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PROF. CHUKWUMA CHARLES SOLUDO, CFR
Executive Governor of Anambra State

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ndi Anambra,
It is my pleasure to welcome you to the maiden edition of ANSACA News Watch, launched as we commemorate my first 100 days in office as the Executive Director/Project Manager of the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA).

Under the visionary leadership of Mr Governor, Professor Chukwuma Charles Soludo, CFR, Anambra State continues to strengthen its health system and accelerate efforts to end HIV as a public health threat. At ANSACA, we remaincommitted to taking HIV services to underserved populations, expanding equitable access to HIV prevention, testing, treatment, care, and support, while ensuring that no community is left behind.

This inaugural edition of News Watch highlights our programmatic achievements, strategic partnerships, and community interventions that are improving health outcomes across the State.

As we build on the progress of the past 100 days, we reaffirm our commitment to an evidence-driven, people-centered, and multi-sectoral HIV response. Together, we can achieve an HIV-free and healthier Anambra.

DR. NKEM OKEKE, KSC
Executive Director/Project Manager
Anambra State AIDS Control Agency **(ANSACA)**

Development of the State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan (SSTSP) 2026–2028.

- Statewide Motor Park HIV Screening and Awareness Campaign.
- Moonlight HIV Testing Initiative.
- Flag-off of the Tertiary Institution and School-Based HIV Intervention Programme.
- Healthy Living HIV Control Initiative with **Dr. Mrs. Nonye Soludo.**
- Capacity Building for healthcare workers and community stakeholders.
- Policy Formulation to guide state-based HIV/AIDS interventions.
- Empowerment of People Living with HIV **(PLHIV).**

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

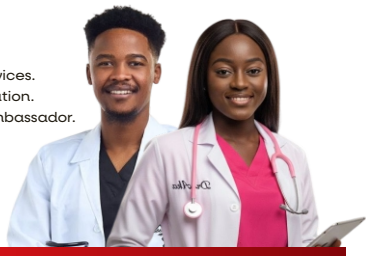
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ANSACA PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO DR. MRS. NONYESOLUDO, PRESENTS SSTSP 2026–2028

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ANSACA HOSTED IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS, UNVEILED 2026–2028 HIV STRATEGIC PLAN

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ANAMBRA STATE GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR HIV RESPONSE TO BEGIN AT HOME

By Obianuju Isima

The Executive Director and Project Manager of the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA), Dr. Nkem Okeke has called for renewed efforts to make HIV a strategic family conversation, stressing that everyone has a role toplay in achieving holistic epidemic control in Anambra State and Nigeria.

Dr. Okeke made the call during an interview on Arise News, where he emphasized that HIV prevention, testing, treatment and the fight against stigma should not be the sole responsibility of government and healthcare professionals. Instead, he urged families and communities to engage in open and regular discussions about the disease.

According to him, "HIV needs to be made a strategic family conversation again, and everybody must be involved in the drive to achieve holistic epidemic control in Anambra, and indeed Nigeria.

"He explained that encouraging honest conversations about HIV within families would promote early testing, improve access to treatment, reduce stigma and discrimination, while inspiring healthier lifestyle choices among young people and adults.

Dr. Okeke emphasized that the fight against HIV requires the collective efforts of parents, guardians, community and religious leaders, schools, the media and other stakeholders to raise awareness and strengthen preventive measures.

He reaffirmed ANSACA's commitment to expanding public awareness campaigns and deepening partnerships aimed at reducing new HIV infections while ensuring that people living with HIV have continued access to quality care, treatment and support.

He urged residents of Anambra State to know their HIV status through regular testing and support ongoing efforts to eliminate the epidemic in the state and across the country.

ANSACA LAUNCHES **HEALTHY LIVING HIV CONTROL INITIATIVE** WITH **NONYE SOLUDO**

By Umebosi Chiemerie

* To Attract $1 Million Fund for HIV Response in Anambra
* Inaugurates 42 LGA Initiative Supervisors
* Signs Commitment Charter for Zero New HIV Infections by 2030

The Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA) has officially launched the Healthy Living HIV Control Initiative with Nonye Soludo, a landmark grassroots intervention aimed at accelerating the State's response to HIV/AIDS and achieving Zero New HIV Infections by 2030.

