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IHVN Urges Communities to Get Involved to End HIV

by Blessing Ukpabi and Luret Dakum

To mark World AIDS Day 2023, the Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria (IHVN) has urged communities to join efforts to end HIV by 2030.

At a sensitization campaign in Government Secondary School (GSS) Garki, IHVN FCT Regional Manager, Dr. Danjuma Sanda said, "Collaboration is key as we strive to reach hard-to-reach communities. Testing is crucial; it's an opportunity for everyone to know their HIV status. Remember, HIV is not a death sentence; we have life-saving antiretroviral medication. Everyone should get involved to create awareness about this disease that is ravaging our communities. Let us tackle this challenge together."



IHVN staff, and stakeholders walk the streets of Port Harcourt to sensitize the public as part of activities to mark World AIDS Day.

The Principal of GSS Garki, Mr. Sadeeq Ayo Ochiji, thanked the Institute for the sensitization activity and packages given to the students. "It is wonderful that you have looked outside the box and have reached out to community leaders like me to play my own role in the goal to end HIV, because I am a community leader here in this school."

Prior to the school sensitization program in Abuja, IHVN also participated in a press conference and road walk organized by the National Agency for the

Control of AIDS (NACA) to create awareness on HIV and the importance of getting tested for HIV.

In Nasarawa State, Katsina State and Rivers State, IHVN commemorated the day with a call to communities to shun stigmatization, utilize HIV services and take action to end HIV through road walks with stakeholders and community outreaches providing free HIV testing services.

...Gbazango Community Receives Sensitization on HIV Prevention

As Nigeria joins the world to commemorate World AIDS Day 2023 with the theme, "Communities: Leadership to End AIDS by 2030", the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) has collaborated with the Association of Positive Youths in Nigeria (APYIN) to sensitize Gbazango community on HIV and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention in their community.

The sensitization activity started with a road walk from the NYSC junction in Kubwa Abuja to the Gbazango Chief Palace where community members

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gathered to participate in an interactive session on HIV and GBV.

IHVN Senior Program Officer Prevention, Care and Treatment, Ms. Ngozi Elema urged the community to spread the word about HIV prevention to others. "There are new approaches to HIV prevention such as the use of self-test kits for HIV testing. People don't need to be ashamed to get tested for HIV. People living with HIV can access treatment and live well. Women living with HIV can have HIV-free babies. People Living with HIV or those related to them should not be stigmatized."

Gbazango Youth Leader, Mr. Musa Jagaba said that the program has enlightened more youths about curbing the spread of the disease. "There is this stigma that comes with having HIV but with better understanding, community members can realize that HIV is not a death sentence and should treat people living with HIV well. I have told them to contact us in the palace for more information on how to link people living with HIV with the necessary care, treatment, and prevention of GBV. Some of



IHVN FCT Regional Manager, Dr. Danjuma Sanda addressing the media at a sensitization program held at the Old Parad Ground in Abuja.



Nasarawa State, Haj. Silifat Abdullahi A. Sule, and IHVN Nasarawa State Manager, Dr. Yakubu Sambo at World AIDS Day sensitization event in Lafia, Nasarawa State.

them do not know that they can be protected from gender-based violence."

APYIN FCT Coordinator, Mrs. Victoria Abah noted that "research has shown that young



IHVN Staff, and stakeholders participating in a road walk to raise awareness about HIV.

girls are more vulnerable to GBV especially in rape, early marriage, emotional and physical abuse. We don't just want to speak about HIV prevention but about gender-based violence because GBV is part of stigma. We call women to speak up. Don't die in silence when experiencing GBV."

From the Chief Executive Officer

December 1st every year is a time to reflect on the progress made in addressing the HIV epidemic and commit to sustaining efforts to end AIDS by 2030. IHVN implements the Action to Sustain Precision and Integrated HIV Response towards Epidemic Control (ASPIRE) project in FCT, Nasarawa, Rivers and Katsina states. We are committed to ensuring that 95% of the people who are living with HIV know their HIV status, 95% of the people who know that they are living with HIV are on lifesaving anti-retroviral treatment, and 95% of people who are on treatment being virally suppressed. This is in line with the UNAIDS 95-95-95 treatment goal. We observed World AIDS Day 2023 by sensitizing the public about HIV prevention, testing and treatment. In collaboration with stakeholders, we held road walks, rallies, HIV Testing outreaches amongst other events. This newsletter features news about this, and several programs targeted at addressing HIV, tuberculosis and other infectious and non-infectious diseases in the country.

