



# Nigeria

Project HOPE started operations in Nigeria in 2012 and became a locally registered entity in 2018. Our focus areas include infectious diseases, particularly HIV/AIDS, reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health (RMNCH), vulnerable populations (women, adolescents, and children), mental health, and health system strengthening.



## Supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)

Under the USAID-funded Integrated Child Health and Social Services Award (ICHSSA 2), Project HOPE strengthens local organizations and state governments to plan for, finance, deliver, and monitor high-quality services to protect and care for OVC. To this end, Project HOPE supports advocacy, stakeholder mapping, organizational capacity assessments, coordination of the OVC Technical Steering Committee, and resource mobilization in Nigeria. Project HOPE assists local and state governments in using data to improve OVC services, while also strengthening their ability to have sufficient, high-performing human resources to protect and care for OVC. Through the USAID-funded Nigeria Local Partners for OVC project, Project HOPE mitigated the impact of HIV/AIDS on OVC in Akwa Ibom, Kano, Adamawa, and Cross River States, reaching over 24,000 beneficiaries.

## Sustainable Financing Through the Private Sector

Project HOPE, through the ICHSSA 2 project, engages with private sector actors including Access Bank, Nestle Foods, Honeywell Flour Mill, and others, to offer nutrition and economic support for OVC and their caregivers. Project HOPE is working to identify sustainable sources of financing for OVC interventions to supplement the government's limited funding for the OVC response.

## Project HOPE's Impact

Number of states strengthened: **13**

Lagos, Niger, Sokoto, Kebbi, Zamfara, Kano, Ogun, FCT, Nasarawa, Plateau, Akwa Ibom, Edo, Kwara

### Resources developed:

- Local Government Coordination Guidelines for OVC Response in Lagos State
- Strategic plans for one state and ten local government areas
- OVC Service Referral Directory
- Para-social Workforce Curriculum
- Social & Para-social Workforce Staffing Plan

## RMNCH

Project HOPE, with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation through TA Connect, provides technical assistance to the Niger State government in scaling up the group antenatal care (ANC) model with the aim of improving the quality of RMNCH services. Project HOPE supports the government's strategic goal of increasing ANC coverage to 80% in the targeted areas and generating an evidence base to support other states in adopting the group ANC model. Project HOPE is helping Niger State to adapt, adopt, implement, and sustain a group ANC model as part of their primary health care delivery services and systems through the utilization of quarterly review meetings, mentorships, maternal and child health coordinator trainings, and integration of the model into relevant policy resources. Project HOPE is also supporting the State Malaria Elimination Program with revising their policies to include active case detection and treatment during pregnancy.

## HIV/AIDS: Prevention, Care and Treatment

Project HOPE, through the USAID-funded Accelerating Control of the Epidemic (ACE 3) project in Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara States, is supporting the Government of Nigeria, civil society organizations, and private sector actors in their focus on closing the gaps to epidemic control targets, addressing critical challenges in implementing their HIV response, and accelerating progress towards sustainable epidemic control. To work towards the achievement of the 95-95-95 goals, Project HOPE is employing proven and innovative community approaches and collaborating with relevant structures and partners to optimize HIV case finding, linkage, and retention in treatment and viral load suppression. Specifically, Project HOPE is focusing on utilizing community-based platforms like peer navigators, support groups, Operation Triple Zero, and community-facility referral coordination forums, in addition to participating in national- and state-level technical working group meetings.

## Mental Health and Resiliency

Project HOPE, through the Center for Disaster Philanthropy, and in cooperation with Africa CDC, is implementing a mental health and resilience training for health care workers to increase their knowledge and access to tools and techniques to maintain their wellbeing and resilience during the fight against COVID-19. Project HOPE leads the implementation of these trainings by modifying the curriculum to local standards,

identifying health care workers to serve as master trainers, and organizing training-of-trainer and cascade sessions to reach additional health care workers, either in-person or remotely. The trainings and materials are provided free-of-charge to all participants and, so far, over 400 health care workers have been reached across the targeted area.

## Non-Communicable Diseases (Hypertension Control)

Project HOPE is implementing the phase two of the Nigeria Hypertension Control Initiative (NHCI) with funding from Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL) 2022 - 2023. The NHCI phase two is being implemented in 104 public primary healthcare facilities in Kano and Ogun States. The NHCI is a project with the goal of reducing morbidity and mortality from cardiovascular disease through strengthening hypertension control at primary healthcare Level. The scope includes building on the successes of phase one through capacity building of health workers on screening and management of hypertension at primary healthcare level, reduce to follow up of patients on hypertensive care, improve community awareness on hypertension and cardiovascular diseases, improve screening and recruitment of hypertensive patients, improving the supply, distribution and dispensing of antihypertensive medications, strengthening data utilization, supporting the state ministry of health to incorporate and sustain hypertension management in the continuum of care at primary healthcare level.

## Pandemic Preparedness and Response

As part of the Nigeria Capacity Building for Infection Prevention and Control project, Project HOPE developed curriculum to train field epidemiologists on basic infection prevention and control (IPC), healthcare-associated infection surveillance, and outbreak investigation in health care facilities. Project HOPE supported the Nigeria Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program to build the capacity of physicians and lab officers in IPC and outbreak response. As a result, 53 health care workers from the six targeted tertiary health institutions in the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria were trained over the course of two workshops.