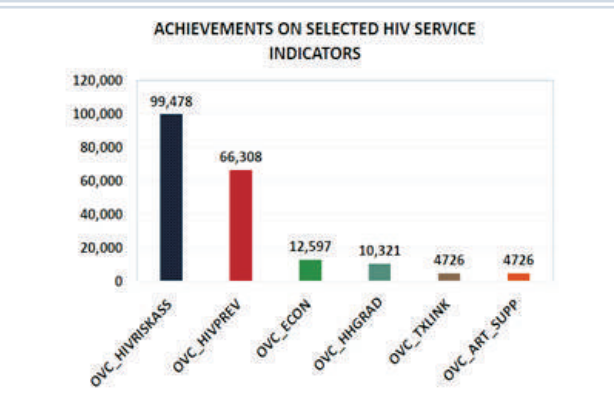
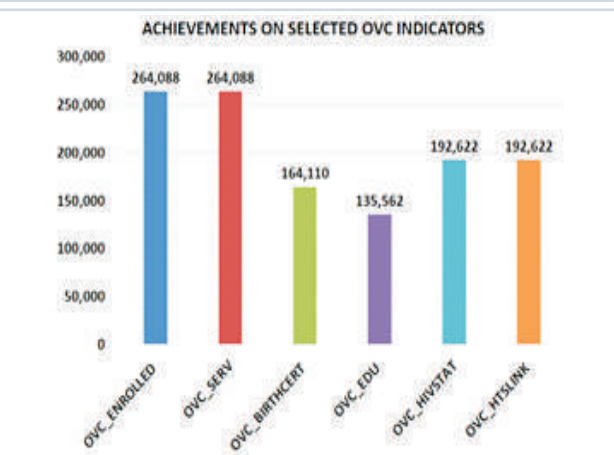




are accessing free health services through elimination of user fees

QUICK FACTS

Project Type	Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)
Funder	USAID
Project Location	Akwa-Ibom, Lagos and Rivers States (transferred to CDC in April. 2019)
# of people served	210,751 OVC and 53,337 caregivers
Time frame	2014-2019



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ARFH-LOPIN1 PHOTOS OF IMPACT



LOPIN1 Chief of Party at the house commissioning of a beneficiary in Akwa-Ibom State



LOPIN1 child saying thank you to USAID for supporting ARFH to help children to live a healthier life



LOPIN1 Chief of Party addressing Adolescents at the Adolescents and Youth Competence Centre, Akwa-Ibom state



LOPIN1 Chief of Party Presenting HES material to a caregiver



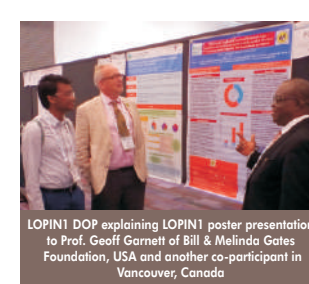
Members of LOPIN1 Uduak Abasi Village Savings and Loan Association empowered with palm oil communal business, Akwa-Ibom state



Kids club activity in Akwa-Ibom state



Creek intervention team in Akwa-Ibom State



LOPIN1 DOP explaining LOPIN1 poster presentation to Prof. Geoff Garnett of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA and another co-participant in Vancouver, Canada