Happy Reading!

Yours truly,
Dr. Patrick Dakum
Chief Executive Officer,
Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria

IHVN Wins Five Gold Trophies at FIDAF Tournament



IHVN Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director, Dr. Charles Olalekan Mensah displays trophies won at the 2023 FIDAF tournament.

In a resounding display of teamwork and determination, the Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria (IHVN) has won gold trophies in football, chess, tug-of-war, basketball, and relay at the 12th Federation of International Agencies Football (FIDAF) Tournament organized in Abuja.

The FIDAF tournament, which is organized for non-governmental organization employees to foster work-life balance and promote a healthy company culture, brings together implementing partners.

IHVN Director of Administration and Finance, Mr. Olu Alabi, who was present at the tournament gave a "Kudos to the IHVN team" for a job well done. He represented the IHVN management and cheered the football team to victory. The IHVN team also came second place in table tennis and got a bronze medal in volleyball.

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Research to Reduce Breast and Cervical Cancer Deaths Kicks Off

by Blessing Ukpabi

According to Global Cancer Statistics (GLOBOCAN 2020), cancer causes an estimated 78,000 deaths in Nigeria annually, with breast cancer and cervical cancer being the most common cancers among women in Nigeria. To reduce mortality from these cancers in the country, the International Research Center of Excellence (IRCE) at the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) has kicked off a five-year research project titled, Network for Oncology Research in Africa (NORA).

The project will be implemented within a consortium made of four African countries: Nigeria, Ethiopia, South Africa, and Tanzania. It will involve 35 population-based cancer registries from 25 sub-Saharan African countries.

At a kick-off meeting for the project in Abuja, NORA Co-Principal Investigator, Dr. Victoria Igbinomwanhia said, "Screening for breast and cervical cancers in Nigeria is low and diagnosis is delayed, and the project will look for ways to improve that".

The project will look at widely established benchmark indicators of adequate cancer care including screening uptake, stage at presentation, time to diagnosis, and referral to treatment. The study will examine the pattern of cancer incidence, cancer stage, cancer survival and how it changes over time.

The study will look for ways to increase demand for cancer screening in rural and urban communities and means to successfully integrate cancer care in decentralized primary care settings. It will also seek to answer questions, such as 'How can hospital-based cancer registries help trace patient journeys and support



NORA Research Team Members discuss the modalities for the project at a kick-off meeting in Abuja.

standardized treatment referrals within a resource-constrained setting?"

"We know that currently, palliative care models for cancer care do not exist in the country. Along with caregivers and healthcare workers, we will identify interventions for adequate home and community care for cancer patients. The goal of NORA is to reduce the burden of breast and cervical cancer in Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa. The research also seeks to generate policy recommendations for effective cancer control strategies," Dr. Igbinomwanhia expanded.

NORA will be using both quantitative and qualitative methods to undertake research in six health facilities and communities in FCT, Nasarawa, and Rivers States. Data from 2015 to 2026 will be used to establish findings from the research which will involve Master's, Ph.D., and Post Doctoral students.

One of the NORA Masters students, Mrs. Gloria Harrison Osagie notes, "I'll be looking at how we can identify and close the gaps

needed to strengthen cancer registries and improve cancer data quality in Nigeria." Mrs. Harrison Osagie, a cancer registrar, says that "training of cancer registrars will improve reporting on cancer stages to guide policy formulation and evidence-based programs."

Another Master's student, Dr. Igoche Peter, commented that the multidisciplinary nature of NORA means that the project will result in different perspectives from different people on the same concept of cancer care.

"In palliative care, you are looking at how you will improve the quality of life of people diagnosed with cancer. We want to improve community palliative care in cancer in Nigeria which is a novel area in Nigeria. We cannot transplant what works elsewhere to the Nigerian setting without finding out what is suitable for our culture," Dr. Peter said.

