) and explore areas of mutual collaboration to advance health, education, women's empowerment, and sustainable community development across the state.

ECEWS values its partnership with the Akwa Ibom State Government and will continue to work with key stakeholders to deliver lasting, people-centered impact.

Cross River, ECEWS Partner to Digitise Medical Supply Chain

ECEWS is taking another significant step toward strengthening health systems through digital innovation.

During a courtesy visit to the Cross River State Ministry of Health, ECEWS reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the digital transformation of healthcare commodity management through the proposed deployment of the ENVO digital logistics management platform at the State Central Medical Store.

The initiative will provide real-time visibility of medical commodities, improve inventory management, reduce stock-outs, strengthen accountability, and support data-driven decision-making across the supply chain.



The Honourable Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, commended the initiative, describing it as a strategic intervention that aligns with the state's vision for a more efficient, transparent, and technology-driven healthcare system.

For ECEWS, partnership means stronger health systems, expanded access to life-saving commodities, and sustainable health outcomes for communities.



ECEWS Shares 25-Year Legacy at Topfaith University's International Leadership Conference

ECEWS reaffirmed its leadership in advancing sustainable development as the organisation participated in the International Conference on Leadership and Governance hosted by Topfaith University, Akwa Ibom State on 2nd of July 2026.

The conference convened academics, business leaders, public sector professionals, and students to examine the evolving demands of leadership and governance in a rapidly changing world. ECEWS, CEO, Dr. Andy Eyo, delivered a keynote presentation on "Social Entrepreneurship in a Challenging Environment," drawing on ECEWS' 25-year legacy of strengthening institutions, transforming communities, and delivering measurable development outcomes across Nigeria.

The presentation highlighted ECEWS' journey from a modest initiative to one of Nigeria's leading

indigenous development organizations, demonstrating how visionary leadership, innovation, accountability, and strong institutional systems have enabled the organization to respond effectively to complex health, education, and social development challenges. Sharing practical insights from ECEWS' experience, the session underscored the organization's commitment to investing in people, leveraging data for evidence-based decision-making, fostering strategic partnerships, and building resilient systems that deliver lasting impact for vulnerable populations.

Through engagements such as this, ECEWS continues to share knowledge, influence the next generation of leaders, and contribute to national conversations on governance, innovation, and sustainable development, reinforcing its commitment to building stronger institutions and creating healthier, more prosperous communities across Nigeria.

Strengthening HIV Testing: ECEWS Produces 1,700+ DTS Panels in Delta State



In Delta State, ECEWS, through U.S CDC funded SPEED Project, has successfully completed the Fiscal Year 2026 Cycle Two triannual production of Dried Tube Specimen (DTS) panels for HIV Serology External Quality Assessment–Proficiency Testing (EQA-PT), reinforcing laboratory quality systems across Delta State.

The production exercise ran mid FY26Q3, at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital, Asaba, led by the Delta State SPEED Project laboratory team in collaboration with the HQ Laboratory team, in line with National Proficiency Testing and organizational Laboratory Quality Assurance policies.

ECEWS supports 61 facility-based HIV rapid testing sites and 27 Community Outreach Provider Point (COPP) teams across Delta State. DTS technology offers a cost-effective, cold-chain-free method for monitoring tester performance and validating HIV rapid testing accuracy, which is critical for maintaining reliable diagnostic services at scale. The Delta State Quality Assurance Team (SQAT) worked alongside ECEWS staff throughout the exercise, gaining hands-on experience in DTS production protocols, laboratory safety, and Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP) standards, marking a step toward greater state ownership of quality assurance systems.

The exercise produced 305 HIV Serology Proficiency Testing panels and 1,408 HIV Serology Quality Control panels. Each testing package included instruction sheets, job aids, result reporting forms, five PT panel vials, and one buffer vial for reconstitution, and the panels were distributed to all 61 testing points and 27 COPP teams statewide.

By strengthening proficiency testing and quality control systems, ECEWS continues to advance the reliability of HIV diagnostic services in Delta State, supporting Nigeria's broader goal of HIV epidemic control.