The event, held in Awka on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, brought together top government officials, traditional rulers, development partners, sponsors, civil society organizations, healthcare professionals, youth groups, and other stakeholders committed to building an AIDS-Free Anambra State.

Representing the Wife of the Governor of Anambra State and Founder of Healthy Living with Nonye Soludo, Dr. Mrs. Nonye Soludo the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Afam Obidike, reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to strengthening HIV prevention, testing, treatment, stigma reduction, and community engagement across all 21 Local Government Areas.

Speaking at the event, the Executive Director of ANSACA, Dr. Nkem Okeke , presented the vision and framework of the initiative, highlighting that Anambra's HIV prevalence rate remains above the national average, necessitating innovative and community-driven interventions.

According to him, the initiative will focus on community health education and awareness campaigns, free HIV testing and counselling services, distribution of prevention commodities, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and empowerment of people living with HIV.

A major highlight of the event was the inauguration of 42 Healthy Living HIV Initiative Supervisors, comprising one male and one female coordinator from each of the 21 Local Government Areas of the State. The supervisors are expected to coordinate weekly grassroots HIV awareness and testing activities, ensuring that no community is left behind in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

In another significant development, Sir Okwy Okeke, a renowned financial expert based in Morton Grove, Illinois, United States of America, pledged to attract a One Million United States Dollar ($1,000,000) support fund to strengthen HIV response activities, community outreach programmes, testing services, awareness creation, and empowerment initiatives for people living with HIV in Anambra State.

The event also featured the symbolic signing of the "Zero New HIV Infections by 2030 Commitment Charter," with stakeholders reaffirming their commitment to ending new HIV infections, eliminating AIDS-related deaths, and reducing stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV.





INAUGURATION of HEALTHY LIVING HIV CONTROL INITIATIVE



ANAMBRA STRENGTHENS SUSTAINABLE HIV CARE THROUGH HEALTH INSURANCE

By Umebosi Chiemerie

Anambra State has enrolled 10,384 People Living with HIV (PLHIV) into the Anambra State Health Insurance Agency (ASHIA) scheme, marking a significant milestone in expanding access to affordable and sustainable HIV care.

The achievement was announced by the Executive Director/Project Manager of ANSACA, Dr. Nkem Okeke, during a stakeholders' meeting convened to review progress and strengthen collaboration for integrating HIV services into the state's health insurance programme.

Stakeholders commended the initiative as a major step towards sustaining HIV treatment and care, while reaffirming their commitment to increasing enrollment, improving service delivery, promoting early HIV testing and treatment, and eliminating stigma and discrimination.

The meeting brought together key partners, including NACA, ASHIA, AHNi, AHF, KNCV, NEPWHAN, ASPHCDA, and ANSACA, highlighting the importance of collaboration in strengthening Anambra State's HIV response.

Key Milestone: 10,384 People Living with HIV are now covered under the ASHIA scheme, ensuring greater access to quality and sustainable healthcare across the state.

ANAMBRA POISED TO PILOT NATIONAL HIV PREVENTION PLAN 2026–2030

By Chisom Echele

ANSACA Strengthens National HIV Response Partnership Anambra State is set to play a leading role in Nigeria's HIV response as a potential pilot for the National HIV/AIDS Prevention Plan (2026–2030) following a strategic engagement between ANSACA, NACA, and UNAIDS.

ANSACA Executive Director, Dr. Nkem Okeke, visited NACA in Abuja and was received by Dr. James Anenih and Dr. Sam Anya. The visit introduced him as the new head and reaffirmed Anambra's commitment to partnership.

He outlined plans to scale HIV awareness, testing, and prevention across all 21 LGAs using grassroots, key population, and data-driven approaches.

NACA presented the 2026–2030 plan and identified Anambra as a potential pilot state for community-based implementation.

Dr. Anenih praised ANSACA's alignment with national priorities, while Dr. Anya emphasized a coordinated "One Strategy" response.

The engagement strengthens collaboration to expand HIV prevention and care in Anambra.

Key Milestone

Anambra is a potential pilot for Nigeria's 2026–2030 HIV/AIDS Prevention Plan, reinforcing its leadership in community HIV prevention.