NORA is being implemented with funding from the BMZ- the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, through Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ).

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Journalists, Create Awareness to Prevent Cancer – IHVN

by Blessing Ukpabi



The Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) has urged journalists to create awareness about the importance of early cancer screening. IHVN Program Manager Prevention, Care and Treatment, Dr. Victoria Igbinomwanhia made this call at the 7th Annual Conference of the Association of Nigeria Health Journalists (ANHEJ) in Akwanga, Nasarawa State.

Dr. Igbinomwanhia who gave a presentation on "The Role of Cancer Registration and Research in Improving

Access to Cancer Care in Nigeria," said that "The media has a role to play in reducing the most prevalent cancers in Nigeria namely, breast, cervical and prostate cancers. Early detection significantly improves treatment outcomes and reduces the burden of advanced-stage cancers.

She urged the health reporters to call on the government to address challenges in cancer care, invest in palliative care packages and increase budget allocation to cancer registries.

Spotlight on Strategic Information for Quality Health Care with IHVN Director Strategic Information, Mrs. Fati Murtala Ibrahim

What is the importance of strategic information to healthcare?

Strategic information is high quality, reliable evidence and data that have been effectively collected and used to improve all levels of health programs and ultimately patient care. Without strategic information, it will be impossible to make policy decisions that can help transform the health system. So we use strategic information to help us monitor trends in diseases and other related health events so that deviations from the normal course can be promptly identified and addressed. It is also helpful to measure the impact of health program strategies and investments to make the required adjustments when needed. You know that resources are very limited, so we need to be able to use strategic information to know how to guide where our resources are used. Everyone has a role to play in strategic information, the government and policymakers. This is because resources are limited. We use strategic information to ensure quality assurance and integrity in the process of data collection, transmission, analysis, and use. So, citizens must provide the right information so that we can synthesize

strategic information.

How has IHVN been supporting facilities or organizations towards utilizing tools for data?

IHVN as an organization has an efficient system whereby, we budget for tools, print



and then distribute tools to health facilities that we are supporting. Health programs continue to evolve. Therefore, we come up with initiatives for monitoring new areas. That aspect or a new strategy that comes out. We partner with relevant stakeholders to print and deploy tools. We also support capacity building. You know, it's one thing to develop the tools

and it's another thing for people to be able to use the tools.

Briefly tell us some success stories, especially with some of the organizations or facilities you've worked with.

I think one of our major successes is the fact that we've been able to deploy electronic medical record systems to facilities that we support. All the facilities we support on the ASPIRE project, which is our HIV project, have Electronic Medical Record Systems. We are trying to move away from the traditional paper-based system but we all realized that the electronic medical record systems come with a cost. Therefore, we have also adopted the use of other mobile devices to see how we can support the monitoring and evaluation of disease problems. So, I think the major success story is the fact that we can deploy EMR to all the facilities that we support in the HIV program.

How many facilities in all?

We support about 386 facilities across four states - FCT, Katsina, Nasarawa and Rivers - that is for the HIV project.

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Global Fund Executive Director Visits Asokoro District Hospital

by Luret Dakum

The Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Peter Sands, has visited Asokoro District Hospital to interact with staff and HIV/tuberculosis program beneficiaries on services received.

Mr Sands was received at the hospital by the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN), Dr Patrick Dakum, Medical Director of Asokoro District Hospital, Dr. Nnabuchi Chidi, and representatives of the FCT AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and STIs Control Programme (FASCP).

He discussed strategies being implemented in the hospital,



(8th left) Global Fund Executive Director, Peter Sands flanked by staff of IHVN, Asokoro District Hospital and the FCT AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and STIs Control Programme (FASCP).

achievements across the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets, the tuberculosis program and clinical mentorship activities in the Federal Capital Territory. He toured the antenatal clinic, pediatric clinic, tuberculosis unit, Gene Xpert Laboratory, tuberculosis and pharmacy unit.

IHVN supports the hospital with HIV services including HIV testing, the prevention-of-mother-to-child transmission of HIV, antiretroviral treatment (ART), and care for orphans and vulnerable children.

