

## NIGERIA

Assessment of the Epidemiological Situation & Demographics	HIV/AIDS Impact on the Macroeconomic Level
<p><b><u>Estimated percentage of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end of 2001</u></b>            These estimates include all people with HIV infection, whether or not they have developed symptoms of AIDS, alive at the end of 2001: <span style="float: right;"><b>5.8%</b></span></p> <p><b><u>Estimated number of deaths due to AIDS</u></b>            Estimated number of adults and children who died of AIDS during 2001: <span style="float: right;"><b>170,000</b></span></p> <p><b><u>Estimated number of orphans</u></b>            Estimated number of children who have lost their mother or father or both parents to AIDS and who were alive and under age 15 at the end of 2001: <span style="float: right;"><b>1,000,000</b></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nigeria's epidemic is characterized by one of the most rapidly increasing rates of new HIV/AIDS cases in West Africa.</b> Adult HIV prevalence increased from 2% in 1991 to 5.8% in 2001.</li> <li>• The Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that 3.5 million Nigerian adults and children were living with HIV/AIDS by the end of 2001.</li> <li>• In fact, the national median rate masked tremendous geographic variation among the sites in a 1999 survey, from a low of 0.5% to a high of 21%.</li> <li>• Current projections show an increase in the number of new AIDS cases from 250,000 in 2000 to 360,000 by 2010. As a result of the epidemic, the crude death rate in Nigeria was about 20% higher in 2000 than in 1990. In 2001 alone, 170,000 adults and children died of AIDS. At the end of 2001, UNAIDS estimated that 1 million children orphaned by AIDS were living in Nigeria.</li> <li>• HIV prevalence among women attending antenatal clinics in 1999 ranged from less than 1% to 21%. Among sex workers in Lagos, HIV prevalence rose from 2% in 1988–89 to 12% in 1990–91. By 1995–96, up to 70% of sex workers tested positive.</li> <li>• Three different surveys found an average of 8-10 cases per week in rural areas. One other study of Gadar Tuaburuwa, a village in Kano State, found the prevalence rate there to be 16% in 1997, compared to a national average of about 4.5% in 1996. Thus the epidemic has certainly reached the rural areas; given that about 65% of Nigeria's population is rural, the potential impact on agriculture is significant.</li> <li>• Several factors have contributed to the rapid spread of HIV in Nigeria. These include sexual networking practices such as polygamy, a high prevalence of untreated sexually transmitted infections (STIs), low condom use, poverty, low literacy, poor health status, low status of women, stigmatization, and denial of HIV infection risk among vulnerable groups.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The latest surveillance report from the National AIDS and Sexually transmitted diseases Control Program (NASCP) shows that 20% of the current AIDS cases are civil servants, 18% are housewives and businessmen, 11% are farmers, and 8% are students. Thus the government sector will be strongly affected after these employees begin to die.</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: Special Report, THIS DAY, The Sunday Newspaper, March 28, 1999, p. 31.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>By 2010, Nigeria will have 10 to 15 million HIV cases. Nigeria and Ethiopia will be among the hardest hit countries, with the social and economic impact similar to that in the hardest hit countries in southern and central Africa,</b> a United States National Intelligence Council study argues. The study highlights the rising HIV/AIDS problem through 2010 in five countries that have large populations at risk for HIV infection: <b>Nigeria, Ethiopia, Russia, India, and China.</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Source: The Next Wave of HIV/AIDS: Nigeria, Ethiopia, Russia, India, and China, National Intelligence Council, September 2002</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officials from the U.S. Embassy, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Nigerian National Action Committee on AIDS (NACA), met on October 21 in Abuja with representatives of the U.S. business community to discuss the creation of a public/private partnership to combat AIDS in Nigeria. As US Ambassador Jeter noted at the meeting, <b>“because it strikes people in their most productive years, AIDS is estimated to have already decreased GNP by 5%, a cost that will escalate if the epidemic is not checked.”</b> The <b>business sector</b> can make a tremendous contribution to HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support by not only educating their workers and supporting those who are HIV-positive, but also by contributing to the larger efforts to prevent the spread of the epidemic, Jeter said.</li> </ul> <p><i>Source: The United States Diplomatic Mission To Nigeria, <a href="http://abuja.usembassy.gov/www/hxdec02k.html">http://abuja.usembassy.gov/www/hxdec02k.html</a></i></p>