ANSACA STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIPS TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES FOR HIV RESPONSE

By Obianuju Isima

Building Strategic Alliances for a Sustainable HIV Response.

ANSACA is expanding partnerships to strengthen the HIV response through stakeholder engagement and resource mobilization.

The Executive Director and Project Manager, Dr. Nkem Okeke, held advocacy meetings with key stakeholders on collaboration in HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support.

He met Chief Barr. Chukwudi Oli Oba (Eze Afia) on community partnerships, stigma reduction, and local resource mobilization, securing support for the Domestic Resource Mobilization Fund. The Chief pledged commitment to ending HIV in Anambra State.

He also engaged Hon. Francis Obi, World Bank Consultant and CEO of Vitol Group, on private-sector collaboration, CSR, and technical support. Hon. Obi expressed readiness to support ANSACA and connect strategic partners.

ANSACA ONBOARDS 42 HIV AWARENESS BRIGADE (HAB) SUPERVISORS TO DEEPEN GRASSROOTS HIV RESPONSE IN ANAMBRA

By Ezeanyim Nnaemeka



The Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA), under the leadership of Dr. Nkem Okeke has successfully onboarded 42 HIV Awareness Brigade (HAB) Supervisors drawn from the 21 Local Government Areas of the State as part of the implementation of the ANSACA State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan **(SSTSP) 2026–2028.**

The strategic session equipped the Supervisors with a clear understanding of the structure, objectives, and operational framework of the HIV Awareness Brigade, including their roles in community mobilization, HIV awareness creation, advocacy, testing promotions, and grassroots engagement across their respective LGAs.

The meeting also focused on planning for the official inauguration of the HIV Awareness Brigade, which is expected to be performed by the Wife of the Governor of Anambra State, Dr. Mrs. Nonye Soludo , through her **Healthy Living** With **Nonye Soludo Initiative.**

This onboarding marks another important milestone in ANSACA's commitment to building a sustainable, community-driven HIV response aimed at achieving zero new HIV infections and a healthier Anambra State.

Participants reaffirmed their commitment to the vision of the Brigade and pledged to work collaboratively towards an HIV-free Anambra.



ANSACA STRENGTHENS FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE HIV RESPONSE IN ANAMBRA

By Obianuju Isima

Strategic Collaboration for an HIV-Free Anambra

The Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA) has strengthened its collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to accelerate efforts toward ending HIV as a public health threat in Anambra State.

The Executive Director and Project Manager ofANSACA, Dr. Nkem Okeke, met with the Director of Public Health, Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Dr. Charles E. Nzelu, to explore ways to enhance technical support and coordinated action in the state's HIV response.

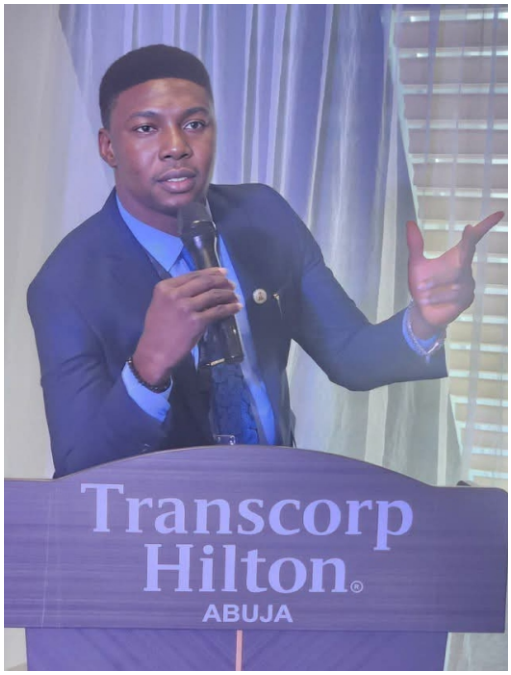
The discussions focused on improving access to HIV prevention, testing, treatment and care services, with a shared goal of achieving zero new infections, zero HIV/AIDS-related deaths and zero stigma and discrimination, emphasizing better viral suppression and equitable service delivery across the state.

Dr. Nzelu reaffirmed the Federal Ministry's commitment to providing technical support to help reduce HIV prevalence and advance epidemic control in Anambra State.

The engagement underscores the importance of strong federal state collaboration and ANSACA's commitment to improving health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.