Thriving palm oil Communal Business in Lagos state

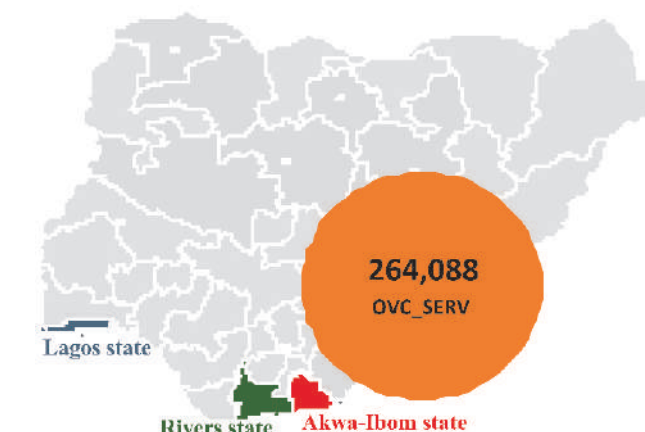


HTS being conducted in Uyo, Akwa-Ibom state

LOCAL PARTNERS FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN NIGERIA (LOPIN-REGION 1) PROJECT

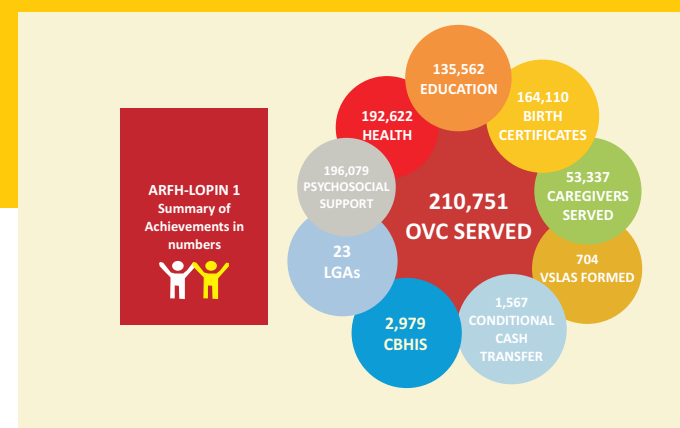
PROJECT SUMMARY

The Local Partners for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Nigeria (LOPIN-Region 1) Project designed to improve the well being of 210,751 orphans and vulnerable children and 53,337 caregivers was implemented through an accelerated, sustainable family focused approach. Services rendered were in accordance with Case Management Plans pre-prepared to address identified needs of children and their caregivers. The integrated services provided covered health, education, child protection, psychosocial support, food/nutrition and household economic strengthening while leveraging support for shelter related care from other sources.



LOPIN-REGION 1 APPROACH

LOPIN 1 modelled inclusiveness in programming for orphans and vulnerable children in Akwa-Ibom, Lagos & Rivers States by strengthening the organizational and technical capacities of the Community Based organisations (CBOs), the Social Welfare Departments of Local Government Areas (LGAs) and the State Ministries of Youth and Social Development for the effective coordination of responses to OVC needs. ARFH provided 15 CBOs with equipment such as generators, computers, furniture, metal cabinets, accounting software (QuickBooks) and trained them on data and financial managements, effective utilization of data for program management and the use of the National OVC Management Information Systems (NOMIS). In addition all the OVC desk officers in 17 LGAs



under LOPIN were trained on and can use NOMIS. A total of 17 LGAs were supplied with desktop computers as part of organisational and capacity strengthening of OVC at the LGA level. Moreover, the CBOs received monthly institutional and activity funds as grants to offer high quality services to OVC and their families. LOPIN 1 also facilitated productive engagements between CBOs, LGAs and the private sector. These achievement were made possible through the establishment and support of community structures such as Child Protection Committees, Quality Improvement Teams for the promotion of children's welfare and rights, HIV stigma-reduction and resource mobilization for community development.

HIV SERVICES: LOPIN REGION 1 Project continued to implement activities towards the achievement of the 90-90-90 UNAIDS goal by focusing on increasing identification of index cases, HIV testing, enrolment of HIV positives, linkage and retention to care and treatment. Other services included monitoring of PLHIV and CLHIV, supporting treatment adherence and monitoring viral load suppression. The LOPIN 1 innovated the use of incentivized enrolment strategy which continued to

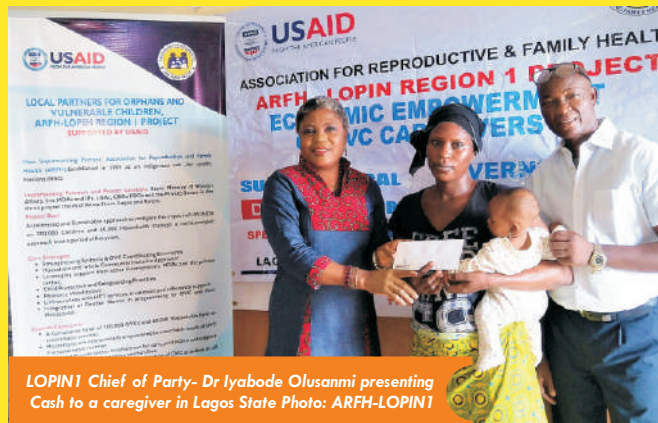


Adolescent and young mother being tested in Oku Community, Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State. Photo- ARFH-LOPIN1



focal persons and support groups of PLHIV. Partnership with the support groups of Persons living with HIV (PLHIV) has also increased the yield through targeted testing based on local epidemics. The project worked with health facilities in the communities to enhance facility-community interphase, in order to reach more newly diagnosed persons with services, including economic empowerment at the community level.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING: LOPIN-Region 1 project increased the access of eligible caregivers to money and strengthened their economic resilience to enable them meet their needs and that of their wards in a sustainable manner. In line with the PEPFAR guideline for OVC programming, ARFH-LOPIN 1 project also implemented Conditional Cash Transfers (CCT) for 'Most Vulnerable Households' to meet their



LOPIN1 Chief of Party- Dr Iyabode Oluşanmi presenting Cash to a caregiver in Lagos State Photo: ARFH-LOPIN1

consumption needs, increase access of their children to education and health services while linking their caregivers to VLSA in the community for financial literacy and participation. The sum of N30,000.00 was given to 1,567 beneficiaries in three tranches of N10,000.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES: The ARFH-LOPIN 1 project provided enabling environment for increased uptake of health services through facilitated referrals and logistic support for indigent enrollees. A total of 192,622 children received the required health support services with improved treatment outcome. To further strengthen health seeking behaviour of vulnerable households and increase uptake of services, the ARFH-LOPIN 1 project pioneered the pilot implementation of Community Based Health Insurance Scheme (CBHIS) across the three project states (Akwa-Ibom, Lagos and Rivers), with support from USAID. A total of 2,979 beneficiaries are currently accessing free health services

through the elimination of user fees. Services covered under the CBHIS include the management of childhood malnutrition, malaria, enteric fevers, pneumonia, uncomplicated peptic and duodenal ulcers, respiratory infections, ear infections; immunizations, minor surgical procedures and the treatment of minor ailments.