*Source: UNAIDS/WHO epidemiological fact sheet – Nigeria (2000), United States Agency for International Development (USAID) AIDS in Nigeria (2002)*

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### The National Response

- In early 2000, President Obasanjo formed the National Action Committee on AIDS (NACA), which emphasizes a multisectoral approach to AIDS. Membership includes representatives from Ministries, **the private sector**, non-governmental organizations, (NGOs), and networks of persons living with HIV/AIDS. State and Local Action Committees on AIDS (SACA and LACA) are also being formed to spearhead the local multisectoral response to HIV/AIDS.
- Nigeria's first HIV/AIDS Emergency Action Plan, prepared by the National Action Committee on AIDS, was approved in 2001 for a 3-year period. The Plan's objectives include:
  - Increasing awareness and sensitization of general population and key stakeholders;
  - Promoting behavior change in both low-risk and high-risk populations;
  - Ensuring that communities and individuals are empowered to design and initiate community-specific action plans;
  - Ensuring that laws and policies encourage the mitigation of HIV/AIDS;
  - Institutionalizing best practices in care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS;
  - Mitigating the effect of the disease on people living with HIV/AIDS, orphans and other affected groups;
  - Creating networks of people living with HIV/AIDS and others affected by AIDS;
  - Establishing an effective HIV/AIDS surveillance system; and
  - Stimulating research on HIV/AIDS.
- On December 10th 2001, the Nigerian government launched a new program to treat 10,000 adults and 5,000 children with generic anti-AIDS drugs in the first year of the program.

*Source: UNAIDS/WHO epidemiological fact sheet – Nigeria (2000), Dr. Lori Bollinger, John Stover, Dr. Martin Enock Palamuleni (September 1999): The Economic Impact of AIDS in Nigeria, The Futures Group International*

### Multisectoral Response\*

- **Population Services International** in Nigeria (PSI)/Society for Family Health (SFH) is engaged in a behavior change strategy aimed at high-risk populations (commercial sex workers, long distance drivers, youth), social marketing, research, and community-based work to contribute toward a 25% reduction in HIV prevalence, especially among 15-24 year olds, by 2015.
- **Family Health International (FHI)/Impact** implements an AIDS awareness media campaign and a limited number of care and support programs to address issues faced by persons living with HIV/AIDS, including home-based care, counseling, and conducting sensitization training to reduce stigma and discrimination.
- The **Shell** Petroleum Development Company has an AIDS policy that prohibits discrimination based on HIV status, and provides support and counseling to HIV positive staff.
- **Coca-Cola** in Nigeria provides marketing support to develop awareness materials on the sentinel sero-surveillance program, assists in the printing and distribution of 10,000 pamphlets, provides expertise in logistics and helps distribute testing kits in all of the Nigerian states.
- According to the chairman of the National Action Committee on AIDS (NACA), Prof. Babatunde Osotimehin, the programs of over 62 companies in the private sector have been inaugurated under the auspices of the private sector committee to provide support for HIV/AIDS.
- Inaugurated in February 2003, and co-chaired by **Chevron Nigeria Ltd.** Chairman and Managing Director Jay Pryor, the **Nigerian Business Coalition against HIV/AIDS**, aims at facilitating the sharing of information among business organizations and at communicating the techniques and strategies that work.
- The Department of Labor recently started a project based in Lagos called SMARTWORK, which will offer business people the assistance to establish effective HIV/AIDS prevention programs and appropriate policies for the workplace.