Key Milestone

ANSACA and the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare are deepening collaboration to expand HIV services and move Anambra State closer to an HIV-free future.



ANAMBRA POSITIONS FOR STRONGER HIV AND GBV RESPONSE THROUGH GLOBAL FUND GC8

By Vincent Ezechukwu

Anambra State is advancing its HIV, Gender-Based Violence (GBV), and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) response through the Global Fund Grant Cycle 8 (GC8).

Following the National Consultative Workshop in Abuja, ANSACA Executive Director and Project Manager, Dr. Nkem Okeke, reaffirmed the state's commitment to expanding HIV prevention, treatment, and integrated GBV services. He noted that addressing GBV and IPV is essential to ending HIV as a public health threat by 2030.

The GC8 investment will support ANSACA's State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan (SSTSP) 2026–2028, strengthening prevention, reducing stigma, improving survivor support, and building a more resilient health system.

Key Milestone:

Anambra is positioning to leverage Global Fund GC8 investments to strengthen HIV prevention and integrated GBV/IPV services.





ANAMBRA STATE WORKERS' DAY CELEBRATION: ANSACA PROVIDES FREE HIV AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE SCREENING

By Ekeanumba Chidimma

As part of activities marking the 2026 Workers' Day Celebration, the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA) conducted a comprehensive health outreach at Alex Ekwueme Square, Awka, on May 1, 2026.

Under the leadership of the Executive Director, Dr. Hillary Nkem Okeke, the Agency provided free screening services for HIV, malaria, hepatitis, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases, promoting early detection, timely treatment, and improved health outcomes among workers.

In collaboration with AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), the Non-Communicable Disease Unit of the Anambra State Ministry of Health, and Achieving Health Nigeria Initiative (AHNI), ANSACA also carried out health education and awareness campaigns through the distribution of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials. Free condoms and lubricants were distributed to encourage safer practices and reduce the risk of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

The outreach reaffirmed ANSACA's commitment to improving public health by expanding access to preventive services and supporting a healthier, more productive workforce across Anambra State.

ANSACA URGES PUBLIC TO RELY ON VERIFIED HIV INFORMATION

By Ekeanumba Chidimma



Promoting Accurate HIV Information
ANSACA urges residents to rely on verified health authorities, warning that social media misinformation can hinder HIV prevention.

ANSACA Executive Director/Project Manager, Dr. Nkem Okeke said HIV figures must be interpreted carefully, as confirmed cases depend on testing coverage.

The state has expanded community testing through the Moonlight Testing Programme (7:00 p.m.–midnight) in hotspot areas, offering testing, counselling, treatment linkage and free condoms.

Testing is also carried out in markets, schools, churches and other public spaces by approved teams, with all results kept confidential.

He said organisations must obtain approval from ANSACA or the State Ministry of Health before conducting HIV-related activities in public facilities.

He identified young people as a priority group and called for stronger parental guidance, school education, and community awareness.

He reaffirmed commitment to the National HIV Prevention Plan, focused on early testing, treatment, and age-appropriate education.

He urged collective action, encouraging residents to know their status and support an HIV-free Anambra.

Key Message

Use verified sources, test regularly and support efforts to end HIV and stigma in Anambra.

ANSACA, UNIMSA EXPAND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES IN OGIDI

By Ekeanumba Chidimma



139 Residents Receive Free HIV, Malaria & TB Screening

ANSACA, in partnership with UNIMSA, provided free HIV counselling and testing, malaria testing, TB screening, health education, and referrals to 139 residents of Ogidi, Idemili North LGA.

The outreach at St. Paul's Anglican Church aimed to improve access to essential health services and promote early detection of HIV, malaria, and TB.

Participants received testing and health education on prevention and healthy living, with referrals for further care where needed.

ANSACA, led by Dr. Nkem Okeke, trained UNIMSA members on HIV testing, counselling, ethics, infection control, and referrals to ensure quality service.

The initiative underscores ANSACA's commitment to community-based HIV interventions and improved preventive healthcare in Anambra State.

Key Milestone

139 residents benefited from integrated HIV, malaria, and TB screening, advancing community-level preventive healthcare.