Students Receive Sensitization on GBV *by Tong'ret Lot*

To mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) with the theme, "Unite! Invest to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls", the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) has sensitized students and communities on the need to prevent and report gender-based violence.

In Abuja, IHVN visited Government Day Secondary School (GDSS) Karu to increase awareness about creating a safe environment for students.

IHVN Senior Program Officer Prevention Care and Treatment, Mrs. Derby Collins-Kalu said, "Students are sometimes not only the victims but also the perpetrators. Safety is the responsibility of all and is a human right. Every student must endeavor to stay safe, avoid going to places where their safety is not guaranteed, and keep away from bad influence. Students should also report any unfair treatment, any suspected act of stalking, grooming, sexual harassment, or sexual and emotional violence."

The Social Prefect of GDSS Karu, Okoro Rejoice, who participated in the sensitization activity said that she will advocate for the prevention of GBV. "I've learned the different types of violence, how to identify red flags and to report any case of gender-based violence (GBV)." I can tell other students who were not here what I've learned to prevent gender-based violence (GBV)."



IHVN Senior Program Officer Mr Yaro Onyiloyi addressing student at Government Secondary School Karu during a sensitization program to observe the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV)



Women in Shabu Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, Nigeria participate in an awareness program about Gender-Based Violence Prevention



IHVN, Community Information and Advocacy Initiative (CIAI) staff along with a representative from the Ministry of Justice pose for a picture with Students of Government Secondary School Daura after a talk on GBV held at the school.

In Katsina State and Rivers State, students of Government Girls Day Secondary School

Rukpuokwu, PortHarcourt also received sensitization about preventing GBV.

IHVN Organizes Mental Health Awareness Training for Staff

by Blessing Ukpabi

The Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) has commenced a four-part training on mental health to improve knowledge and raise awareness for the well-being of all staff. The training, which was held in Abuja, was organized by the Institute's Mental Health and Wellness Committee (MHWC) and staff participated both physically as well as virtually.

During the training, Clinical Psychologist, Professor Andrew Zamani, facilitated interactive sessions on practical skills to

identify mental health issues, using a Mental Health First AID Action Plan, and non-judgmental listening to enlighten participants on the need for sound mental health for better productivity.

Mental Health and Wellness Committee Chairman, Mr. Silas Gurumdi noted that "with the current economic, social and political challenges, there can be no better time to create awareness and train staff on the issues of mental health for the

wellbeing of staff which in turn will spur better work output.

The training is in line with the theme of this year's Mental Health Day, 'Mental health is a universal human right.' The day which is marked on 10th of October every year is to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health and human right. The IHVN Executive Management, is supportive of this cause.

IHVN Intensifies Use of TPT to Prevent Tuberculosis *by Luret Dakum and Joy Onuoha*

To prevent the spread of tuberculosis in Lagos, Osun, Ogun and Oyo States, the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) is intensifying the use and completion of Tuberculosis Prevention Therapy (TPT) for individuals exposed to tuberculosis.

Director Technical Programs USAID TB-LON 3 Project, Dr Olugbenga Daniel, states that TPT prevents the development of active tuberculosis in individuals with latent tuberculosis infection. "It involves the use of medication, usually Isoniazid for a specified duration to kill or suppress the dormant bacteria."

Dr. Daniel adds that IHVN has adopted a facility and community-based approach to scaling up TPT. "Contact tracers who go the community, visit homes to address concerns or misconceptions that clients have about TPT. They also counsel patients and their contacts on the benefits of taking TPT and completing the medication."

IHVN Contact Investigation Coordinator, Dr. Adetokumbo Okungbare says that, "The course of TPT varies and it depends on the dosage regimen that the eligible contacts are placed on. There is a

treatment for six months and also that for a duration of three months."



Contact Tracer Adeniyi Adeola screening the relatives of an index patient at Isale Afon in Ogbomoso, Oyo State.

According to Dr. Okungbare, to address the challenge of access to the medications, Contract Tracers also identify when an index patient will be going to the health facility to collect their medications and give them the TPT for their family members.

