

GRANT CYCLE 7 (GC7) PROJECT

The Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria (IHVN) is a non-governmental organization established in 2004 to address the HIV/AIDS crisis in Nigeria by developing infrastructure for treatment, care, prevention, and support for people living with and those affected with HIV/AIDS..

IHVN has now expanded its services to other infectious diseases like tuberculosis and malaria and non- infectious diseases, including cancers. IHVN has recently been selected as a principal recipient of the Global Fund Grant Cycle 7 (GC7) grant. This grant is fully funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.



IHVN Chief Operating Officer/Managing Director, Dr. Charles Olalekan Mensah and Director of Public Health, Dr. Chukwuma Anyaike at the Booth Camp for stakeholders in Lagos State.

The grant focuses on harnessing resources and combining efforts to improve integration and collaboration in the fight against HIV and TB diseases in Nigeria by offering service provision for the two diseases across all care centres, both at the facility and community levels. This approach is pivotal for the transformation of TB and HIV programs in Nigeria. Under the guidance of the National AIDS and STDs Control Programme (NASCP), the National TB and Leprosy Control Programme (NTBLCP), and the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA). This project aims to:

- Increase the testing and identification of all forms of TB in the private sector and the communities across the thirty-six (36) states plus the Federal Capital Territory (36 States+1).
- Improve HIV testing of pregnant women towards eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV, support complete end-to-end care for HIV in four (4) states (Anambra, Ebonyi, Kwara and Gombe states), and
- Strengthen laboratories and supply chain management.

The Country Coordinating Mechanism for the Global Fund (CCM) has oversight functions to support the smooth implementation of the grant. IHVN has engaged the Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH); Caritas Nigeria, Damien Foundation Nigeria (DFB); KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation Nigeria; Leprosy & Tuberculosis Relief Initiative, Nigeria (LTR); REDAID Nigeria and The Leprosy Mission Nigeria (TLMN) as Sub-Recipients (Srs) to provide services targeted at early TB detection and successful treatment and the identification and linkage of HIV positive women and children in the community.

Achieving Health Nigeria Initiative (AHNi), Excellence Community Education Welfare Scheme (ECEWS), and Society for Family Health (SFH) will be providing comprehensive HIV care services. We also engaged in the Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS in Nigeria (NEPWHAN), which is working alongside all the SRs, as mentioned earlier, across health facilities and communities to ensure the retention in care of all clients and client-centred treatment.

The overall objective of the grant is to improve HIV and TB integration in care services, thereby reducing the scourge of both diseases in the Country.