

AHF *in* NIGERIA



FACTS (UNAIDS/WHO, 2008)

Country Population	148 million
Persons living with HIV/AIDS	2.6 million
Persons in need of ART	750,000
Persons receiving ART	198,000

Project Office:

Abjua

BACKGROUND

According to the UNAIDS 2008 Report on the global AIDS epidemic, in 2007 the adult HIV prevalence rate in Nigeria was 3.1%, which, given Nigeria's large population, means an estimated 2,600,000 people living with HIV. The generalized epidemic has spread beyond the so-called high-risk groups such as sex workers, military personnel, and long distance truck drivers. and now

affects both rural and urban areas, the affluent, and the poor.

Nigeria's Human Poverty Index ranking is 158 out of 177 countries, and political instability and corruption have led to a deteriorated healthcare system. In 2007 only 22% of those needing ART were receiving it (PEPFAR, 2008) and in 2003, only 6% of women and 14% of men

had ever been tested for HIV and received results (WHO, 2007). The main modes of transmission in Nigeria are heterosexual sex (90% of HIV infections), blood transfusions, and mother-to-child transmission. The lack of sexual health information and education contributes to increased transmission rates, as do the lack of voluntary counseling and testing and the practice of young women marrying significantly older men. In 2006, women accounted for 61.5% of adults living with HIV (UNAIDS).



AHF'S GLOBAL PROGRAM SINCE 2007

AHF began work in Nigeria in 2007 as part of Management Sciences for Health's consortium of international partners implementing the Leadership Management Sustainability AIDS Care and Treatment (LMS ACT) project. The LMS ACT project is designed to scale-up availability and increase access to AIDS prevention, care and treatment services. AHF is the main partner supporting clinical services and is responsible for training facility staff while monitoring compliance with existing Ministry of Health protocol for antiretroviral therapy (ART), prevention, treatment, and use of antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) for Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT). As part of the AHF Mass Testing Initiative, AHF and its partners conducted 820 tests during events around World AIDS Day 2008, and provided treatment referrals to those who tested positive (5.61%).

AHF MODELS OF CARE

Current Partners:

Management Sciences for Health

Models of Care:

Technical Assistance & Supervision
Training

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