*\*For details and contact information, please see List of Potential Direct Partners that follows  
Source: United States Agency for International Development (USAID) AIDS in Nigeria (2002)*

### SELECTED LINKS AND CONTACTS

1. USAID/Nigeria, Thomas Hobgood, Mission Director, 7 Mambilla Street, Off Aso Drive, Maitama District, Abuja. Tel: 234-1-614-412, Fax: 234-1-261-3825
2. Nigeria Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Omatsola E. Kpiasi, Chevron Nigeria, 2 Chevron Drive, Lekki Peninsula, P.M.B. 12825, Victoria Island, Lagos. Tel: (234) 1 260 7049, Fax: (234) 1 260 7715, E-mail: [eokp@chevrontexaco.com](mailto:eokp@chevrontexaco.com)
3. World Health Organization Representative, PO Box 2152, Lagos, Lagos State, Telephone: (234) 1 290 3276, Fax: (234) 1 545 2179, Email: [moudia@who-nigeria.org](mailto:moudia@who-nigeria.org)
4. Nigeria Employers' Consultative Association, Mr O.A. Oshinowo, Director-General, Elephant Cement House, 6th floor, ASSBIFI Road, Central Business District P.O. Box 2231, Alausa - Ikeja – Lagos, Telephone (+2341) 774 1409 / 774 2734 / 774 6352, Fax (+2341) 496 2571, E-mail [neca@necang.com](mailto:neca@necang.com), [oshinowo@necang.com](mailto:oshinowo@necang.com)
5. Nigerian Labor Congress (NLC), 29 Olajuwon Street, off Ojuelegba Road, P.O. Box 620, Yaba, Lagos
6. Nigeria National TB Program, Dr Olayemi Sofola, National TB & Leprosy Control Programme, Federal Ministry of Health, Federal Secretariat Phase II, P.M.B. 83, Garki, Abuja Ikoyi, Lagos, Nigeria, Telephone: (234) 1 952 38190, Fax: (234) 1 545 2179, E-mail: [tosofola@hotmail.com](mailto:tosofola@hotmail.com)
7. Journalists Against AIDS Nigeria Web site: [www.nigeria-aids.org](http://www.nigeria-aids.org)

Nigeria – List Of Potential Direct Partners			
Source	URL/Contact Info	What to find	Comments
A5 Coalition	Contact person: Daniel K.S. Gomado, Senior Coordinator A5 House 10 Ashiakle Link Abelenkpe - Accra, Ghana Telephone: (233) 21 235 907 Mailing: PO Box GP 13247 Accra - Ghana Email: <a href="mailto:dgomado@a5coalition.org">dgomado@a5coalition.org</a>	<b>A5 Coalition has experience in the design, implementation, and evaluation of HIV/AIDS workplace programs. Although its headquarters are located in Ghana, the 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September <u>Conference on Scaling-up the Response of the Private Sector in the fight against HIV/AIDS</u> that it organizes is a unique opportunity to gain insights and establish local partnerships.</b>	<b>Advocacy</b> A5 promotes the development of long-term and sustained programs to protect the health and welfare of workers. Through advocacy and targeted programs, it seeks to protect workers in the formal and informal sectors. <b>HIV/AIDS Workplace Programs</b> A5 assists individual companies, working side-by-side with management to develop comprehensive HIV/AIDS workplace policies and programs - from risk and preprogram assessment to development and implementation of the chosen program model. <b>Informal Sector Initiatives</b> Using Peer Educators, A5 runs programs to educate women in the informal sector of the threat of HIV/AIDS. The education primarily focuses on behavior change, communication and negotiation skills and female reproductive health. <b>Upcoming event - Conference: <i>Scaling-up the Response of the Private Sector in the fight against HIV/AIDS - Protecting the workforce of the ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States)</i>. Event to be held 8th and 9th September 2003, and will welcome delegates from the West Africa Sub-region</b> To register, send an email to <a href="mailto:info@a5coalition.org">info@a5coalition.org</a> . When registering via email please indicate your name, organization, phone number, postal address, and number of attendees representing your organization. You may also call the A5 office in Ghana at +233 21 235 907 or +233 27 745 2899. Registration will be closed August 29, 2003.
Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL)	Contact person: Dr Steve Simpson Regional Medical Director Luanda, Angola Telephone: (925) 842 1111 Email: <a href="mailto:stsi@chevrontexaco.com">stsi@chevrontexaco.com</a>	<b>Being a Nigerian company that has already put in place an HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, and care program for its employees, CNL can be a valuable potential partner, by sharing its experience and knowledge.</b>	Through proposed interventions, CNL aims to reduce the risk of HIV to its employees, families, and business. Although HIV prevalence among workers is less than 2.5%, they are at risk because of a higher prevalence in the community, their poor HIV knowledge, and high risk-taking behaviors.  CNL's HIV/AIDS programs focus mainly on prevention of the escalation of the epidemic by targeting employees, their families, the community and Commercial Sex Workers (CSWs), as well as supporting and caring for HIV-positive employees.  The program has reached the majority of workers with its education and awareness activities, improved employee health seeking behavior, increased stakeholder involvement and successfully prevented mother to child transmission of HIV.