ECEWS Participates in Annual Laboratory Management Review Meeting at Mainland Hospital



ECEWS Lagos State technical laboratory team participated in the Annual Laboratory Management Review Meeting at Mainland Hospital, Lagos State on 24 June 2026, joining facility stakeholders in a comprehensive evaluation of laboratory performance and the effectiveness of the Quality Management System over the past year.

Discussions spanned several core areas central to laboratory excellence, beginning with a review of quality objectives and progress made against them over the year. Audit findings were examined alongside External

Quality Assessment (EQA) performance, providing an objective measure of how laboratory results compare against established benchmarks. Point-of-Care Testing (POCT) activities were also reviewed, reflecting the growing role POCT plays in expanding diagnostic access closer to patients. Staff competency was assessed as well, recognising that the skill and consistency of laboratory personnel remain foundational to reliable testing outcomes.

The review served as both a retrospective and a forward-looking exercise, identifying what

has worked well over the year and where continued attention is needed. The meeting reinforces ECEWS' ongoing commitment to strengthening laboratory operations at Mainland Hospital and ensuring sustained compliance with the quality standards that underpin trustworthy, dependable diagnostic services.

Solar-Powered Healthcare: ECEWS Improves Service Delivery

ECEWS has reinforced the resilience of healthcare delivery in Cross River State through the donation of solar power systems to supported health facilities, ensuring uninterrupted access to critical HIV and other essential health services.

The intervention, implemented in collaboration with the Cross River State Ministry of Health (CRSMoH) on 1st of July 2026, is designed to address one of the most persistent barriers to quality healthcare, unreliable electricity. By providing sustainable solar energy solutions, ECEWS is helping health facilities maintain uninterrupted laboratory services, preserve temperature-sensitive medicines, power diagnostic equipment, and deliver quality patient care regardless of power outages.

As part of the intervention, ECEWS procured and donated 60 units of 600W bifacial solar panels, alongside high-capacity lithium batteries, gel batteries, and inverter systems to strengthen power infrastructure across multiple facilities. Sacred Heart Catholic Hospital, Obudu, received a complete solar power upgrade featuring a 10KVA inverter and a 10KW lithium battery, while Ogoja Catholic Maternity Hospital, General Hospital Ogoja, Yala Lutheran Hospital, Cottage Hospital Akpet Central,

and Ikang Primary Health Centre will each benefit from upgraded 5KVA inverter systems with 7.5KW lithium batteries. Additional facilities, including Eja Memorial Hospital, Mount Zion Medical Centre, Ekorinim Health Centre, and Ikot Enebong Health Post, also received energy support to strengthen service continuity.

Presenting the equipment on behalf of ECEWS, the Cross River State Director, Dr. Joe Umana, reaffirmed the organization's commitment to building resilient health systems that can sustain quality HIV services and other life-saving interventions long into the future.

Receiving the equipment on behalf of the Cross River State Government, the Honourable Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, described the intervention as timely and transformative. He noted that reliable electricity is fundamental to effective healthcare delivery, particularly for laboratory diagnostics, medicine storage, and patient care, adding that the solar installations would significantly improve operational efficiency and service quality across beneficiary facilities.



NEPWHAN Conducts DQA Visit to ECEWS- Supported Facilities



The National Office of the Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria (NEPWHAN) conducted a Data Quality Assurance (DQA) visit across ECEWS supported facilities in Cross River State from 14th to 20th June 2026. The visit aimed to strengthen the capacity of Community-Birth centers (CBCs), verify and validate program data, and assess the activities and performance of Mentor Mothers across supported health facilities. This exercise was designed to ensure data accuracy, improve service delivery, and enhance the quality of community-based HIV interventions within the state.

During the visit, the NEPWHAN team engaged with facility staff, CBCs, Mentor Mothers, and other stakeholders to review documentation, assess reporting systems, identify gaps, and provide supportive feedback for continuous improvement. The exercise also served as an opportunity to strengthen collaboration among implementing partners and healthcare providers while promoting accountability and adherence to program standards.

The DQA visit underscores NEPWHAN's commitment to ensuring high-quality data management and effective implementation of HIV care and support services. It is expected that the findings and recommendations from the assessment will contribute significantly to improving program performance, strengthening community structures, and enhancing health outcomes for people living with HIV in Cross River State.

