



**IGE-SRH**

Initiative For Gender Equality & Sexual Reproductive Health



# PROJECT REPORT

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## ZERO NEW HIV INFECTION: THE ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT



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# ABOUT US

The Initiative for Gender Equality and Sexual Reproductive Health (IGE-SRH) is a sub-national, youth-led organization established to improve the lives of young lesbian, bisexual, queer, transgender, and intersex (LBQTI) rightsholders in Nigeria. Since 2020, we have programmed for our rightsholders through these thematic areas: Health (HIV/AIDs, Mental Health, SRHR, Safe Abortion, STIs/ STDs), Technology for Development, Safety and Security, Economic Empowerment, and Human Rights.

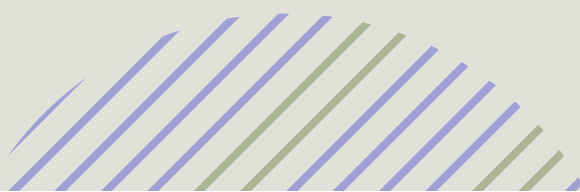


Picture 1.1 Placards

## We are champions to community-led monitoring of HIV prevention for Key Affected Populations in Nigeria.

The Global HIV Prevention Roadmap was put in place to bring together over 40 countries, of which Nigeria is a part, and organizations, including civil society organizations, networks of people living with HIV and key populations, international organizations, and foundations to achieve global HIV prevention goals and the promotion and provision of effective tools to prevent HIV infection.

The HIV prevention goals are to simply end AIDS as a public threat by 2030 by reducing new HIV infections to fewer than 500,000 globally, reducing AIDS-related deaths to fewer than 500,000 globally, and eliminating HIV-related stigma and discrimination. Some countries have been able to achieve declines in new HIV infections, while others have not made significant progress or are experiencing a worrying increase.





**Picture 1.2 Cross section of participants**

## **ABOUT OUR PROJECT**

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The Zero New HIV Infection: the Accountability project was a 6-month initiative focused on developing national milestones aligned with the new global HIV prevention roadmap for 2022-2025 by employing the 10-point action plan. HIV prevention roadmap and employed the 10 points action plan.

## **OUR MISSION**

To create a comprehensive and community-driven national HIV prevention milestones that aligns with the 2022 - 2025 HIV Prevention Strategic Roadmap and incorporate the perspectives of key populations in Nigeria.

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## **OVERVIEW**

The project aims to create a comprehensive and community-driven global HIV prevention roadmap aligned with the 10 points action plan and incorporating key populations' perspectives. The team has made significant progress in achieving this goal, and the symposium provided an opportunity to receive valuable feedback and recommendations for future monitoring.



**Our goal is to build a community with zero HIV infection by 2025.**

## **OBJECTIVES OF OUR PROJECT**

- **Strengthening and Expanding Community-Led HIV prevention services:** This involves working with communities to design and implement prevention programs tailored to their specific needs and preferences. Community-led services are often more accessible and acceptable to key and priority populations and can help reduce stigma and discrimination.
- **Removing Social and Legal Barriers to HIV Prevention Services:** Addressing the social and legal barriers preventing key and priority populations from accessing HIV prevention services. This includes efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination and advocacy to change laws and policies that criminalize these populations and limit their access to health services.

## **STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES**

- IGE-SRH created an HIV accountability core team comprising Key Population Leaders such as sex workers, transgender, All Young People Living with HIV (AYPLHIV), Tuberculosis, and People Who Use Drugs (PWUD).
- The selected core team members reviewed the HIV prevention roadmap. They employed the 10 points action plan and ensured that the community had a say in the process of the milestone building to allow necessary modifications to fit their constituency context.

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**IGE-SRH believe that everyone deserves to live a healthy and fulfilling life, free from the burden of HIV. We are committed to providing education, resources, and support to help our community achieve this important goal.**

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- IGE-SRH organized a stakeholder engagement comprising of civil society organizations working on HIV prevention in Nigeria to review the drafted national milestones, validate the document, and make recommendations on the current state of HIV prevention in Nigeria.
- IGE-SRH conducted an advocacy visit to the National Agency for the Control of Aids (NACA) to inform on the project and receive a go-ahead and buy-in from the government.
- IGE-SRH conducted a symposium titled "The State of HIV Prevention Accountability in Nigeria. We shared the project's overview and lessons learned with relevant stakeholders and representatives of each Key Population constituency. Representatives shared recommendations on monitoring the findings of the national HIV Prevention milestone document.

## **IMPACT OF STRATEGIES**

The engagement of key population groups and stakeholders in developing the milestone draft and accountability measures was crucial for ensuring that HIV prevention strategies were tailored to these populations' specific needs and contexts. By involving these groups, our project team identified priority areas for HIV prevention among key populations, which will help guide HIV prevention efforts until 2025.

Furthermore, the participatory approach helped raise awareness of the Global HIV Prevention Roadmap for 2022-2025 among key population groups, civil society organizations, and government officials. This increased awareness is essential for ensuring that HIV prevention strategies are widely understood and supported and can ultimately contribute to reducing new HIV infections among key populations.

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# IMPACT OF STRATEGIES

The desk review of existing policies and strategies for HIV prevention among key populations also provided a valuable foundation for developing the 2022 milestone draft and recommended accountability measures. Building on existing policies and strategies, the project team ensured their recommendations were evidence-based and grounded in best practices.

Overall, the impact of the participatory approach used by the project team is likely to be significant in improving HIV prevention efforts among key populations. By involving these groups in developing the milestone draft and accountability measures, the project team ensured that HIV prevention strategies were tailored to their specific needs and contexts and were widely understood and supported by key stakeholders. This, in turn, can contribute to reducing new HIV infections and improving the health and well-being of key populations.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The project successfully achieved its objectives. The project team engaged vital population groups, civil society organizations, and government officials in discussions on the Global HIV Prevention Roadmap for 2022 - 2025. The consultations and meetings identified priority areas for HIV prevention among key populations. The project team developed a 2022 milestone draft and recommended accountability measures to guide HIV prevention for key populations until 2025.

The recommended accountability measures included:

- Developing and implementing national HIV prevention plans that target key populations.
- Ensuring HIV prevention services are accessible, acceptable, and high-quality for key populations.
- Ensuring critical populations are involved in designing, implementing, and monitoring HIV prevention programs.
- Investing in research and innovation to develop new and effective HIV prevention technologies and strategies.

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