Family Health International (FHI)	Contact Person: Dr. Olufemi Oke 18 A/B Temple Road Off Pa Alfred Rewane Road Ikoyi, Lagos State	<b>FHI could provide information material, guidance, and assistance in the prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), provision of affordable condoms, and Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT).</b>	FHI/Nigeria focuses on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community-based care for orphans and vulnerable children</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS prevention interventions for risk reduction</li> <li>• Improving the quality of and demand for STI service</li> <li>• Capacity-building for partners in designing and implementing HIV/AIDS prevention and care</li> <li>• Care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWA)</li> <li>• Improving the surveillance system</li> <li>• Condom promotion</li> <li>• Voluntary counseling and testing</li> </ul>
Population Services International (PSI)/ The Society for Family Health (SFH)	The Society for Family Health Plot 2380 Nanka Close Off Sultan Abubakar Way (By Heritage House) Zone 3, Wuse, Abuja Telephone: (234) 9-524-0831 Fax: (234) 9-524-0830 E-mail: <a href="mailto:hawaclld@yahoo.com">hawaclld@yahoo.com</a>	<b>PSI could be a reliable supplier of affordable condoms for the needs of a workplace program against AIDS.</b>	PSI and SFH have worked in partnership since 1985, and distribute over 80% of the contraceptives in Nigeria. Today, the Nigeria program is the largest and probably the most cost-effective (in terms of cost per unit sold) social marketing program in the world. SFH's highly popular radio drama, "One Thing at a Time" continues being broadcast twice a week in 44 radio stations throughout the country, reaching 35% of all Nigerians between the ages 15 to 49. SFH recently started to integrate its mass media, mid-mass media and interpersonal outreach with participatory, rights based community work developed by a UK based NGO Action Aid.
Center for Health, Education & Development Communication (CHEDCOM)	Contact person: Mrs Wumi Sina-Falana Address: P.O.Box 16179, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria Telephone (with country code): (234)-01-8023275938 E-mail address: <a href="mailto:chedcom@yahoo.com">chedcom@yahoo.com</a>	<b>HIV/AIDS Care and Awareness community programs. CHEDCOM is willing to collaborate with private organizations in fighting HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.</b>	<b>Description of services provided:</b> CHEDCOM carries out preventive campaigns on HIV/AIDS, maternal health, contraceptives, pre- & post-test counseling for HIV/AIDS, provision of care & support for PLWAS at the community level. <b>Organizational History</b> Year started: 1999 Structure: Headed by the Executive Director, there is the preventive & mobilization unit, care & support unit, community support as well as the youth department, which provides skills for out-of-school youths. CHEDCOM has recently completed a one year anti-HIV/AIDS campaign & mobilization project in a rural community in southwest Nigeria amongst out-of-school youths who are artisans. Employees/volunteers: 50 volunteers and 12 full-time staff Working languages: English and Yoruba
Samaritan Mission Against Drug Abuse and HIV/AIDS	Contact person: Owatumise Samuel Jide Address: BEST OFFICE	<b>Prevention Education and Counseling services. The organization has experience with workplace HIV/AIDS programs in various</b>	<b>Organizational History</b> Year started: 1994 Structure: Board of Trustees, Management Staff, Voluntary workers. Employees/volunteers: 20 Workers / 32 Volunteers Working languages: English / Yoruba Language

