



# HIV Prevention for Rural Youth (HP4RY), Nigeria

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# Policies to Address the Challenge of HIV/AIDS in Nigeria Collaboration

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# OBJECTIVE

To review HIV/AIDS policies in Nigeria and the role of collaboration and partnership in the attainment of policy goals.

# HIV/AIDS POLICIES IN NIGERIA

- 1997 – 1<sup>st</sup> National Policy on HIV/AIDS
- 2010 -2015 NACA launched a comprehensive National Strategic Framework.

# STRATEGIC THRUSTS OF CURRENT HIV/AIDS POLICY FRAMEWORK

- Emphasized multi-sectoral approach
- Prevention through behaviour change
- Treatment, Care and Support
- Institutional architecture and resourcing
- Advocacy, legal issues and human rights
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Research and knowledge management

# RESPONSE IN NIGERIA

- Little funding from within Nigeria
    - 2009 Federal contribution below 10%
    - 2010 UNGASS Country Report – Nigeria response is still donor driven
  - Many NGOs providing funding
    - Accelerates the response
- BUT
- Control is in the hands of foreign donors

# The BIG ?s

**To what extent Nigerians in the driver's seat?**

**What will happen if the major international funders shift their focus to other health problems?**

# **AN EXAMPLE OF A COLLABORATIVE PROJECT**



# HIV PREVENTION FOR RURAL YOUTH (HP4RY): MOBILIZING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES , EDO STATE, NIGERIA

A collaboration between:

- Nigerian & Canadian researchers
- Non-government organizations (CPED, AHI), National Youth Service Corps, Edo State Ministry of Education, & 2 universities.

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# HP4RY GOAL

*To develop and use research evidence to build and evaluate HIV prevention for rural youth delivered through schools and communities in Edo State.*

In schools: to build on and deliver Family Life and HIV Education (FLHE), a Ministry approved curriculum for Junior Secondary Schools

In communities: to use the National Youth Service Corps (Corpers) to build AIDS Competent Communities (ACC)

# HP4RY COMPONENTS

- Stakeholder (all partner) participation in all stages
- Capacity Building
- Research & Evaluation
- Knowledge Translation – incorporating what is learned in research into FLHE and ACC
- Knowledge Mobilization – Delivering FLHE and ACC Programme

# LESSONS/GAINS FROM HP4RY COLLABORATION

- The partnership produced better resources for the fight against HIV/AIDS
- HP4RY built local capacity
- Promoted evidence-based programming and policy-making.
- The programme promoted participatory collaboration by involving all stakeholders.

# HP4RY'S LESSONS: IMPLICATIONS FOR NATIONAL PROJECTS ON HIV

- Collaborations need participation of all stakeholders.
- Nigerian collaboration with donors must emphasize local capacity building using local resources.
- Evidence-based programming and policy-making should be promoted by all levels of government and nongovernment organizations.

# NECESSARY DIRECTIONS

- Nigeria must increase funding for the HIV/AIDS response.
- Public-private partnerships are essential to bring HIV/AIDS interventions to more people

# The BIG ?s again

**To what extent are Nigerians in the driver's seat?**

**What will happen if the major international funders shift their focus to other health problems?**