ECEWS, Surefuture Foundation Launch Partnership to Drive Digital Skills and Economic Inclusion

Education remains one of the most powerful tools for transforming lives, unlocking opportunities, and building resilient communities. Reaffirming this commitment, ECEWS on 3rd of July 2026 participated in the launch of the Surefuture Foundation, an initiative dedicated to expanding access to quality education for vulnerable children and underserved communities.



Representing ECEWS CEO, Mrs. Grace Jimbo, a Director at ECEWS, underscored the organisation's belief that sustainable development begins by investing in people. She conveyed ECEWS's commitment to fostering a strategic collaboration with the Foundation, focused on technical and vocational skills development, particularly market-relevant ICT and digital skills to support self-reliance and drive economic inclusion for vulnerable populations.



The proposed collaboration reflects ECEWS' broader vision of creating opportunities that extend beyond the classroom, equipping young people and vulnerable populations with the knowledge, technical competencies, and entrepreneurial capacity needed to thrive in an increasingly digital economy.

Together, ECEWS and the Surefuture Foundation are laying the foundation for a future where every child and young person has the opportunity not only to learn, but to lead, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to national development.

Akwa Ibom State Post-AIS Retreat: ECEWS Champions Trust, HIV Service Integration

In response to the transitional phase of the Akwa Ibom AIDS Indicator Survey (Post-AIS) era, the State Ministry of Health, led by the Honourable Commissioner for Health, Dr. Ekem Emmanuel John, and the Permanent Secretary, Dr. Patrick Essiet, convened a 2-day strategic retreat for Medical Superintendents from 16 - 17 June 2026. The engagement aimed to strengthen the leadership and management capacity of hospital leadership teams, deepen the integration of HIV services into routine hospital governance, promote accountability and good governance in facility operations, and align facility priorities with the state's broader health sector goals.

Participants, including the Head of Civil Service Commission, Mrs. Elsie Peters, and the Executive Secretary of the ASKSPHCDA, Dr. Eno Attah, deliberated on governance, clinical standards, human resource optimization, commodities security, and data-driven infrastructure, culminating in a joint Communiqué and facility-specific strategic commitments.

A highlight of the retreat was the keynote address by Dr. Andy Eyo, CEO of ECEWS, titled "Rebuilding Public Trust in our State General Hospitals." He framed the post-AIS transition as an opportunity for local ownership rather than a withdrawal of

support, outlining three pillars for building trust: Patient First, Professionalism, and Accountability. He stressed that sustainable outcomes require facility leaders to own key performance indicators and resource utilization, full integration of HIV services into routine care, and accountability grounded in financial transparency, community engagement, and performance monitoring, noting that "vision drives accountability." He reaffirmed ECEWS' commitment to supporting capacity building and digital infrastructure development.

Building on the keynote, Dr. Toyo Otoy, Deputy Chief of Party of the ECEWS ACE-5 Project, facilitated an interactive session on the Patient Journey Map and service integration, guiding participants to assess patient experiences, service delivery processes, infrastructure and workforce constraints, and the shift from partner-supported programming to state-led ownership. The session concluded with participants identifying their top three facility-level "trust killers," reinforcing a shared commitment to accountability, patient-centered care, and sustainable health system performance.





Improving ART Adherence Through Innovative Last-Mile Delivery in Boki, Cross River

In hard-to-reach communities of Boki, Cross River State, access to HIV treatment services remains a challenge due to distance, cost, and stigma. These barriers often result in missed appointments and inconsistent adherence to antiretroviral therapy (ART).

Blessing Tanyia, a farmer and small-scale trader, relies on her daily business for income. Concerned about stigma within her community, she previously traveled outside Boki to access her medication at Okonde community. Long-distance travel to health facilities, loss of income due to shop closure during clinical visits, fear of stigmatization within her local community, and a fractured leg that made travel even more difficult were major setbacks for her.

Relief came in March 2025, ECEWS launched the EJAF Zipline Project in March 2025, a project focused solely on delivering ART to beneficiaries. Through the deployment of drone-enabled medical delivery systems (Zipline), ARVs are now delivered to designated community drop sites. Beneficiaries receive advance notifications prior to delivery, enabling timely and discreet collection of medications.

