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## ARFH Team Led by the Interim CEO, Mrs Kehinde Osinowo on Advocacy Visit to the Permanent Secretary, Primary Healthcare Board, Plateau State

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## Clustered Supportive Supervisory Meeting for Optimising DMPA/SC Uptake in Plateau State



Group picture of Family Planning providers after a cluster meeting

ARFH initiated the monthly clustered supportive supervisory meeting aimed at optimising the DMPA-SC/SI uptake across project implementing LGAs in Plateau State. This is to ensure quality program implementation continues despite the vast and difficult geographical terrain, high number of facilities, and incessant security challenges that make routine facility supportive supervision almost impossible.

The clustered supportive supervisory meeting provided unique opportunity for family planning facility focal persons from hard to reach areas to be organised into clusters with key objectives of accessing continuous hands-on training on quality service delivery as well as effective DMPA-SC/SI administration, and documentation.

The result showed over 80% increase in uptake of DMPA-SC across the implementing LGAs, with an appreciable increase in facility initiated self-injection clients.

*"I always look forward to the cluster supportive supervisory meeting as it enables me connect with other peer FP providers, gain new knowledge, and skills in increasing the usage of DMPA-SC/SI within my community." Amina Kurungtoe, FP provider.*



Group picture of RASuDiN Community Resource Persons (CORPS) in Plateau State.



## ARFH Conducts Orientation for CBOs on Active TB Case Finding in 12 States



ARFH Global Fund TB Project Coordinator, Dr Queen Ogbuji leading the orientation workshop in Oyo State

Globally, the World Health Organisation reports that about 5,000 TB related deaths are recorded daily, of which, 95% occur in low- and middle-income countries (WHO, 2017). Nigeria ranks among the 30 high burden countries for tuberculosis (TB), TB/HIV, and Multidrug-Resistant TB (MDR-TB). In order to halt this tragic trend, ARFH in collaboration with National Tuberculosis and Leprosy Control Programme (NTBLCP) held a one-day orientation workshop for partner Community Based Organisations on active TB case finding.

The workshop which was hands-on focused on learning innovative strategies to scale up TB case finding in 12 states in Nigeria. In addition, the participants acquired information about the basic facts on TB, advocacy and community mobilisation strategies, awareness creation, identification of presumptive TB cases, as well as sputum collection and documentation.

We will continue to work with all our partners and community stakeholders to ensure prompt access to high-quality, patient centred TB diagnosis and treatment in Nigeria.



Orientation workshop in Nassarawa State

## Economic Empowerment of Adolescents and Young Persons in Lagos



ICHSSA2 Chief of Party, Dr Felix Iwuala presenting a presser machine to Hassan, flanked by the Deputy Chief of Party, Ms Faith Lannap and Director of Programs, Dr Olufemi Oke

ARFH through the USAID funded ICHSSA2 project recently empowered 198 adolescents and young persons who have acquired vocational skills with business startup items across all the supported 10 LGAs to boost their income, increase economic independence, reduce vulnerability to poverty and exposure to HIV.

After thorough needs assessment, the beneficiaries received vital financial literacy training to develop and scale their business and become economically stable to meet their basic needs and that of their families.

Following this training and empowerment, Hassan, one of the beneficiaries who received a presser machine resolved to work to put his skills to good use and build a successful business so he could support his family and also help others.

Interventions like the Household Economic Strengthening is not only critical to unlocking economic opportunities and ensuring vulnerable households are food secure, but also needed to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS.

**ARFH is a Non-Governmental organisation with a mission to collaborate with other strategic partners in designing and implementing innovative and high impact programs for improved health outcomes and well-being of individuals and families in Africa.**

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