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Plateau State Launches HIV Treatment Surge



In partnership with the Plateau State Ministry of Health, we launched the HIV Treatment Surge campaign in the state. The event was presided over by His Excellency, the Deputy Governor, Professor Sonni Tyoden.

In attendance were the U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria, Ambassador Mary Beth Leonard, CDC Nigeria's Acting Program Director, Dr. Emilio Dirlikov, among others.

The U.S Ambassador's Visit to Plateau State



The U.S Ambassador to Nigeria, Ambassador Mary Beth Leonard visited the APIN Lab in Jos University Teaching Hospital.



The U.S Ambassador and the APIN leadership team paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Governor of Plateau State, Hon. Simon Bako Lalong.

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World Cancer Day in Benue and Plateau States





On February 4, World Cancer Day, our teams in Benue and Plateau states partnered with supported facilities to raise an awareness about Cervical Cancer and its link with HIV/AIDS. They also provided free cervical cancer screening to Women Living With HIV at the facilities.



2021 International Women's Day

The International Women's Day was marked at all APIN state offices. At the HQ, staff visited the Junior Secondary School, Apo to donate some personal hygiene items and talk about the importance of the day.

2021 World Tuberculosis Day





We partnered with the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Programme (NTBLCP) to commemorate the World Tuberculosis Day with a Ministerial Press Briefing and a community outreach at Lugbe Community, Abuja.

KP-RICE Project Closes in Ekiti and Ondo States

The Key Populations Rapid Intensified Case Finding Expansion (KP-RICE) project came to a close in Ondo and Ekiti states in March 2021. The project focused on increasing the detection of HIV cases among the hey population groups such as Female Sex Workers (FSWs), Men who have sex with men (MSM) and People Who Use Drugs (PWID).

Dr. Olufemi Ajayi Recognized as Global TB Champion





APIN Ondo's TB/HIV lead, Dr. Olufemi Ajayi was recognized as a Global Tuberculosis Elimination Champion by the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in their 2021 World Tuberculosis Day special publication.

Stakeholder Engagement for the TB-COVID Project

APIN is partnering with the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Programme (NTBLCP) to implement the TB-COVID Innovations project in 30 selected facilities in Benue and Plateau States. To ensure the seamless implementation of the project in both states, APIN recently held start-up and stakeholder engagement meetings in both states.

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Comprehensive ART Training in Ekiti and Ondo States



APIN held a five-day comprehensive training for health workers in Ekiti and Ondo States to ensure that they have up-to-date information about the Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) program and care of people living with HIV. The training also covered issues relating to finding optimization, retention and viral load suppression.

Increasing Community Testing in Ondo State



APIN Ondo state has scaled up its HIV case-finding activities by recruiting community testers in high-prevalence communities such as Ifon, Igbokoda, Ore, Ikare, Iwaro oka and Akoko. Between January and February alone, more than 5400 people were tested for HIV/AIDS, leading to the detection of 100 positive cases.

AVIVA Deployed in Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital (EKSUTH)

The APIN Visual Application (AVIVA), a mobile application that increases the accuracy of cervical cancer diagnosis by providing access to a second opinion from consultant gynaecologists. The app was deployed in EKSUTHi in January this yea. Health workers have been trained to use the application and have successfully used the app to diagnose three difficult cases.

Inaugural OTZ Club Meeting Held in Ekiti State

The Operation Triple Zero (OTZ) project aims to improve the entire package of HIV care and support for adolescents and young people living with HIV. The inaugural meeting held at the Federal Teaching Hospital, Ido-Ekiti and was attended by 37 adolescents and caregivers.

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