

Mobilizing Domestic Financial Resources for HIV/AIDS - State Level Experience from Nigeria

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Issues

- Domestic financing for HIV/AIDS is fundamental to the sustainability of country-level HIV/AIDS responses. Nigeria is currently the country with the biggest economy in Africa. The mobilization of domestic financial resources for HIV/AIDS response in this big economy has so far not been sufficient. The current HIV/AIDS response in Nigeria is largely dependent on foreign sources.
- The ability of the country to mobilize Nigerian financial resources (from government at all levels, private sector and CSOs) for the HIV/AIDS response will lessen the country's dependence on foreign sources for its HIV/AIDS response. This will enable greater country-ownership and sustainability of the HIV/AIDS response in Nigeria.

Description

- The USAID funded Health Financing and Governance (HFG) Project, implemented by Abt Associates and partners in Nigeria, supports the USAID goal of closing the HIV/AIDS financial resources gap at the state and local levels through domestic financing mechanisms. HFG is implementing this through five key areas of intervention: HIV/AIDS resources planning, HIV/AIDS resources mobilization, HIV/AIDS resources allocation, institutionalization of HIV/AIDS resources tracking, and HIV/AIDS resources utilization.
- HFG works with local implementing partners including the sister HIV/AIDS service delivery projects such as the 'Strengthening Integrated Delivery of HIV/AIDS Services' (SIDHAS) Project and the 'Prevention Organizational Systems AIDS Care and Treatment (ProACT)' project.
- HFG also works in collaboration with partners working at the political economy level of resources allocation such as the UK-funded 'State Partnership for Accountability, Responsiveness and Capability (SPARC)' program.



Lesson Learnt

HFG has been able to demonstrate that with the involvement of country-level and local partners, it is possible to influence state governments to substantially increase allocation of domestic resources for the HIV/AIDS response in Nigeria. In particular, in Cross Rivers State in Nigeria, HFG has catalyzed an increase of over 300% in state government budget allocations for HIV/AIDS - from 58 million Naira (US\$ 292,559) in the 2014 budgetary appropriation, to 184 million naira (US\$ 928,121) in the 2015 budgetary appropriation.

HIV/AIDS Budgets in Select States in Nigeria, in which HFG Is Working

State	2014 HIV/AIDS Funds Budgeted (Nigerian Naira)	2014 HIV/AIDS Funds Released (Nigerian Naira)	2015 HIV/AIDS Funds Budgeted (Nigerian Naira)	Percentage Increase in HIV/AIDS Budgets (2014 to 2015)
Cross Rivers	58m (US\$292,559)	5.5m (US\$ 27,743)	184m (US\$928,121)	317.2 % increase
Rivers	60m (US\$ 302,648)	Nil	200m (US\$ 1.008m)	333.3 % increase
Akwa Ibom	500m (US\$ 2.522m)	Nil	500m (US\$ 2.522m)	Stable high budget
Kwara	55m (US\$ 277,427)	49.62m (US\$250,290)	320m (US\$ 1.614m)	581.8 % increase

1US\$ = 198.250 Naira (Oanda exchange rate, June 11, 2015)

Next Step

HFG Project is continuing to work with country-level and local partners at the state level in Nigeria, to further catalyze domestic financing mechanisms to respond to HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. In particular, HFG will continue to work with the project states towards the release of HIV/AIDS funds in the respective state budgets.

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