In Iwo and Irewole Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Osun State, the USAID-funded Tuberculosis Implementation Framework Agreement (TIFA) project

supported the scale-up of contact tracing by deploying dedicated Contact Tracers to conduct contact investigations for all bacteriologically diagnosed cases.

"Between February and April 2023, 388 eligible contacts of index patients were identified, and 292 clients were successfully placed on TPT, resulting in an impressive 75% initiation rate in Iwo and Irewole LGAs," notes Dr Okungbare.

Contact Tracer for Ogbomoso North LGA in Oyo State, Olabisi Afolake says that Contact Tracers counsel their clients about possible side effects of TPT.

"If the contact of the patient does not have any symptoms of TB or they have been tested and reported negative, then they can be given TPT. Some concerns of individuals I counsel to take TPT are that they may have colored urine after taking TPT, but I counsel them to drink enough water to address this."

One of the clients who has completed her TPT dose is 20-year-old Blessing Okoro from Shagamu LGA, Ogun state. Blessing says that her motivation for taking the medication was that, "I want to be fine and knowing that completing it will prevent me from having tuberculosis encouraged me. I feel good that I have completed the medication. I did not have any side effects."

IHVN Inaugurates Ethics Committee

To uphold ethical research practices and protect the well-being of research participants, the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) has inaugurated an Ethics Committee to review and approve all research protocols involving human subjects conducted at the Institute.

At a virtual inaugural meeting, IHVN Ethics Committee Chair, Dr. Nnakelu Eriobu, said

that the committee is committed to upholding the highest standards of ethical conduct, welfare, rights, and safety of research participants.

"We are dedicated to meticulously evaluating research protocols, studies, and investigations to ascertain that they adhere to internationally recognized ethical principles and guidelines. The Committee places significant emphasis on informed

consent processes and will assess the clarity, comprehensibility, and voluntariness of the informed consent documents, ensuring that participants are fully informed about the nature and implications of their participation," he said.

Participants at the inaugural meeting also received guidance on vital steps to promoting high standards of research ethics.

IHVN Commends Private Sector Efforts in Addressing Tuberculosis in Nigeria

by Blessing Ukpabi

The Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) has commended the private sector's contribution to combating tuberculosis in Nigeria.

IHVN Coordinator Global Fund TB Public Private Mix Project, Dr. Temitope Adetiba says that from 2019 to 2023, the private sector identified more than 195,000 individuals with tuberculosis across 23 states and ensured their linkage to treatment with support from the Global Fund.

"IHVN engaged more than 24,000 private entities, including hospitals, laboratories, and faith-based organizations, to screen and treat people with tuberculosis through the Public Private Mix project. Private providers also identified close to 1,500 persons with drug-resistant tuberculosis and enrolled them for treatment."

According to Dr. Adetiba, the increase in tuberculosis notifications was achieved through strategies such as the use of performance-based incentives, efficient screening via an android-based Mobile Application for Tuberculosis Screening (MATS), deploying Linkage Coordinators and collaboration with umbrella organizations of private health service

providers such as Nigerian Association of Patent and Proprietary Medicine Dealers (NAPPMED), Association of Nigerian Private Medical Practitioners (ANPMP), Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACPN), and Guild of Medical Laboratory Directors (GMLD).

Dr. Adetiba adds that the private sector has also played a crucial role in identifying children with tuberculosis through child-focused community outreaches and targeted tuberculosis screening in hospitals.

"IHVN, in partnership with the National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Programme (NTBLCP) and other organizations, supports X-rays for improved clinical and childhood diagnosis, maintains specialized drug-resistant tuberculosis treatment centers and reference laboratories, and improves access to tuberculosis diagnosis."

Dr. Adetiba emphasizes that the goal is to increase the private sector's contribution to 35% by 2026 through the upcoming Global Fund Grant Cycle 7 in which IHVN will implement a nationwide scale-up of TB and HIV services in the private sector and community.



IHVN Project Coordinator Global Fund TB Public Private Mix Project, Dr. Temitope Adetiba, presenting the project's achievements to visiting Global Fund Nigeria Country Team at a TB/HIV Review Meeting held in the IHVN Campus, Abuja.

"The Institute is committed to building partnerships to consolidate the progress made," he says.