Today, Blessing accesses her medication from a nearby drop site, allowing her to maintain both her treatment schedule and her income-generating activities. She has experienced reduced travel time and transportation costs, greater privacy, and fewer stigma-related barriers. Blessing is now consistent with her ART adherence and has sustained her livelihood, as beneficiaries no longer need to close their businesses for clinic visits.

Zipline demonstrates how technology-driven, client-centered service delivery models can significantly improve health outcomes. By decentralizing access points and enhancing confidentiality, the model supports sustained ART adherence and contributes to broader HIV epidemic control efforts. Innovative last-mile delivery systems are critical in bridging healthcare access gaps, particularly for vulnerable populations in underserved and stigma-sensitive settings.

The Zipline drone delivery model demonstrates how technology-driven, client-centered service delivery can significantly improve health outcomes. Through decentralized medication access points, enhanced confidentiality, and last-mile delivery, Zipline, in partnership with ECEWS, continues to support sustained ART adherence and contributes to broader HIV epidemic control efforts.



ECEWS Joins AKS-MoH to Flag off Long-Acting Injectable PrEP

ECEWS joined the Akwa Ibom State Ministry of Health and other key stakeholders on 15th June 2026 to officially launch Long-Acting Injectable Lenacapavir (LEN-PrEP) at the PHC Operational Base, Uyo. Akwa Ibom is one of eight states nationwide selected to pilot the intervention, which offers sustained HIV protection through just two injections per year.

The launch was led by the Deputy Governor, Her Excellency Senator Akon Eyakenyi, who stressed the need to extend HIV education and prevention messaging beyond health facilities into communities, schools, and hard-to-reach populations.

The Honorable Commissioner for Health, Dr. Ekem Emmanuel John, described LEN-PrEP as a major advancement in HIV prevention, noting that while prevention options have expanded, poor adherence has remained a critical gap. He said long-acting injectable PrEP addresses this challenge and strengthens the State's prevention framework, while also calling for continued efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination.

ACE-5 State Director, Dr. Bala Gana, shared ECEWS' allegiance to supporting LEN-PrEP implementation through technical assistance, workforce capacity strengthening, and coordination with government and partner organizations.

Stakeholders agreed that the intervention's success will depend on sustained awareness creation, community engagement, and demand generation. The launch reinforced collaboration between government, ECEWS, healthcare providers, civil society organizations, and community stakeholders in advancing equitable access to HIV prevention services across Akwa Ibom State.



ECEWS Trains Frontline Champions in Enugu State

ECEWS conducted a two-day Training of Trainers (ToT) on Community Malaria Management and Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) in Enugu State on 6-7 July 2026, bringing together community mobilizers, health educators, CBO leaders, state government representatives, and media professionals to ensure accurate malaria information reaches households across the state. Media partners from Afia TV, Urban Radio, ESBS, and Dream FM were engaged to help disseminate key messages on free malaria testing, prompt treatment, and prevention practices.

A highlight of the training was a technical session by Mrs. Owoya Samuel of the National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP), covering community mobilization strategies, malaria transmission and danger signs, Intermittent Preventive Treatment in Pregnancy (IPTp), Integrated Vector Management, proper use of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs), and how to address common myths and misconceptions about malaria. The interactive sessions combined

technical presentations with real-life experiences from health workers, community actors, and communication professionals, focused on strengthening local ownership of malaria prevention and control.

Participants committed to cascading the knowledge gained and serving as malaria prevention advocates within their communities and platforms. ECEWS noted that building local capacity among community actors and media professionals is central to sustaining timely diagnosis, effective treatment, and malaria prevention, positioning Enugu State to reduce its malaria burden going forward.



ECEWS Explores AYP Hub Sites, Strengthens CALHIV Case Management in Delta State

Sustained viral suppression remains critical to improving health outcomes for Children and Adolescents Living with HIV (CALHIV), requiring consistent case management, adherence support, and close collaboration between community and facility-based teams. In line with this, the SPEED Project technical team conducted a supportive supervisory visit to Community-Based Organizations and health facilities across Delta State in Q3.

The visit opened with technical review sessions between the Technical Advisor, the State PCS/VP Team, and CBO staff, assessing ongoing interventions and identifying implementation gaps. This was followed by on-site technical assistance focused on case management, adherence monitoring, and documentation quality, including a detailed review of case files belonging to unsuppressed CALHIV to assess treatment records, adherence support interventions, and individualized care plans.

