

Adolescent Funfair in Plateau State



In an effort to increase their access to HIV testing and antiretroviral treatment, our Plateau State office collaborated with the Plateau State Ministry of Health to host a funfair / event-based Community testing program for 300

young people. The event featured games, awareness talks on sexual and reproductive health topics, HIV testing for consenting adolescents and linkage to care for those found positive.

APIN Goes Baby-Friendly!



We officially commissioned the first APIN Creche at our Abuja Headquarters as a demonstration of our commitment to the welfare of mothers in our employ and their babies. Now our new mothers

can return to work and still give their babies the attention that they need. We look forward to commissioning more baby-friendly centres at state offices in the future.

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"Rewarding Good Behaviour" at ECWA Comprehensive Centre, Bukuru, Plateau State

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APIN's Plateau State team instituted a simple reward system that is motivating clients at ECWA Comprehensive Centre, Bukuru to remain consistent with their clinic appointments.



Ensuring continuity in treatment remains a critical component of the HIV program. Maintaining persons living with HIV in care and on treatment, reducing treatment interruptions (IITs), and maximizing the return of patients who experienced an interruption in treatment is a direct reflection of the quality of patient care, service delivery, and patients' health.

In May, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC) rolled out the Retention Revolution Initiative, an intensive 16-week Retention Short term Working Group training session that focused on prioritizing and adopting data-driven program approaches to reduce treatment interruptions and improve annual treatment continuity.

Building on the gains of the training, the APIN Plateau State team instituted a "reward package" (which included milk and chocolate beverages) at ECWA Comprehensive Center, Bukuru to encourage clients who are consistent with their clinic and lab appointments. This created a ripple effect, as clients who were not eligible for a reward package upon hearing about it, were motivated to be consistent with their appointments.

The recipients of the package have welcomed the initiative and expressed their gratitude to the facility management, APIN and their funders.

“ I feel happy because taking these drugs in my condition has made me very healthy and very strong. Thank you.
- Abdul, a recipient



The health care workers in the facility also applauded the initiative, noting that it had led to positive outcomes for clients in the facility. Nurse Machief, the site triage personnel observed that proxy drug pick-ups had reduced a great deal since the reward package initiative commenced.

“ I see those clients who always send someone to the clinic on their behalf. They are now making attempts to come in person.
- Nurse Machief, Site Triage personnel, ECWA Comprehensive Centre, Bukuru

As a result of this strategy, appointment compliance at the site increased by nearly **35%** and interruption in treatment (IIT) dropped from **7% to 1%**, within 3 months.

APIN Hosts NASCP Stakeholders' Meeting in Lagos State



In partnership with the National AIDS, State. The National Clinical Mentorship Viral Hepatitis and STIs Control programme once commenced will Programme (NASCP), a parastatal of build the capacity of frontline health the Federal Ministry of Health, APIN workers to deliver quality HIV clinical hosted a national stakeholders services as part of a comprehensive meeting on the National Clinical package of care. Mentorship Programme in Lagos

Courtesy Visit to the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development



To further cement our relationship and strengthen our collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (FMWASD) in the area of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Programming, our Director of Technical Services, Dr. Ifeyinwa Onwuatuelo paid a courtesy visit to

Mrs. Jummai Mohammed, the Director, Department of Child Welfare and other key officials to brief them on the progress of our OVC program and to solicit their support for future initiatives.

SBCC Workshop for Stakeholders in Oyo and Ogun States

As part of the activities under the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-funded ANC-Fever project, APIN held a Social and Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC) workshop for key stakeholders in Oyo and Ogun States. The goal of the workshop was to develop key messages to encourage pregnant women and caregivers of under-five children in both states to access Antenatal Care and care for fever-related illnesses at their local health facilities and to reinforce the message that health facilities are safe for care inspite of the COVID-19 pandemic.

TrainSMART Demonstration



Our Health Systems Strengthening and Health Informatics teams collaborated to develop a new version of APIN TrainSMART (Training System Monitoring and Reporting Tool) web application.

The tool will enable us maintain a database that effectively captures and records the number and details of trained healthcare workers. TrainSMART works in such a way that a health worker's details will be captured or counted just once while the number of trainings that they have attended can be an infinite number.

Using this system, we will be better able to provide more accurate data and records on our capacity building efforts in Nigeria to our government partners, stakeholders and funders.

TB-CLICQ! Workshop in Benue State

Under the Tuberculosis Clinic-Lab Interphase Continuous Quality Improvement (TB-CLICQ!) project, our Laboratory Services team conducted a five-day workshop for relevant health personnel in Benue State to build their capacity to apply Change Management and Quality Improvement Strategies to improve and strengthen the TB diagnosis and treatment cascade especially in HIV/AIDS care.

Engagement with the National Primary Health Care Development Agency



Our leadership team led by the Deputy CEO (Programs), Dr. Jay Osi Samuel met with Dr. Bassey Okposen, the Director, Disease Control at the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA).

The discussion was centered around APIN's work in Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH), possible areas of partnership in line with the Agency's mandate to establish one PHC in every ward, and how our rich expertise in Logistics and Supply Chain Management for health commodities could be leveraged to support the national COVID-19 response.

APIN at the National GBV Indicator Harmonization Workshop in Lagos State



The Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (FMWASD) hosted a five-day workshop that brought representatives of relevant government agencies and partner organizations in the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) elimination space, together.

The aim was to harmonize country-wide GBV elimination efforts, strengthen national coordination and develop national and state level GBV reporting indicators to ensure that the country can efficiently monitor and track progress towards GBV elimination. APIN was represented at the workshop by our Gender Specialist, Mrs. Bola Thompson, and Ms. Victoria Okonkwo, our Strategic Information Focal Person for Gender.

Joint Federal and State MWASD Monitoring & Supervisory Visit to Benue State



Our Benue State Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) program team played host to representatives from the State and Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development (MWASD) who visited the state for a week to observe and audit our activities and work under our OVC program. The visit yielded useful insight and feedback that has helped to strengthen our program strategies and implementation.

100%

of Plateau State HIV Treatment Surge target for Clients retained on Antiretroviral Treatment, achieved.

103%

of Oyo State HIV Treatment Surge target for Clients retained on Antiretroviral Treatment, achieved.

Courtesy Visit to the Federal Ministry of Health



Our leadership team paid a courtesy visit to the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH). We were received by Dr. Alex Okoh, the Director of Public Health and members of her team. The visit also afforded us the opportunity to meet with our long time partners from NASCP. During the meeting, we talked about APIN's contribution to various health programs and thematic areas in Nigeria, and to discuss how we can better support the Federal Ministry of Health to provide quality healthcare to Nigerians.

120%

of Ogun State HIV Treatment Surge target for Clients retained on Antiretroviral Treatment achieved.



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