

HEALTH

Since 2014, the U.S. government has invested \$1.5 billion in health programs to save lives in Nigeria.



OVERVIEW

Health indicators in Nigeria are among the poorest in Africa. The country has one of the fastest growing populations globally. With 5.5 live births per woman and a growth rate of 3.2 percent annually, its population is estimated to reach approximately 410 million by 2050. Based on this rate, Nigeria is projected to be the world's third most populous country by mid-century, with enormous health and security implications beyond its borders.

To help Nigeria address its high mortality rates, USAID partners with the Nigerian Government to increase access to quality health services. Interventions focus on family planning and reproductive health, immunizations, polio eradication, malaria prevention and treatment, maternal and child health, and HIV and AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) control. USAID works with the government to encourage greater budget expenditures for primary health. In partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Department of Defense Walter Reed Program, USAID is helping Nigeria build its capacity to manage HIV/AIDS cases by strengthening the health care system and focusing efforts on prevention, detection, and treatment.

ACTIVITIES

HIV/AIDS RELIEF

Nigeria has the second largest number of people living with HIV globally and accounts for nine percent of the global HIV burden. Through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), as of the end of September 2017, USAID is supporting approximately 260,000 HIV-positive Nigerians on life-saving therapy, and provide more than 10 million HIV test kits. Activities focus on controlling the HIV epidemic in priority areas with the highest number of cases. More than one million children orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV receive care and support through USAID's programs. Through USAID, 55,000 HIV-positive women received medication to prevent transmitting the disease to their babies.



TUBERCULOSIS (TB)

USAID supports TB control efforts by linking adults and children to health services for proper diagnosis and treatment. In 2017, USAID supported the diagnosis and notification of over 28,000 people infected

with TB. USAID, in collaboration with Nigeria's National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Program, rolled out new treatment options for multi-drug resistant tuberculosis and initiated approximately 760 patients with drug-resistant TB on treatment.

MALARIA PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Nigeria has the highest global incidence of malaria, which remains the top cause of childhood illness and death. USAID supports Nigeria's efforts to decrease the number of malaria-related deaths in pregnant women and children each year by improving access to high quality detection and treatment services, as well as increasing availability of insecticide-treated bed nets, and prophylaxis for pregnant women. Since 2010, malaria interventions through the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) have resulted in a 36 percent reduction in malaria incidence among children under age five, according to the Malaria Indicator Survey. PMI/Nigeria has scaled up malaria control interventions and since 2014 has distributed 22 million mosquito bed nets, 14 million malaria rapid diagnostic test kits, over 50 million treatment courses for malaria, and eight million doses of medication to prevent malaria in pregnancy.



REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEWBORN, AND CHILD HEALTH

The USAID Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health program reaches more than 60 million Nigerians with lifesaving services - including training public health workers and improving access to



quality medicines, vaccines, medical facilities, and reproductive health materials. USAID activities also help Nigeria improve governance and leadership at all levels of the health sector and support the development of a robust, equitable and efficient health financing system. Per the 2013 Nigeria National Demographic and Health Survey, there was an 18 percent reduction in under-five mortality rate nationally and the number of fully immunized children has increased by 22 percent between 2008 and 2013. More than 1.8 million unintended pregnancies were averted in the past three years as a

result of USAID family planning efforts in partnership with the Government of Nigeria.

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