At selected facilities, the team verified treatment status, confirmed Enhanced Adherence Counselling (EAC) compliance, and strengthened coordination with EAC

and Violence Prevention focal persons. Client records were reviewed for adherence monitoring and viral load management, with technical guidance provided to healthcare workers on documentation standards and timely follow-up of unsuppressed clients.

The visit also included site assessments for proposed Adolescent and Young People (AYP) Hubs, evaluating their suitability for psychosocial support, peer engagement, and differentiated service delivery. Overall, the exercise strengthened collaboration between community and facility teams, improved monitoring of unsuppressed CALHIV, and advanced planning toward an AYP Hub to provide comprehensive psychosocial, developmental, and health support, reinforcing ECEWS' commitment to sustained viral suppression and improved treatment outcomes.



Promoting Drug-Free Communities: ECEWS Joins NDLEA to Advance Action Against Drug Abuse in Akwa Ibom State

Strengthening efforts in promoting community health, ECEWS joined the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Akwa Ibom State Command, in the Anti-Drug Advocacy Walk held on 27th of June to commemorate the 2026 United Nations International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The advocacy event, themed "The World Drug Problem: Persisting Issues, New Challenges, Innovative Responses," brought together government agencies, development partners, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to raise public awareness on the growing burden of substance abuse and the need for coordinated, evidence-based responses. ECEWS' participation reinforces its commitment to supporting multi-sectoral approaches that promote healthier communities and improve public health outcomes across Akwa Ibom State.

The advocacy walk further highlights the importance of prevention, education, strategic partnerships, and community engagement in addressing the evolving challenges of drug abuse. By collaborating with the NDLEA and other stakeholders, ECEWS continues to contribute to initiatives that protect vulnerable populations, strengthen community resilience, and promote healthy

lifestyles. The engagement reflects the organization's broader commitment to advancing health, well-being, and sustainable development through collaborative action beyond HIV programming.



ECEWS Supports Community Health Outreach in Ikono LGA, Akwa Ibom State



The Executive Chairman of Ikono Local Government Area, Hon. Engr. Ootobong Okon Essien convened a Community Health Awareness Summit for primary and secondary school students across the LGA as part of efforts to promote health education, informed decision-making, and positive behavioral change among young people. The event which held on 17th of June 2026 brought together students, educators, government officials, health professionals, community leaders, and other stakeholders, providing a strategic platform for disseminating key health messages and strengthening community engagement. ECEWS participated in the summit as a critical partner, leveraging the opportunity to support the LGA's health promotion agenda while deepening collaboration with local government leadership and key stakeholders in the education and health sectors.

ECEWS participated as a key partner, supporting the LGA's health promotion agenda and strengthening collaboration with local government, education, and health sector stakeholders. Representing ECEWS, Dr. Abasumoh Neighbour led an interactive health education session covering community health, healthy lifestyle practices, substance abuse prevention, and health-seeking behavior. Through open discussions and Q&A, students engaged directly with facilitators, allowing misconceptions to be addressed and health literacy improved among participants.

In her keynote address, Executive Chairman Essien reaffirmed the LGA administration's commitment to empowering young people through education and awareness initiatives.

The summit strengthened ECEWS' partnership with Ikono LGA leadership and extended health promotion efforts beyond health facilities into schools and rural communities. It also increased ECEWS' visibility in the area and demonstrated the impact of strategic partnerships in advancing health outcomes across Akwa Ibom State.



ECEWS CCMP Enrolls 625 New Beneficiaries for HIV Care in Delta



Community based HIV care and protection services remain central to improving outcomes for vulnerable children, adolescents, and families in Delta State. In Q3, the SPEED Project's Paediatric Care and Support/Violence Prevention (PCS/VP) Unit sustained this work through seven Community Based Organization partners operating across 24 LGAs, reaching 5,108 of a 6,719 beneficiary target (76%). Of these, 625 new beneficiaries, including 348 vulnerable children and 277 caregivers, were enrolled into the Community Case Management Program (CCMP).