Mrs Evelyn has four children and all enrolled on CBHIS. Photo: ARFH-LOPIN1

ACCESS TO EDUCATION: Community Volunteers (CVs) visited enrolled OVC in their respective schools at least once in a quarter to assess children's school attendance and education performance. CVs worked with school Headmasters and Principals to ensure there were no stigmatization of the enrolled children. The Block Grant interventions implemented in Fy18 across 3 states, in collaboration with SUBEB whereby seven schools which were provided with desks, chairs and tables, wax boards, books and libraries, recreational facilities ensured the exemption of the enrolled OVC in these schools from direct payment of any fees or levies, thereby facilitating the seamless progression, particularly of the girl child from primary to secondary school level.



Students of Ajara Grammar school, happy with desks supplied by ARFH with support from USAID. Photo: ARFH-LOPIN1



CHILD PROTECTION AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT
ARFH LOPIN1 Project has trained all project and CBOs' staff, Community Volunteers (CVs) and assistant Case

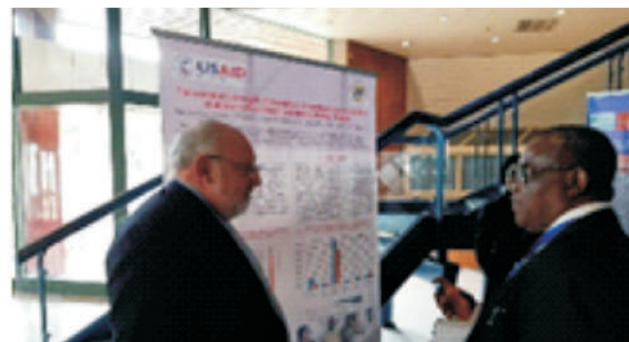


Kids club is a safe space for Children to learn about various forms of abuse and HIV prevention tips. Photo: ARFH-LOPIN1

Managers on Child Protection and Child Safeguarding Practices. All the CBOs have adopted Child Safeguarding Policies signed on by all their staff.

SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

ARFH conducted baseline capacity assessment, to ascertain areas of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities

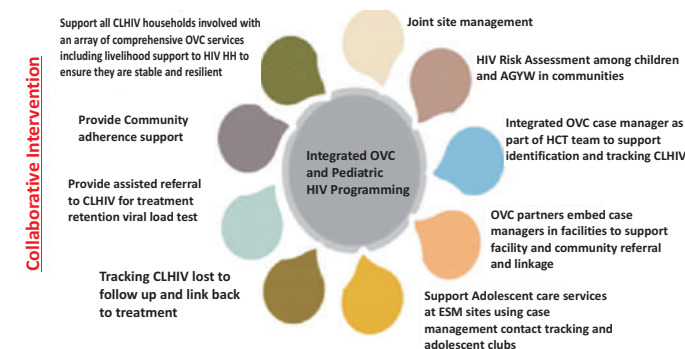


USAID Mission Director- Stephen M. Haykin with LOPIN1 DOP- Dr. Felix Iwuala at ARFH Boot Camp during the USAID learning summit

and threats (SWOT), which informed targeted interventions to fill identified gaps and build technical and organizational capacity of government and CBOs. As a result, focal staff of CBOs and government were trained on project management and sustainability, M&E, service provision, gender norms within the context of HIV/AIDS, NOMIS and were provided with desktops computers to facilitate data capturing, collation, reporting and use for planning, decision making and as an integral part of the national response.



PEDIATRIC ART SURGE SATURATION (PASS) STRATEGY IN AKWA IBOM IS A HUGE SUCCESS



KEY RESULTS

As at October 2019, LOPIN-Region 1 achieved the following among others:

- Served 210,751 OVC and 53,337 caregivers with need based PEPFAR services out of which 10,321 households graduated having met the benchmarks
- Supported 192,622 children to access HIV testing services. Identified 4,726 HIV positive children and linked all of them to antiretroviral treatment
- Trained 12,597 adolescents and caregivers on financial literacy and were all given start up business materials costing between N30,000.00 to N60,000.00 per person.
- Provided 498 most vulnerable caregivers with pro-vitamin A cassava stems; of this, 45 were trained on cassava processing & marketing
- Formed 704 adult & 49 adolescents VSLA groups with 346 share outs. The groups saved N151,640,314.00 (USD420,056) between 2016-2019
- Provided conditional cash transfer to 1,567 most-vulnerable beneficiaries, each of whom received N30,000 (\$83) in three equal instalments of N10,000 (\$27) per tranche
- Secured birth certificates for 164,110 OVC, through strong collaboration between CBO partners and the National Population Commission
- Provided education block grants to purchase teaching materials, desks, books and recreational infrastructure to seven schools which enabled access of 135,562 vulnerable children to regular school attendance
- 2,979 beneficiaries enrolled on the CBHIS