



NIGERIA

Nigeria is home to nearly half of West Africa's population and has one of the largest youth populations in the world. As many as 4 in 10 Nigerians live in poverty and many lack access to quality education, basic infrastructure and sufficient sources of income, according to the World Bank. Climate shocks, increasing conflict and poor health outcomes are additional burdens to vulnerable Nigerians. Globally, Nigeria has the highest number of malaria cases and the second largest number of people living with HIV. Tuberculosis and poor maternal and child health are also significant concerns in the country.

IMA World Health (IMA) has worked with communities, local partners and governments to overcome public health challenges for nearly 65 years. In joining the Corus International family in 2020, we build on our fellow Corus organization Lutheran World Relief's current USDA Food for Progress project to grow Nigeria's cocoa sector, integrating our health expertise and resources with their nearly 80 years of rural economic and livelihoods development experience and in-country networks to innovate more holistic solutions to support the Nigerian government and our local partners in achieving transformational change.



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OUR GLOBAL APPROACHES

Health Systems Strengthening

IMA works with governments and local partners to provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening to increase engagement, services and investment in a country's health system.

Maternal and Child Health

IMA improves the access to and availability of high-quality, person-centered maternal, newborn and child health services and voluntary family planning and reproductive health care in fragile and conflict affected settings.

Disease Treatment & Prevention

IMA aids in the treatment and prevention of deadly diseases that disproportionately affect people living in poverty, such as malaria, NTDs, HIV/AIDS and Ebola.

Nutrition

IMA implements evidence-based, multi-sector approaches targeting a range of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive factors to prevent malnutrition and reduce stunting.

WASH

IMA improves water and sanitation infrastructure and promotes education in healthy WASH practices at schools and health centers.

Gender-based Violence

IMA strengthens community-based prevention of and response to GBV and improves the quality of and access to holistic care for survivors.

Global Project Highlights

Traceability and Resilience in Agriculture and Cocoa Ecosystems of Nigeria (TRACE)

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food for Progress Program, TRACE is a five-year project that improves Nigeria's cocoa productivity through climate-smart agriculture and expands its traceability for stronger marketability. In partnership with the federal and state governments of Nigeria, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN), Ecometrica, and C-Lever.org, Lutheran World Relief implements TRACE in Nigeria's cocoa-producing states of Abia, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Ekiti, Ondo, and Osun States. By the end of the project, over 51,000 smallholder farmers will be trained, resulting in a doubling of cocoa productivity and establishing a comprehensive (farm-to-export) traceability system that meets global standards. More than 68,400 farmers will gain access to markets, and over 366,000 hectares of farmland will be under improved climate risk reduction and/or natural resource management practices.

COVID-19 Response in Nigeria

IMA World Health partnered with the Africa Christian Health Associations Platform to support a COVID-19 response by the Christian Health Association of Nigeria (CHAN). Activities implemented included sharing targeted information for health care workers, religious leaders and community members, providing equipment and supplies to implement infection prevention and control in health care facilities, and supporting surveillance, referrals and home-based care. IMA also helped CHAN engineer boreholes to ensure a clean and reliable water supply of 10 of its hospitals.

MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience

Under the USAID-funded MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience (MIHR), IMA World Health leads a global effort to accelerate the reduction of preventable maternal and child death and disease burden in fragile settings. MIHR is providing technical assistance and capacity building to support national institutions and local partners to reduce the number of zero-dose and under-immunized children. In the DRC, MIHR collaborated with the Ministry of Health (MoH), the USAID Routine Immunization Transformation & Equity (MRITE) initiative, and other partners to support and introduce the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine in North Kivu. MIHR worked closely with the MoH and local partners to develop an Emergency Communication Plan to promote acceptance and uptake of the COVID-19 vaccine in North Kivu among the MoH's priority target populations. MIHR conducted rapid mobile/online surveys and interviews with health care workers, MoH personnel, and community influencers to assess their knowledge, training needs, sources of information, acceptance, and perceived risks of the COVID-19

vaccine. MIHR also supported the MoH in monitoring and analyzing social listening as well as in identifying and utilizing trusted local vaccination champions to manage misinformation, develop an RCCE plan, and drive local vaccine demand. Additionally, MIHR strengthened the surveillance of AEFI to enhance the safety of vaccine use and maintain public confidence in the vaccination program.

Rural Health Systems Strengthening Project (ASSR) | Access to Primary Healthcare Project (ASSP)

Between 2012 and 2021, ASSP and its follow-on project ASSR improved the health of women, adolescents and children through support for disease prevention, delivery of health care and health systems strengthening in the DRC. With funding from the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), the projects supported an estimated 9.7 million people across 52 health zones in five provinces, strengthening the health system by focusing on priority interventions such as the treatment of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea; nutrition; obstetric and neonatal care; family planning; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); and immunization. Because measles outbreaks are frequent and a leading killer of young children in the DRC, IMA World Health vaccinated more than 2 million children under the age of five against measles throughout the duration of ASSP and ASSR. During ASSP, IMA also led the implementation of the second iteration of the District Health Information System (DHIS2) in the project's 52 health zones. We supported everything from hardware installation to training in use and maintenance to the development of national health information policies. At the end of the project, 99% of health facilities were using DHIS2 to produce their SNIS reports. IMA investments in the health information system design and data collection yielded marked improvement in data quality scores, with 39 health zones obtaining a score of 80% or more.

The Corus Effect

Founded in 1960, IMA World Health is part of Corus International, an ensemble of long-serving, global leaders in international development and humanitarian assistance. In addition to IMA World Health, the Corus family includes global aid and development organization Lutheran World Relief, U.K.-based technology for development company CGA Technologies, impact investing practice Ground Up Investing, and direct trade company Farmers Market Brands.