To support continuity of care, 1,109 Children and Adolescents Living with HIV (CALHIV) received ART refills, and 321 were supported for viral load testing. Thirty-five clients previously lost to treatment (18 CALHIV and 17 adults) were successfully tracked and returned to care. Viral suppression outcomes remained strong, with 89.6% of CALHIV and 95% of adults living with HIV achieving suppression.

HIV risk assessments conducted for 349 beneficiaries with negative or unknown status led to 333 referrals for testing, identifying one HIV positive client who was linked to treatment and enrolled into CCMP. Violence prevention screening reached 1,564 individuals, identifying 39 cases of violence; all survivors received first line support and appropriate referrals.

The quarter also featured a one week TA visit by the HQ Technical Advisor for Paediatric Care and Support, focused on strengthening case management for unsuppressed CALHIV, alongside GBV capacity building training and violence screening at the Mother's Love Party in Isoko South LGA, where 15 cases among pregnant women were identified and linked to support. These results reaffirm ECEWS' commitment to the health, wellbeing, and protection of vulnerable populations across Delta State.



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ECEWS Receives the Champion of Enduring Impact Award at ISDMA Summit



ECEWS was honoured to receive the Champion of Enduring Impact Award at the Ikot Ekpene Senatorial District Media Advocates (ISDMA) Leadership Anniversary Summit in Akwa Ibom State.

The award ceremony which held on Friday, 10th July 2026 recognizes ECEWS' outstanding commitment to human capital development, public health, community empowerment, and sustainable social interventions that continue to improve lives and strengthen communities across Akwa Ibom State and beyond.

Our CEO, Dr. Andy Eyo, received the award on behalf of ECEWS, reaffirming the organization's enduring commitment to delivering evidence-driven, people-centred development programmes that create lasting impact. This recognition reflects the unwavering dedication of the entire ECEWS team, our partners, stakeholders, and the communities we serve.

We are grateful for this honour and reaffirm our commitment to delivering lasting impact through evidence-driven, people-centered development programmes that transform lives and strengthen health systems.



ECEWS Participates at the 12th Annual Conference & AGM of the Epidemiology Society of Nigeria (EPiSON)

The Cross River State ECEWS team participated in the 12th Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Epidemiology Society of Nigeria (EPiSON) on 4th to 6th June 2026 in Calabar, themed "Strengthening Epidemiological Resilience in Nigeria." The team's objectives included enhancing the visibility of ECEWS' HIV/AIDS services, providing health education, promoting health equity, and strengthening partnerships with policymakers. The conference drew key figures including the Honorable Commissioner for Health, Dr Henry Ayuk, and Prof. Bernadine Nsa Ekpenyong.

ECEWS showcased innovative HIV/AIDS strategies through a range of engagement activities, including a digital story wall featuring personal testimonies, on-site HIV testing, distribution of self-test kits, and blood pressure screenings. These initiatives raised ECEWS' profile at the conference, improved health awareness among at least 150 attendees, and strengthened partnerships with government and academic stakeholders.

Agreed action points included compiling lessons learned into a formal report, exploring further collaboration with government partners, enhancing digital storytelling in advocacy efforts, and improving monitoring frameworks for measuring health service impact. Planned next steps include preparations for future conferences, discussions with the Cross River State Ministry of Health on integrating resilience strategies into state programming, and development of a strategic roadmap for 2026/2027.

The EPiSON 2026 Conference provided a vital platform for ECEWS to highlight its contributions to HIV/AIDS programming and Nigeria's broader epidemiological resilience agenda, reinforcing its position as a key partner in Cross River State's health sector.





AVICLAIRE CEO Champions Farm Records and Monitoring Training in Akwa Ibom

On 16 July 2026, Mrs. Victoria Andy, CEO of Aviclaire Farms, delivered the keynote address at a One-Day Capacity Building Workshop on Effective Farm Records Management, organized by the Akwa Ibom State Local Government Service Commission in collaboration with Viconsult Management Services. The workshop brought together Agricultural Officers from all 31 Local Government Areas of the state, with Mrs. Andy speaking on "The Role of Agricultural Officers in Monitoring and Evaluation of Agricultural Programmes and Projects for Effective Records Management," where she highlighted the critical role Agricultural Officers play at the intersection of policy implementation and grassroots agricultural development.

