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APIN Public Health Initiatives (APIN) and Oyo State Ministry of Health Launch HIV Treatment Surge Campaign

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

IBADAN, OYO STATE, NIGERIA — April 14, 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 Oyo State Ministry of Health to launch an initiative called the **HIV Treatment Surge** in the state.

APIN Public Health Initiatives has been implementing HIV projects in Oyo State since 2000 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 thirty-one 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) and aims to close the gap towards achieving the UNAIDS 95:95:95 goal by expanding access to HIV testing services to people living with HIV (PLHIV), and retaining them on Anti-retroviral Treatment (ART).

The launch event will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 2021 and will be presided over by the Executive Governor of Oyo State, Engr. Oluseyi Abiodun Makinde. Several dignitaries are expected to attend including the U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention Nigeria team, the Honourable Commissioner for Health, and 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](http://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 Oyo State, Engr. Oluseyi Abiodun Makinde
- The Honourable Commissioner for Health, Dr. Tomi Coker
- The U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria, Ambassador Mary Beth Leonard
- The Acting Country Director, CDC Nigeria, Dr. Emilio Dirlikov
- The CEO, APIN Public Health initiatives, Dr. Prosper Okonkwo