ANSACA LAUNCHES STATEWIDE MOTOR PARK HIV SCREENING AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

By Chukwuka Uzoaganobi

Bringing HIV Prevention and Health Services Closer

ANSACA launched a statewide Motor Park HIV Screening and Awareness Campaign at UNIZIK Temporary Site Motor Park, Awka, to expand access to HIV prevention and essential services.

Targeting drivers, commuters, and traders, the outreach provided free HIV testing, health education, and preventive services in a community setting.

Dr. Nkem Okeke said motor parks help reach large populations with limited access to healthcare.

He noted the campaign offers free HIV testing, prevention education, early diagnosis awareness, and healthy living guidance. Participants also received condoms and lubricants with demonstrations.

Additional services included hepatitis screening, blood pressure and blood sugar checks, and chest X-rays for integrated care.

Dr. Okeke urged reliance on verified health information and reaffirmed ANSACA's commitment to community-based HIV services.

Awka South LGA Mayor, Hon. Prince Chinedu Okafor, praised the initiative and supported its expansion to other busy areas.

The outreach ended with messages on regular testing, healthy living, and reducing new HIV infections.

Key Milestone

The campaign expands access to free HIV testing and integrated health services across Anambra State.

ANSACA INTENSIFIES COMMUNITY HIV AWARENESS AND TESTING CAMPAIGN IN ORUMBA NORTH

By Ezeanyim Nnaemeka



The Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA) has continued to deepen grassroots HIV prevention and awareess efforts across communities in Orumba North Local Government Area, moving from Oko to Nanka in its ongoing community outreach and testing campaign.

The exercise, which attracted community members, traders, youths, and residents, provided free HIV counseling, testing, and education services aimed at increasing awareness, promoting early detection, and linking positive cases to care and treatment.

Speaking during the outreach, the Executive Director/Project Manager of ANSACA, Dr. Nkem Okeke , reaffirmed the Agency's commitment to taking HIV services closer to the people, particularly in underserved communities, in line with the Anambra State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan (SSTSP 2026–2028) and the State Government's vision of achieving Zero New HIV Infections by 2030.

The outreach team engaged residents on HIV prevention, stigma reduction, the importance of knowing one's status, and available support services, including ANSACA's Telehealth platforms for confidential consultations and referrals.

ANSACA remains committed to expanding community-based testing and awareness campaigns across all 21 Local Government Areas of the State, ensuring that no community is left behind in the journey towards an AIDS-free Anambra.

Know Your Status. Stay Healthy. Protect Others.ANSACA – Taking HIV Services Closer to the People.





ANSACA CHARGES STAKEHOLDERS ON DATA-DRIVEN HIV RESPONSE AT NON-HEALTH SECTOR DHIS QUARTERLY REVIEW MEETING

By Dr. Anozie Promise

The Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA) has reaffirmed the critical role of data in achieving HIV epidemic control, as it convened stakeholders for the Quarterly Non-Health Sector District Health Information System (DHIS) Data Review Meeting in Awka.

Addressing participants at the meeting, the Executive Director of ANSACA, Dr. Nkem Okeke, emphasized that the HIV response can no longer be driven by the health sector alone, stressing the need for a robust multi-sectoral approach involving education, youth development, women affairs, civil society organizations, faith-based institutions, development partners, and community stakeholders.

The meeting brought together representatives of implementing partners including AHNI, AHF, KNCV, and NEPWHAN, alongside officials from the State AIDS and STI Control Programme (SASCP), Ministries of Education, Women Affairs, Youth Development, and other key stakeholders.

ANSACA ADVANCES CAMPUS HIV RESPONSE, PAYS ADVOCACY VISIT TO VC

By Obianuju Isima



As part of efforts to strengthen HIV prevention and care in tertiary institutions, the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA), led by Executive Director Dr. Hillary Nkem Okeke, paid an advocacy visit to the Vice Chancellor of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Professor Bond Anyaehie.

The visit, which follows the inauguration of ANSACA's Action Committee on Tertiary Institution HIV Response under the State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan (2026–2028), focused on building strategic partnerships to institutionalize HIV prevention, awareness, testing, care, and support services across campuses.



Discussions emphasized the need for youth-friendly interventions that will improve HIV knowledge, reduce stigma, and expand access to services for students andstaff.

