

Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in Nigeria

What is the OVC Nigeria Project?

As reported by UNICEF, approximately 13.8 million children and adolescents globally, aged between 0 and 18 years, were affected by the loss of one or both parents due to AIDS as of 2019. The majority of these children, accounting for 80% of the total, reside in sub-Saharan Africa.

- ❖ In Nigeria, there are an estimated 2.5 million orphans and vulnerable children due to HIV/AIDS.

AIHA, along with our Nigerian sister organization, Twinning for Health Support Initiative (THSI-N), is collaborating with the Society for Family Health (SFH), a Nigerian-based NGO, and Save the Children Federation (SCF), to implement a five-year project called the Integrated Child Health and Social Services Award (ICHSSA 3) Program.

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Number of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria

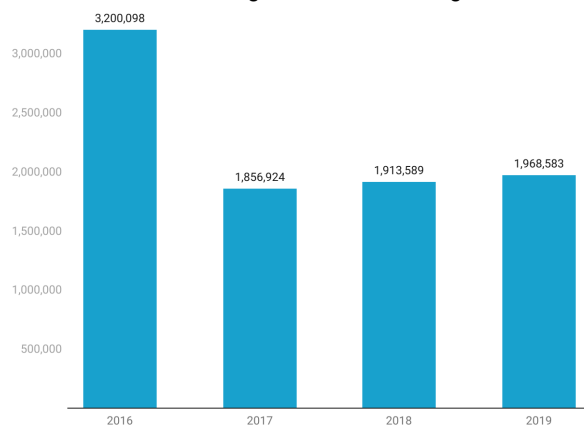


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OVC funding serves the dual purpose of mitigating the impact of HIV and AIDS on children and adolescents as well as the prevention of HIV- and AIDS-related morbidity and mortality.

The objective of the Program is to ensure that OVC are cared for and protected by their households, communities, local and state government” through civil society and partnerships.



Key Accomplishments To Date:

- Conducted baseline capacity gap assessment of social workers and community case management workers.
- Inclusion of the Auxiliary Social Work (ASW) curriculum in Kano State Polytechnic.
- Formed 171 cohorts of caregivers and adolescents for Nagari na Kowa (Sinivoyo) training.
- Achieved 76% birth registration and certification for enrolled children.
- Established 149 Community Child protection Committees (CCPC) across project states.
- Established 342 Kids/adolescents clubs with over 56,456 children in attendance.
- High attendance (95%) and 77% performed well in exams for enrolled children.

Making a difference

- Parenting and Adolescent Modules:
 - 171 cohorts completed 14 weeks of training, benefiting 4,651 caregivers and adolescents.
- Birth Registration and Certification:
 - Achieved 76% birth registration and certification for enrolled children, collaborating with NPopC and health facilities.
- Education:
 - Assessed 71,935 in-school children, resulting in regular attendance, steady performance, and good exam results.
 - Mobilized scholastic materials for 37,621 vulnerable children in Kano and Niger states.
- Caregiver Support:
 - 231 caregivers formed a platform for capacity building and knowledge sharing.
- Kids/Adolescent Clubs:
 - Established 342 clubs engaging over 56,456 children, promoting coping skills and community support.



Plans for next year:

- Advocate for Auxiliary Social Work training and certification for volunteers and social work officers.
- Collaboration with development partners and civil society organizations to provide training opportunities.
- Enroll ASW graduates as members of the Social Welfare Workforce in Nigeria through