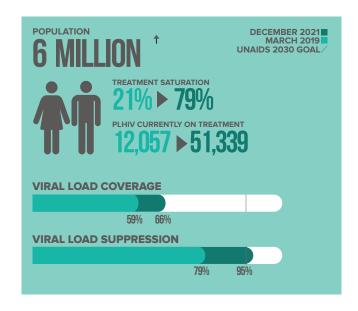


## PROGRESS TOWARDS EPIDEMIC CONTROL: IMO STATE

PEPFAR's focus on sustainable epidemic control began in 2014 when it pivoted to a data-driven approach that strategically focuses on geographic areas and populations where HIV/AIDS is most prevalent. It provided a road map for progress and impact of its recent strategy to accelerate HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control by 2020 in 13 high-burden countries. Nigeria was among more than 50 other countries with the greatest potential to achieve HIV/AIDS epidemic control by year 2020.



In Nigeria, the NAIIS results were used to geographically prioritize eight states; Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Abia, Anambra, Imo, Enugu, Lagos, and Delta) having contributed 56% of the total unmet need (PLHIV yet to be placed on treatment). With HIV prevalence at 1.5%, Imo state was classified as a SURGE state because of the low treatment coverage and high unmet needs; thus, it was prioritized for the PEPFAR anti-retroviral treatment rapid scale-up response (SURGE) activities with the aim of achieving 81% treatment coverage by the end of the fiscal year 2023 (FY23). The treatment saturation, viral load coverage and suppression has greatly improved over the last few years. As at December 2021, 51,339 persons were placed on the lifesaving antiretroviral therapy (79% of the estimated persons living with HIV in 2021) with a viral suppression of 95%.

PEPFAR Nigeria, through the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and its Implementing partner – Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria (CCFN) will collaborate with the Imo State Government to deploy strategies including optimized facility and community-based testing strategies. Others are same-day ART initiation for identified clients, improved client care and retention strategies, knowledge sharing, and learning using the ECHO telemedicine technology, improved client-centric case management approach to optimize retention and virologic suppression.

#### CASE FINDINGS FOR PLHIV

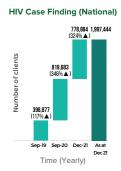
WITHIN 33 MONTHS, MARCH 2019 — DECEMBER 2021

**2** 931,489 CLIENTS RECEIVED HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING.

43,702

PLHIV WERE IDENTIFIED AND REPORTED BETWEEN APRIL 2019 — DECEMBER 2021.



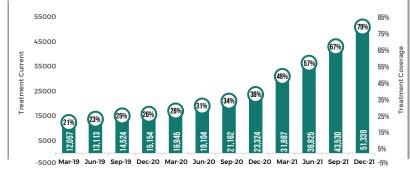


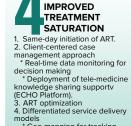


## PROGRESS TOWARDS TREATMENT WITHIN 33 MONTHS, MARCH 2019 - DECEMBER 2021

<del>2+</del> 36,664 PLHIV WERE NEWLY INITIATED ON LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT.

LINKAGE RATE WAS RECORDED AMONG CLIENTS WHO WERE NEWLY INITIATED ON LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT.





STRATEGIES DEPLOYED FOR

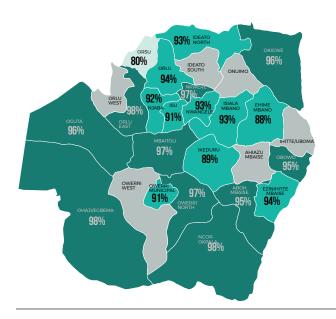












**10 LGAS** 

10 LGAS ACHIEVED AT LEAST 95% VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION

ACHIEVED ABOVE 85% VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION

ACHIEVED 80% VIRAL LOAD **SUPPRESSION** 

## STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVED VIRAL LOAD **COVERAGE AND SUPPRESSION**

- PCR laboratories mapping/optimization.
- Scale up of sample referral system.
- Remote sample log-in to laboratory.
- Information Management System Facility electronic medical records enhanced to download VL results from LIMS (EMR-LIMS).
- End-to-end sample monitoring and tracking system to
- improve turnaround time.

#### **IMO STATE EPIDEMIC CONTROL GOAL FY22**

PEOPLE LIVING WITH (PLHIV)

**PLHIV ON** ANTIRETROVIRAL TREATMENT (ART) ACHIEVE VIRAL SUPPRESSION

\*PEPFAR TARGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022



# **GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO SURGE SUCCESS**

- Leadership and coordination by the Imo State Government through FMOH, SACA and other state agencies.
- Provision of infrastructure and enabling environment.
- COVID-19 essential workers support allows the project teams free movement to reach patients with essential care.
- 4. Availability of human resources for health to implement all SURGE project activities at the facility level.
- Waiver of user fees for all PLHIV receiving care.



# **AREAS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INTERVENTION BY THE IMO STATE** GOVERNMENT

- Human resource for health: To engage additional healthcare workers of different cadre to be posted, especially to the hard-to-reach areas.
- Commodities support: Provision of Rapid HIV Test Kits (RTK) to complement PEPFAR's 1,077,899 RTKs, and Asante Rapid Test Kits for recent infection to complement PEPFAR's 18,487 Asante Rapid Test Kits.
- Health policy and legislation to support all additional PLHIV activities including that of key populations, adolescents and youth living with HIV, pregnant women, and children living with HIV.
- Engender program ownership, coordination and leadership: Government ministries, departments and agencies to take full ownership of ingenious health programs that will improve the health of Imo state residents