UNIZIK is the first institution in ANSACA's renewed advocacy campaign, with similar engagements planned across other tertiary institutions in Anambra State as part of efforts to achieve the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets and end AIDS as a public health threat.

ANSACA BRINGS FREE MOONLIGHT HIV TESTING TO NNEWI

By Chukwuka Patrick





The ANSACA team is currently in Nnewi providing FREE Moonlight HIV Testing Services, making it easier for residents to access confidential and quality HIV testing in a convenient evening setting.

Community members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to know their HIV status, access counseling, and receive appropriate referrals where necessary.

Early testing and prompt treatment remain essential steps in preventing HIV transmission and improving health outcomes.

Know your status. Protect your health. End HIV together.

ANSACA SUCCESSFULLY HELD EID EL-KABIR CARNIVAL & HEALTH MISSION

By Chukwuka Patrick





ANSACA successfully organized the Eid El-Kabir Carnival & Health Mission in Awka, bringing together residents, students, youths, and members of the Muslim community for a day of health promotion and community engagement.

Held in collaboration with the Chapel of Redemption, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, the University Medical Centre, and the Alumni Fellowship of the Anglican Students Fellowship of Nigeria (ALFASAN), the outreach provided free HIV testing and counselling, hepatitis and tuberculosis screening, medical consultations, and free medications.

The event promoted healthy living, early testing, and disease prevention while expanding access to essential healthcare services. It reaffirmed ANSACA's commitment to strengthening community-based health interventions and advancing the fight against HIV in Anambra State.

ANAMBRA HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CONDUCTS OVERSIGHT AND FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO ANSACA

By Obianuju Isima





The Anambra State House of Assembly Committee on Health, led by its Chairman, Honourable Tony Muobike, today paid a familiarisation and oversight visit to the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA).

The visit brought the Honourable Chairman and members of the Committee face to face with the appointed Executive Director of ANSACA, Dr. Nkem Okeke , in a working engagement aimed at strengthening synergy between the Legislature and the Agency.

Welcoming the Committee, Dr. Okeke introduced his management team and presented a comprehensive overview of the Agency's activities since his assumption of office. He highlighted the current state of the HIV response in Anambra State, noting that the State's HIV prevalence stands at 2.4%, significantly above the national average. He further unveiled the State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan (SSTSP) 2026–2028, a two-year roadmap designed to drive Anambra State toward the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets and the control of the HIV epidemic by 2030.

In their response, the Honourable Chairman and members of the Committee commended Dr. Okeke for the proactive and decisive steps he has taken since resumption. They affirmed the readiness of the Honourable House to walk side by side with the Agency, noting that legislation is a process and that every legitimate need of the Agency that requires legislative backing will receive their full support.

The visit ended on a high note with a group photograph, marking the beginning of a renewed partnership between the Legislature and ANSACA in the collective drive toward an AIDS-Free Anambra State.Know your status. Stay healthy. Protect others.

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ANSACA PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO DR. MRS. NONYE SOLUDO, PRESENTS SSTSP 2026–2028

By Obianuju Isima

The Executive Director of ANSACA, Dr. Nkem Okeke, and his management team paid a courtesy visit to the Wife of the Governor of Anambra State, Dr. Mrs. Nonye Soludo, where they presented the State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan (SSTSP) 2026–2028 and highlighted key achievements in strengthening Anambra's HIV response.

Dr. Mrs. Soludo reaffirmed her commitment to supporting ANSACA through the Healthy Living Initiative, announcing plans to integrate HIV prevention, testing, awareness, stigma reduction, and care into the platform, which will soon be inaugurated.

She commended ANSACA's strategic direction and pledged continued collaboration towards achieving Zero New HIV Infections by 2030. The visit also featured an update on the recovery of a toddler previously battling Advanced HIV Disease, whose care was supported through the First Lady's intervention.





ANSACA RECEIVES CEO OF PINELEAF ESTATE ON COURTESY VISIT, EXPLORES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

By Obianuju Isima

The Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA) today received the Chief Executive Officer of Pineleaf Estate, Archbishop Onyeka Nzekwesi, on a courtesy visit to the Agency's headquarters in Awka.

The visit provided an opportunity for both parties to discuss strategic areas of collaboration aimed at strengthening the HIV response in Anambra State through sustainable partnerships and community-driven initiatives.