IHVN was selected by the Country Coordinating Mechanism and the Global Fund in 2019, as the first Principal Recipient of TB Public Private Mix (PPM) scale-up in Nigeria. The GF TB PPM Project is a strategic initiative to engage all private healthcare providers in the fight against tuberculosis, using international healthcare standards. The aim of the grant is to reduce the burden of TB by complementing and accelerating the ongoing activities implemented by the Nigerian government and other partners.

IHVN Empowers Adolescents with Entrepreneurship Skills

by Blessing Ukpabi



McCEF Coordinator Mr. Alhassan Adamu displaying a craft item made by the adolescents at the hub.

To prevent HIV and equip adolescents and young people with life skills for self-reliance, the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN) has trained 30 adolescents drawn from communities in Lafia Local Government Area of Nasarawa State. The nine-month training was on painting technology, fashion design, tiling, interior decoration, fishery, and bead-making.

According to IHVN Senior Program Officer, Orphans, and Vulnerable Children (OVC), Mrs. Adetutu Jinadu, both male and female adolescents from vulnerable families participated in the training including sessions on information technology, HIV counseling, finance, and entrepreneurship.

"IHVN collaborated with Mother and Childcare Enhancement Foundation to set up

a center to run the training activities. We designed the programs to help young people start up, innovate, and grow their businesses. We believe that the skills they have developed will create job opportunities for them and reduce their risk of being infected with HIV," she says.

The training program also engaged caregivers to support their wards in mastering the skills and utilizing them. Mother and Childcare Enhancement Foundation (McCEF) Coordinator, Mr. Alhassan Adamu adds that, "We conducted home visits and interacted with caregivers to provide psychosocial support to the adolescents. At the hub, we created a safe place to facilitate learning among young people. They had access to mental health services, sexual and reproductive health information, marketing skills, and digital literacy."

Remembering IHVN Board Chair- Prof Emeritus Umaru Shehu

8 December, 1929 – 2nd October, 2023

On Monday, 2nd October 2023, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN), Professor Emeritus Umaru Shehu, CON, CFR, passed on.

Professor Umaru Shehu was an exemplary figure, a distinguished physician, academician, and administrator whose profound impact extended far beyond IHVN. His vast clinical expertise in the field of community medicine was an invaluable asset to both the IHVN Board and our beloved nation, Nigeria.

Professor Shehu's remarkable journey in the academic and healthcare sectors included achievements such as his education at the prestigious University of Ibadan and the University of Liverpool, where he honed his skills. He also became a fellow of the National Postgraduate Medical College. Furthermore, he served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, from 1977 to 1978. He was later appointed as the Vice Chancellor at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, from 1978 to 1980. His leadership expertise extended to the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan, where he chaired the Board of Management of the Teaching Hospital from 1991 to 1994.

Professor Shehu's legacy was not limited to the academia; he held esteemed positions as the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Ado Bayero University, Kano, and the University of Lagos from 1993 to 1999. Furthermore, he provided invaluable guidance when he chaired the Boards of the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) and STOPAIDS.

Beyond his distinguished roles, Professor Shehu was recognized with the prestigious national award of the Commander of the Federal



Pic 1: Late IHVN Board Chairman, Late Prof. Emeritus Umaru Shehu laying the foundation for the IHVN Campus at a ground-breaking ceremony in November 2016.



Late IHVN Board Chairman, Late Prof. Emeritus Umaru Shehu inspecting construction work at the IHVN Campus in March 2017



Late IHVN Board Chair, Prof Emeritus Umaru Shehu flanked by IHVN Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director, Dr. Charles Olalekan Mensah (left) and IHVN Chief Executive Officer, Dr Patrick Dakum (right) during a visit to the IHVN Campus under construction in September 2019

Republic (CFR). He was not only a scholar of international repute, with numerous publications to his name, but also a Consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO). His dedication to the field of Community Medicine culminated in his appointment as a Professor Emeritus at the University of Maiduguri,

Nigeria.

In his lifetime, Professor Emeritus Umaru Shehu remained an active member of various international and local professional bodies, contributing significantly to the advancement of medical knowledge worldwide.

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