UNFPA Nigeria sponsors the set-up of a situation room in the National Agency for the Control of AIDS South-South Zonal Office in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State

Globally, HIV & AIDS remain one of the leading causes of death among women of reproductive age and young adolescent.

In Nigeria, despite significant gains made in preventing HIV transmission, the number of new HIV infections is still alarmingly high, especially among key populations and hard-to-reach groups.

As the lead agency on sexual and reproductive health, UNFPA supports programmes aimed at reducing HIV infection among marginalized groups, eliminating mother to child transmission and unintended pregnancies among HIV positive women. Too often, HIV services are not fully integrated within sexual, and reproductive services and vice versa. Hence, UNFPA strongly advocates to policy makers at state and local level to strengthen the reproductive health/HIV integration and implements evidence-based behavioral change communication campaigns.

In Nigeria UNFPA supports and collaborates closely with the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA).

In March 2022, with the sponsorship of UNFPA, NACA set up a situation room and installed an interactive, web-based visualization system in the NACA South-South Zonal Office (SSZO) in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State. This web-based zonal and state level HIV cascade scorecard is a key innovative way of addressing the gaps in the multi-sectoral HIV response. The joint result framework will contribute to effective HIV program monitoring, intervention performance review and accountability of results in the States and Zone. This will ultimately improve the HIV response in Nigeria.

After the set-up, NACA also conducted a 2-day training for the NACA SSZO staff on the design, operation, management and reporting the website-based data analytics platform.