	<p>COMPLEX, 212-214, Lagos Road (Agric Bus-stop), Owutu-Ikorodu, Lagos State Telephone (with country code): (234) 01-4713993 Fax: (234) 01-7781392 E-mail address: <a href="mailto:bestkonsults@yahoo.com">bestkonsults@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>companies.</b></p>	<p>Achievements/Publications/Resources: Publications include: Basic facts on AIDS, Public Health Mirror Magazine etc.</p>
<p>Public Enlightenment Projects (PEP)</p>	<p>Contact person: Dr Charles Ezenwa Address: P.O. Box 1250, Katsina, Katsina state Telephone (with country code): (234) 65-434320 (234) 65-433578 E-mail address: <a href="mailto:pepkt@yahoo.com">pepkt@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Offers women and young people counseling, testing, training, and links to other helpers and care providers.</b></p>	<p><b>Organizational History</b> Year started: 1998 - Registered as a national NGO Structure: PEP has a Board of Trustees, Advisory and Management Boards Employees/volunteers: Twelve staff and 10 volunteers Working languages: English and native languages; Hausa, Ibo and Yoruba Other organizational history: Works with other local and international networks such as CISC GHAN, Global Health Council etc. <b>Experience working with the private sector / references:</b> Works with schools and corporate establishments. <b>Achievements/Publications/Resources:</b> The coordinators of the 2002 International AIDS Candlelight memorial in Katsina state, State COORD oc CISC GHAN etc.</p>
<p>Positive Life Association of Nigeria</p>	<p>Contact person: Oladapo Obatunde Address: Block C3, Shops 1 and 2, Trade Fair Complex, Sanngo-UI Road, Ibadan Telephone (with country code): (234)-08037190628 E-mail address: <a href="mailto:planigeria@yahoo.com">planigeria@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Information and help regarding support to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWA).</b></p>	<p><b>Organizational History</b> Year started: 2001 Structure: Program/Executive Director heads the organization. It has an Executive Committee made up of Members and a Board of Trustees and Advisers made up of eminent personalities in the country. Employees/volunteers: 3 employees and 12 volunteers Working languages: English <b>Experience working with the private sector/ references:</b> Oyo State Action Committee on AIDS (SACA), Ministry of Health, Ibadan Civil Society Consultative Group on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria (CiSCGHAN) Community Development Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria <b>Achievements/Publications/Resources:</b> Public awareness programs on HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care in Tertiary Educational Institutions. Referral of PLWA for ARV therapy at the University College Hospital, Ibadan Publication of Booklet titled "Staying Alive - Positive Living Strategies for PLWA and All" and 1-hour Television Program titled "Positive Talk" Public Awareness Pamphlets and Brochures on HIV/AIDS</p>

Friends of the Disabled	<p>Contact person: Chief. Mrs. A. C. Orduh, Address: Block 85, Flat 1, Phase IV Dolphine Scheme, Adeniji Adele Road, Lagos, Nigeria. Telephone (with country code): (234) 01-2630743 E-mail address: <a href="mailto:fotd2002@yahoo.com">fotd2002@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Information and help regarding support to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWA).</b></p>	<p>Key activities include: Care, counseling, rehabilitation, sensitization against discrimination</p>
Mashiah Foundation	<p>Contact person: Pastor Bayo Oyebade Address: P.O. Box 1783, No. 26 Ibrahim Dasuki Street, Jos, Nigeria Telephone (with country code): (234) 73-450754 E-mail address: <a href="mailto:oyebades@yahoo.com">oyebades@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b>Information and help regarding support to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWA).</b></p>	<p>Key activities include: Free medical care for opportunistic and illnesses for over 100 PLWA; care for widows and orphans, including small-scale loans for microeconomic enterprises; home-based care for PLWA; regular counseling for PLWA; formation of abstinence clubs in over 20 schools in Jos Township; annual youth empowerment programs for high school students.</p>
Women and Children of Hope	<p>Contact person: Executive Director, Mrs. Lucy Auwalu Address: No.12 Berkley Street, 3rd floor Lagos main land Telephone (with country code): (234) 01-2671586, Fax: (234) 01-2600029</p>	<p><b>Information and help regarding support to People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWA).</b></p>	<p>Key activities include: Taking care of orphans and HIV-positive children; empowering women living with HIV/AIDS; creating public HIV awareness; capacity building for AIDS widows</p>

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