As part of its commitment to an inclusive and multi-sectoral HIV response, ANSACA reaffirmed its open-door policy, welcoming partnerships with individuals, corporate organisations, philanthropists and development partners who share the vision of achieving an AIDS-free Anambra State in line with the Solution Agenda of Mr. Governor, Prof. Charles Chukwuma Soludo, CFR.

The Agency appreciates Archbishop Onyeka Nzekwesi for the visit and his willingness to explore opportunities that will contribute to improved HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services across the state.

ANSACA calls on well-meaning Ndi Anambra and all stakeholders to join hands with the Agency in advancing the state's HIV response through strategic partnerships, shared responsibility and collective action.

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ANSACA PAID COURTESY VISIT TO HRM IGWE BEN IZUCHUKWU EMEKA

By Obianuju Isima

Dr. Nkem Okeke, Executive Director of the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA), and his management team paid a courtesy visit to HRM Igwe Ben Izuchukwu Emeka, the Traditional Ruler of Umueri Community in Anambra East Local Government Area, to strengthen collaboration in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

During the visit, Dr. Nkem Okeke presented the State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan (SSTSP) 2026–2028 and highlighted the Agency's key achievements and ongoing interventions.

In his response, HRM Igwe Ben Izuchukwu Emeka commended ANSACA's efforts and pledged his continued support for the Agency's programmes, including the Healthy Living HIV Control Initiative, reaffirming his commitment to supporting ANSACA in achieving its mandate.

NACA INAUGURATED IBBSS TECHNICAL TEAM TO STRENGTHEN ANAMBRA'S HIV RESPONSE

By Obianuju Isima





NACA Inaugurated IBBSS Technical Team to Strengthen Anambra's HIV Response

The National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) inaugurated the Anambra State Technical Team for the 2026 Integrated Biological and Behavioural Surveillance Survey (IBBSS), reinforcing efforts to strengthen HIV surveillance and epidemic control in the state.

The technical team, led by ANSACA Executive Director, Dr. Nkem Okeke, was tasked with overseeing the implementation of the survey to generate reliable data that would inform evidence-based HIV prevention, treatment, and policy decisions.

During the inauguration, Dr. Okeke reaffirmed Anambra State's commitment to the successful implementation of the survey and acknowledged the support of the Anambra State Government, NACA, and the Federal Ministry of Health. The meeting also highlighted the role of advanced HIV testing technologies and data-driven interventions in accelerating progress towards achieving HIV epidemic control by 2030.





UNICEF AND ANSACA STRENGTHENED PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE HIV RESPONSE

By Obianuju Isima

ANSACA hosted a strategic meeting with UNICEF to strengthen collaboration in advancing Anambra State's HIV response.

The meeting, led by ANSACA Executive Director Dr. Hillary Nkem Okeke and the UNICEF delegation, focused on implementing the State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan (SSTSP) 2026–2028 and accelerating progress towards the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets.

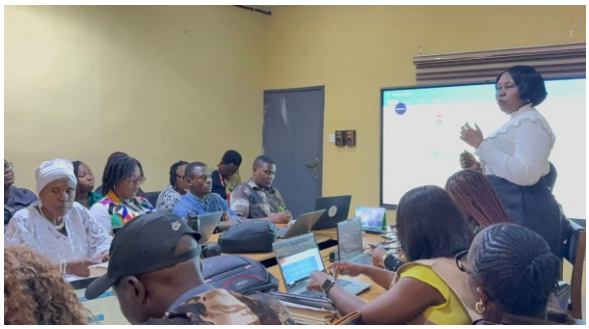
Key discussions centred on HIV prevention, paediatric HIV care, Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT), and adolescent and youth-friendly services.

The engagement reaffirmed the shared commitment of ANSACA and UNICEF to strengthening partnerships and expanding access to quality HIV services for women, children, adolescents, and other vulnerable populations across Anambra State.

ANSACA HOSTED IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS, UNVEILED 2026–2028 HIV STRATEGIC PLAN

By Umebosi Chiemerie





ANSACA convened a high-level Implementing Partners' Coordination Meeting, bringing together key stakeholders to strengthen collaboration and enhance HIV programming across Anambra State.