Mrs. Andy described Agricultural Officers as custodians of vital data that informs policy decisions, attracts funding, and ensures farmers receive needed support, warning that poor record-keeping results in invisible farmers, unaccounted yields, and unmet needs. She challenged participants to treat monitoring and evaluation as a continuous process from planting through harvest rather than a one-time exercise, noting that government agencies, donors, and development partners increasingly demand reliable, verifiable data before committing resources. She introduced practical, sustainable approaches for tracking farm inputs, yields, beneficiary records, and project milestones, stressing that records management is an act of accountability and service to farmers.

Drawing on her experience at Aviclaire Farms, Mrs. Andy shared how disciplined record-keeping has enabled evidence-based planning, improved productivity, and operational efficiency, arguing that similar gains across all 31 LGAs could be transformative for Akwa Ibom's agricultural sector. She concluded by urging participants to see themselves as stewards of a broader vision, one in which the state's agricultural sector is well-documented, measurable, investment-ready, and ultimately more prosperous for its farmers.





Enhancing Health Partnerships: ECEWS Briefs Ebonyi State Commissioner on HIV, TB Gains

To strengthen state health partnerships, ECEWS Ebonyi State Global Fund (GF) Team, led by Deputy Project Director and Technical Lead Dr. Bokime Frank, accompanied by Pharmacy/Supply Chain Manager Pharm. Igboamalu Chukwunonso and Senior Technical Officer, Prevention Care and Treatment, Dr. Nwakpa Ezekiel, paid an advocacy visit to the Honourable Commissioner for Health, Ebonyi State, Dr. Moses Ekuma, on 17th of June, 2026 at the State Ministry of Health, Abakalliki.

The visit was targeted at briefing him on the impact of ECEWS-supported interventions under the ongoing GC7 Nigeria TB and HIV Reach Integrated Project (N-THRIP). Additionally, the visit served to commemorate ECEWS 25th anniversary, marking 25 years of impactful service and contribution to public health in Nigeria.

Dr. Bokime highlighted ECEWS's contribution to Ebonyi State's progress toward the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets

and outlined recent programme innovations, including Cabotegravir Long-Acting (CAB-LA), Lenacapavir (LEN) Injectable PrEP, and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services, which aim to further expand access to prevention and treatment.

In response, the Honourable Commissioner commended ECEWS for its longstanding commitment and highly impactful public health interventions in Ebonyi State. Dr. Ekuma praised the organization's technical support and innovation, noting that its contributions have been vital in strengthening health infrastructure and improving patient care outcomes. He assured the team of the state government's absolute support in sustaining these gains.

Ultimately, the visit reinforced the mutual dedication of ECEWS and the Ebonyi State Government to achieving epidemic control and improving overall health outcomes for the people of Ebonyi State.

SPEED Project: ECEWS Supports 46 Unsuppressed CALHIV Through Case Conferencing in Delta State



ECEWS' Paediatric Care and Support/Violence Prevention Unit, through its U.S CDC-funded SPEED Project, held case conferencing sessions in FY26 Q3 for 46 unsuppressed Children and Adolescents Living with HIV (CALHIV) across four facilities in Delta State: Central Hospital Warri, Central Hospital Ughelli, General Hospital Orerokpe, and General Hospital Ekpan.

A multidisciplinary team comprising of the State Unit members, Case Managers, Care and Support Officers, Adherence Counsellors, Doctors, and Nurses reviewed each client's treatment history, viral load results, adherence patterns, and psychosocial factors to identify causes of treatment failure, such as missed appointments, treatment fatigue, poor adherence, disclosure issues, caregiver challenges, and socioeconomic

constraints. For each case, the team developed individualized care plans with interventions including intensified adherence counselling, caregiver engagement, home based follow up, peer support, psychosocial support, and closer monitoring of clients on Enhanced Adherence Counselling (EAC), with clear responsibilities assigned to facility and community teams.

The exercise also strengthened coordination between facility and community-based providers, reinforcing routine monitoring, early identification of adherence barriers, and differentiated service delivery key to improving retention, achieving viral suppression, and advancing ECEWS' epidemic control goals.

