

World TB Day: TB-HIV Integration, LEN PrEP Launch & IEC Unveiling



Ending TB and HIV through innovation & integration

Nigeria took a bold step forward in HIV prevention and TB response on the 24th of March 2026, as the National AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and STIs Control Programme (NASCP) marked World TB Day with a Ministerial Press Briefing, the official national launch of long-acting injectable Lenacapavir (LEN) PrEP, and the unveiling of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials to support its rollout. Bringing together government, partners, communities, and the media, the event underscored a united commitment to ending TB and HIV through innovation, integration, and accountability. A key highlight was the introduction of Lenacapavir as a twice-yearly, long-acting HIV prevention option, alongside the unveiling of IEC materials to drive awareness and uptake. The event also featured the launch of the Multisectoral Accountability Framework for TB (MAF-TB), reinforced the importance of TB-HIV collaboration through integrated service delivery, and renewed national commitment to community engagement and sustainable financing. With innovations like LEN PrEP and strengthened accountability frameworks, Nigeria is accelerating progress toward a future free of TB and HIV.

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Nigeria Advances Integrated SRHR and Communicable Disease Care

From January 21–23, 2026, stakeholders gathered at the Belmont Hotel in Abuja for a three-day workshop aimed at strengthening the integration of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and communicable disease services in Nigeria. The workshop focused on developing a practical implementation framework that responds to the diverse needs of communities while promoting more efficient and inclusive healthcare delivery. Discussions centred on defining and operationalizing a minimum package of integrated services tailored to pregnant women, adolescents, people living with HIV (PLHIV), and key populations. Participants also explored ways to strengthen governance, coordination, and accountability to support effective planning and implementation at both national and sub-national levels. By the end of the workshop, stakeholders had outlined actionable guidance to advance people-centred, rights-based, and sustainable service delivery across all levels of care. The initiative represents a significant step toward breaking down longstanding service silos and ensuring more cohesive, accessible healthcare for all.



Building Capacity for PrEP Rollout in Nigeria

Nigeria took a significant step toward strengthening HIV prevention through a focused Training of Trainers (ToT) on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), including Lenacapavir (LEN) PrEP. Held from January 21–24, 2026 at Ajuji Hotel, Abuja, the training convened selected Master Trainers to support a standardized, high-quality national rollout. The ToT equipped participants with in-depth technical knowledge of PrEP, as well as practical skills for administering Lenacapavir and other PrEP options. In addition, the training emphasized facilitation skills, enabling participants to effectively cascade knowledge and build capacity among healthcare workers and community stakeholders across the country. By strengthening expertise at this level, the initiative laid a solid foundation for sustainable HIV prevention programming. It is expected to play a critical role in the successful introduction and scale-up of both injectable and oral PrEP options, ultimately expanding access and improving health outcomes nationwide.



Strengthening Grant Management for Impact in Nigeria's TB and HIV Response

To boost financial oversight, accountability, and programme performance, a TB/HIV Capacity Building on grant management was convened for finance officers and programme managers across Nigeria's geopolitical zones. The sessions sharpened skills in grant compliance, financial reporting, risk management, and efficient resource use key to delivering impactful TB and HIV interventions and meeting national health targets. Held in three batches, the trainings took place on February 8, 2026 in Nasarawa State (North West & North East) and Enugu State (South-South & South-East), with a final session on February 22, 2026 in Nasarawa State (South West & North Central). By strengthening coordination and financial stewardship, the initiative is helping build more resilient systems for measurable progress in Nigeria's TB and HIV response.



Advancing Community Readiness for LEN PrEP Rollout

The National AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and STIs Control Programme (NASCP) continued to lead preparations for Nigeria's rollout of long-acting injectable Lenacapavir (LEN) for HIV prevention. On February 17, 2026, at Ajuji Hotel, Abuja, NASCP, in collaboration with Root to Rise, convened a National Community Consultation to update the HIV Prevention Ambassador Training Package and Toolkit (HPAT) with LEN content. The session reviewed and validated the materials to ensure they are community-informed and aligned with national priorities. By engaging civil society, key population networks, and partners, NASCP reinforced its commitment to strong community mobilization and equitable access as Nigeria moves toward LEN PrEP scale-up.



Strengthening Retention in HIV Care for Women and Children

A four-day co-creation workshop to develop National Minimum Standards for retention in HIV care among pregnant and breastfeeding women and children was successfully held from 16–19 February 2026 at Sawalino Hotel, Keffi, Nasarawa State. The workshop convened key stakeholders to review evidence on retention gaps in PMTCT and paediatric HIV services, identify priority areas, and co-develop draft standards with clear, measurable benchmarks for implementation at the facility level. Discussions also ensured alignment with Federal Ministry of Health and NASCP policies, while outlining next steps for piloting, validation, and nationwide rollout. This collaborative effort marks an important step toward improving continuity of care and strengthening health outcomes for women and children affected by HIV in Nigeria.





NASCP reviews the GC7 workplan to strengthen accountability and inform GC8 priorities



From 19–21 February 2026, at Bon Octagon Hotel, Jahi, the National AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and STIs Control Programme (NASCP) convened a three-day strategic workshop to review the GC7 workplan and lay a strong foundation for GC8. The workshop provided a platform to assess programme and financial performance under GC7, identify implementation gaps, and strengthen accountability mechanisms. It also enabled stakeholders to align priorities, targets, and investments with the emerging GC8 framework—positioning Nigeria's HIV response for greater impact, efficiency, and sustainability.

