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APIN Public Health Initiatives (APIN) in partnership with the Ondo State Ministry of Health and Ondo State Agency for the Control of AIDS Launch HIV Treatment Surge Campaign

HIV Treatment Surge will accelerate HIV case finding and treatment for HIV-positive individuals in Ondo State

AKURE, ONDO STATE, NIGERIA — April 15, 2021 — APIN Public Health Initiatives, a leading non-governmental organization known for providing prevention, care and treatment services to people living with HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and other diseases of public health importance is partnering with the Ondo State Ministry of Health (Ondo SMOH) and the Ondo State Agency for the Control of AIDS (Ondo SACA) to launch an initiative called the **HIV Treatment Surge** in the state.

APIN Public Health Initiatives has been implementing HIV projects in Ondo State since 2017 and is currently implementing the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in seventeen Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Oyo State.

The HIV Treatment Surge campaign is launched in response to the results of the National AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey (NAIIS) which puts the HIV prevalence of Ondo State at 1.1%. Surge aims to close the gap towards achieving the UNAIDS 95:95:95 goal by placing a total of 14,035 People Living with HIV (PLHIV) in Ondo State on Anti-retroviral Treatment (ART) by September 2021.

The launch event will take place on the 15th of April, 2021 and will be presided over by the Executive Governor of Ondo State, **Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Odunayo Akeredolu, SAN**. Several dignitaries are expected to attend including the Secretary to the Ondo State Government, the US Consul General in Nigeria, the CDC Nigeria team, the Permanent Secretary, Ondo SMOH, the Project Manager, Ondo SACA, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), APIN Public Health Initiatives, Dr. Prosper Okonkwo and other relevant stakeholders.

About APIN Public Health Initiatives

APIN Public Health Initiatives is a leading NGO with headquarters in Abuja, and operational offices in Benue, Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo and Plateau states, that addresses diseases of public health importance and mitigates their impact using cutting-edge approaches in public health program management, capacity building, research and health information management in partnership with other stakeholders. More information about APIN Public Health Initiatives can be found at www.apin.org.ng.

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Other Information

Our Name: Our organization's name is written as **APIN Public Health Initiatives (in full) or APIN (as an acronym)**.

Our Practice Areas

We initially started out implementing projects to address HIV/AIDS. Seventeen years later, we have diversified our practice areas to include thematic areas such as Malaria, Tuberculosis, Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition and Primary Health Care System Strengthening. We operate in seven Nigerian states: Benue, Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, and Plateau states.

Key guests at the event:

- His Excellency, The Executive Governor of Ondo State, **Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Odunayo Akeredolu, SAN**, represented by the Secretary to the Ondo State Government, **Princess Catherine Oladunni Odu**
- His Imperial Majesty, Oba Aladetoyinbo Ogunlade Aladelusi, Odundun II
- The U.S. Consul General in Nigeria, Claire Pierangelo
- The Country Director, CDC Nigeria, Dr. Mary Adetunke Boyd
- The CEO, APIN Public Health initiatives, Dr. Prosper Okonkwo
- Other key state-based stakeholders