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# INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AWARD

IMPLEMENTED BY

ASSOCIATION FOR REPRODUCTIVE AND FAMILY HEALTH  
(ARFH-ICHSSA 2) PROJECT, LAGOS STATE

**STABLE DOMAIN**

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH) is currently implementing the **Integrated Child Health and Social Services Award (ICHSSA)**, in Lagos State, in partnership with **Project HOPE and FHI360**, with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Lagos State Ministry of Youth and Social Development (MYSD).

The Project seeks to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on vulnerable children and their households in ten LGAs namely Agege, Ajeromi/Ifelodun, Apapa, Badagry, Kosofe, Lagos Island, Lagos Mainland, Ojo, Shomolu and Surulere. It is a five year project (2019-2024), with a critical mass of ten community based organizations (CBOs).

Scope of Services to Vulnerable Children and their Caregivers:

- Health, • Education,
- Food/Nutrition, • Psychosocial,
- Legal protection, • Economic strengthening
- Social protection
- Household Economic Strengthening

In line with PEPFAR and UNAIDS “95-95-95” Goals, the ARFH-ICHSSA Project will facilitate identification of HIV positive children, linkage to treatment and supported to achieve viral load suppression.

## BACKGROUND



With half of the people living in extreme poverty, Nigeria has the highest number of people living in extreme poverty in the world.



Poor socio-economic climate and COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria has resulted in the growing population of vulnerable households



High unemployment rates among caregivers of vulnerable children



Poor living conditions including inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

## ACHIEVEMENTS



**21%**  
MALE

**6,895**

Beneficiaries trained on financial literacy



**79%**  
FEMALE



**12%**  
MALE

**1,898**

Households provided with Cash Transfer



**88%**  
FEMALE



**4%**  
MALE

**2,720**

Caregivers currently linked to Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) with total savings of N6,424,850



**96%**  
FEMALE



**5%**  
MALE

**129**

Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) established



**95%**  
FEMALE

## SOLUTIONS



Vocational skills training for caregivers to provide economic empowerment



Increase knowledge of caregivers on good hygiene and sanitation practices especially during and after the COVID-19 pandemic era



Provision of cash transfers for the most vulnerable households



Capacity building and linking to income generating activities and financial literacy trainings



# AREAS OF SUPPORT NEEDED

- Provide caregivers of households with linkages to income-generating activities
- Provide trainings and capacity building activities on basic skills to maintain a clean and safe environment (food storage, water, sanitation and hygiene practices)
- Provision of material support to vulnerable children and households (clothing, shoes, sanitary supplies, essential furniture, beddings, etc.) through donations
- Provide financial literacy trainings for caregivers of vulnerable children
- Training of older children and child headed households on entrepreneurship, vocational skills and other economic strengthening
- Facilitate linkages of caregivers with Public/Private institutions for economic/business skills and expertise
- Support linkages of caregivers of vulnerable children with legal, justice system and insurance institutions for protection of household assets and inheritance rights
- Provide conditional cash transfers (CCTs) to most vulnerable households to support them with meeting their basic needs
- Facilitate registration of groups (e.g., Village Savings and Loans Association) as cooperatives to enable access to loans, input and credits

## RIPPLE EFFECT







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