Strengthening HIV Data Quality to Drive Better Programme Performance

From 25–27 February 2026, stakeholders convened at MSquare Hotel, Lagos, for the 2025 National HIV Programme Data Review Meeting. The meeting provided a platform for a comprehensive review of HIV programme data across HTS, PMTCT, ART, Viral Hepatitis, and PrEP, while identifying and addressing state-level data quality gaps related to completeness, consistency, accuracy, and documentation. Through structured deep dives and collaborative review sessions, participants validated state-reported data, resolved NDARS-related issues, and strengthened routine reporting processes. Reinforcing data quality remains critical to improving programme performance and driving evidence-based decision-making across Nigeria's HIV response.





Strengthening Demand for Multi-Product PrEP

From 10th–12th March 2026, stakeholders convened at Bon Octagon Hotel, Jahi, Abuja, to advance Nigeria's multi-product PrEP agenda, including daily oral options and long-acting innovations such as lenacapavir. As the country expands HIV prevention choices, the responsible introduction of LEN underscores the need for stronger demand generation systems and community engagement approaches that support informed decision-making and sustained uptake. The workshop focused on building capacity to operationalize the multi-product PrEP framework through effective counselling and community engagement, applying behavioural science to strengthen demand creation strategies, and promoting stigma-free, confidential, and client-centred service delivery. It also supported the development of a shared monitoring framework and actionable state-level implementation plans aligned with Nigeria's phased LEN rollout.

Lenacapavir PrEP Arrives to Boost HIV Prevention



The Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, through NASCP, has successfully received Lenacapavir (LEN) PrEP commodities at the Federal Medical Store in Oshodi. The commodities were officially received by Pharm. Patiko on behalf of the National Coordinator of NASCP, in the presence of key stakeholders and partners, including representatives from the Lagos State Ministry of Health (LSMOH), IHVN, CHAI, and media organizations. This milestone marks a significant advancement in Nigeria's HIV prevention efforts, particularly for individuals at higher risk, as Len PrEP introduces a long-acting and more convenient prevention option. The public is informed that the national launch is scheduled for next week, with rollout planned across eight pilot states later this month or early next month, paving the way for broader national access.

STRENGTHENING MEDIA ENGAGEMENT FOR HIV PREVENTION



Media plays a powerful role in shaping public understanding and on 23 March 2026, that role was further strengthened in advancing HIV prevention in Nigeria. NASCP convened a media parley at the 6th Floor Conference Room of the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to deepen journalists' knowledge of Long-Acting Injectable Lenacapavir (LEN) PrEP and its potential to expand HIV prevention options. The session equipped media stakeholders with accurate, up-to-date information, encouraged ethical and stigma-free reporting, and fostered strong commitment to sustained, informed coverage. Through this engagement, NASCP continues to shape the national narrative on HIV prevention reducing stigma and bringing lifesaving innovations closer to the people who need them most.

Advancing Integrated Action Toward the 95-95-95 Targets

The Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, through the NASCP, remains committed to achieving the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets by 2030. To accelerate progress, NASCP convened a Joint Task Team Meeting from 25–29 March 2026 at Protea Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos State, bringing together stakeholders across HIV, TB, Malaria, Mental Health, Laboratory Services, HTS, Treatment, Supply Chain Management, Prevention, Strategic Information, Digital Health, and Viral Hepatitis. The meeting reviewed programmatic updates, identified key service delivery gaps, and strengthened coordination across critical components, while enhancing collaboration with NMEP, Mental Health, and TB/HIV partners. Expected outcomes include improved inter-component collaboration, stronger integration across programmes, better alignment of laboratory and supply chain systems with treatment services, and a clear roadmap to accelerate progress toward the 95-95-95 targets.



FROM THE STATES...

Driving Sustainable HIV Response in 10 States



From February to March 2026, the Ministries of Health, through the Public Health Department and the State AIDS, Viral Hepatitis & STIs Control Programmes, convened Stakeholders' Engagement meetings on the National Sustainability HIV Impact Project (NSHIP). This took place in 10 States; Abia, Imo, Delta, Rivers, Kogi, Plateau, Nasarawa, Benue, Kaduna and Oyo. The meeting brought together key government actors, implementing partners, and other critical stakeholders to align NSHIP activities with broader state health system priorities.

Strengthening PMTCT Coordination across 34 States and the FCT

From January to March 2026, State AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and STIs Control Programs (SASCP) held routine monthly PMTCT coordination meetings across 34 States and the FCT. The States include; Abia, Adamawa, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Benue, Borno, Cross River, Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Ekiti, Enugu, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kogi, Kwara, Lagos, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, Zamfara. The meetings aimed to strengthen programme coordination, improve data quality, and optimize service delivery. It brought together state PMTCT teams, implementing partners, and key stakeholders to review performance, identify gaps, and develop data-driven action plans, including plans to train M&E officers on revised data tools. Discussions focused on improving early antenatal care attendance, increasing HIV testing among pregnant women, strengthening ARV initiation and retention, and enhancing follow-up for mother-baby pairs. Escort services were highlighted as a key strategy to improve linkage and retention in care.

A key highlight of the engagement was the emphasis on building state capacity through a Training of Trainers (ToT) approach, aimed at equipping participants with the knowledge and skills needed to cascade best practices and sustain programme gains at scale. The engagement provided a valuable platform for dialogue, collaboration, and shared commitment, reinforcing Kaduna State's resolve to build a more integrated, resilient, and sustainable HIV response. Discussions focused on strengthening coordination and promoting service integration across HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and other health services as a practical pathway to long-term sustainability.



As a result, states reported improved data reporting, strengthened healthcare worker capacity, better client tracking, and enhanced collaboration. Overall, the meetings contributed to improved quality and coverage of PMTCT services, supporting progress toward eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Nigeria.



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