Joint IMSV Strengthens HIV, TB Services in Osun State

Delivering quality healthcare goes beyond treating illnesses, it requires strong systems, strategic partnerships, and continuous improvement. This was evident during the Joint Integrated Monitoring and Supportive Visit (IMSV), conducted across five health facilities in Osun State from 15th to 19th June 2026.

Led by the Federal Ministry of Health, in collaboration with national HIV, TB, and Malaria programmes, Osun State health authorities, and development partners, the exercise assessed the integration of HIV, TB, and Malaria services. As a key implementing partner supporting HIV service delivery in the state, ECEWS Osun State team took part, working with government and partners to review service delivery, identify gaps, and recommend solutions.



The visit revealed encouraging progress: strong HIV TB collaboration, dedicated healthcare workers, expanding electronic medical records, and effective leadership, signs that Osun State is steadily advancing toward a more integrated, patient centered health system. The assessment also flagged priorities for improvement, including data quality, documentation, malaria case management, healthcare worker capacity, and staffing and commodity gaps.

As these recommendations are implemented, the Osun State government, healthcare workers, and partners like ECEWS will continue building a stronger health system, one that delivers better care, better data, and better outcomes for the people of Osun State.

ECEWS and Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs Advance Strategic Partnership



The Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (FMHADMD) and Excellence Community Education Welfare Scheme (ECEWS) convened a Joint Technical Committee meeting on July, 22nd at the Ministry's conference room in Abuja to advance strategic collaboration.

The engagement focused on reviewing the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and strengthening the shared understanding of the objectives,

roles, and expected outcomes of the Joint Technical Committee. The discussions underscored the commitment of both institutions to establishing a strong framework for partnership that will enhance the planning and implementation of humanitarian and development initiatives.

The session was chaired by Madam Catherine Lami Bulus, Director at the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, while the ECEWS delegation was led by Dr. Okezie Onyedini.

Representatives from both organisations engaged in constructive deliberations aimed at finalizing the MoU and laying the foundation for a coordinated and impactful partnership.

The meeting marks another significant step toward fostering collaboration between government and development partners to improve the delivery of humanitarian assistance and sustainable development programmes across Nigeria.

25 Years of Impact: ECEWS AKS Team Visits Children's Home

ECEWS Akwa Ibom State (AKS) team concluded its 25th Anniversary celebrations on 27th of June 2026 with a community outreach visit to the Mother Charles Walker Children's Home in Uyo, confirming ECEWS' longstanding commitment to compassion, service, and social responsibility. The visit gave staff the opportunity to engage directly with the children, demonstrating ECEWS' core values beyond its public health programming and reflecting its broader dedication to the well-being of vulnerable populations.

As part of the outreach, ECEWS donated food items, toiletries, and other care packages to support the daily needs of the home and its residents. The gesture underscored the organisation's belief that meaningful impact extends beyond healthcare delivery to fostering hope, dignity, and stronger communities. The visit served as a fitting conclusion to the 25th Anniversary celebrations, commemorating a quarter-century legacy of service while reaffirming ECEWS' enduring commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those most in need.

ECEWS Board Member Visits Ebonyi State Office, Reviews N-THRIP Progress

ECEWS Ebonyi State Global Fund (GF) Team received Prof. Emem-Abasi Bassey, a member of the ECEWS Board, at the Ebonyi State Office on 24th of June 2026.

The team, led by Dr. Ezekiel Nwakpa on behalf of the Deputy Project Director, presented on the Global Fund Nigeria Tuberculosis and HIV Response Implementation Project (N-THRIP), covering its objectives, geographic coverage, key results, stakeholders, achievements, and strategic innovation.

Prof. Bassey commended the team's performance despite limited resources, noting strong progress on the second and third UNAIDS 95 targets, and encouraged intensified efforts on the first 95 target, particularly Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) and pediatric case finding (PMTCT) and paediatric case finding.

The visit also included a tour of the One-Stop Shop (OSS) facility, and an advocacy visit to the State AIDS and STIs Control Programme (SASCP), where the team was received by Mr. Ogodo Clement, representing the Director of Public Health.

Overall, the visit provided an excellent opportunity for engagement, reflection on program achievements, and renewed commitment to strengthening the HIV response in Ebonyi State.





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