During the meeting, Executive Director Dr. Nkem Okeke unveiled the State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan (SSTSP) 2026–2028, outlining a roadmap to improve HIV prevention, treatment, care, sustainability, and programme coordination. Partners also shared updates on their ongoing interventions, achievements, and implementation challenges.

The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of ANSACA and its partners to a more coordinated, sustainable, and impactful HIV response, with stakeholders pledging continued collaboration towards achieving an AIDS-free Anambra State.





ANSACA DEEPENS PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIP DRIVE WITH ZENITH BANK ON HIV RESPONSE IN ANAMBRA.

By Obianuju Isima

In line with the visionary leadership of Mr Governor, Professor Charles Chukwuma Soludo CFR, and his agenda for a livable and prosperous Anambra, the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA) on Friday, 15th May, 2026 held a strategic partnership meeting with representatives of Zenith Bank Plc, UNIZIK Branch, to explore collaboration opportunities in strengthening the State's HIV response.

The Executive Director/Project Manager of ANSACA, Dr Nkem Okeke briefed the Bank representatives on the Agency's State Strategic Transformation and Sustainability Plan (SSTSP) 2026–2028, a bold roadmap designed to reposition and sustain HIV prevention, treatment, and care in Anambra State.

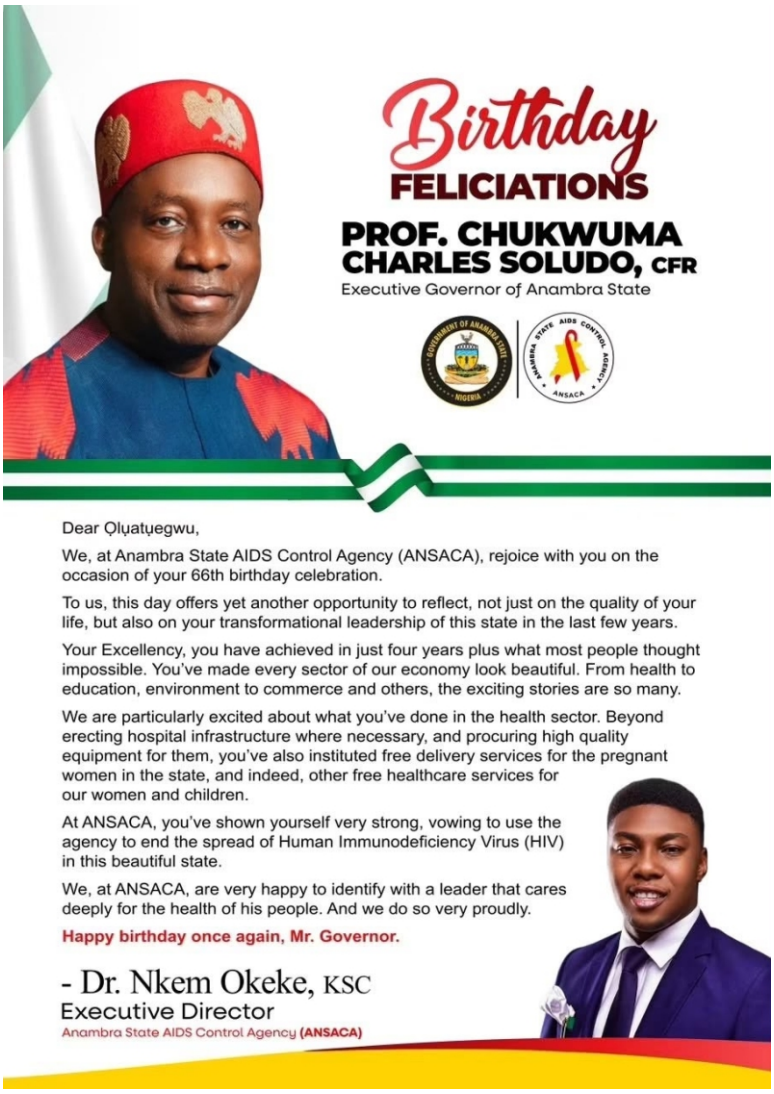
The Zenith Bank team, led by the Branch Head, Mr Christian O. Ejiofor, commended the vision and strategic direction of the Agency, describing the transformation agenda as practical, impactful, and aligned with sustainable development.

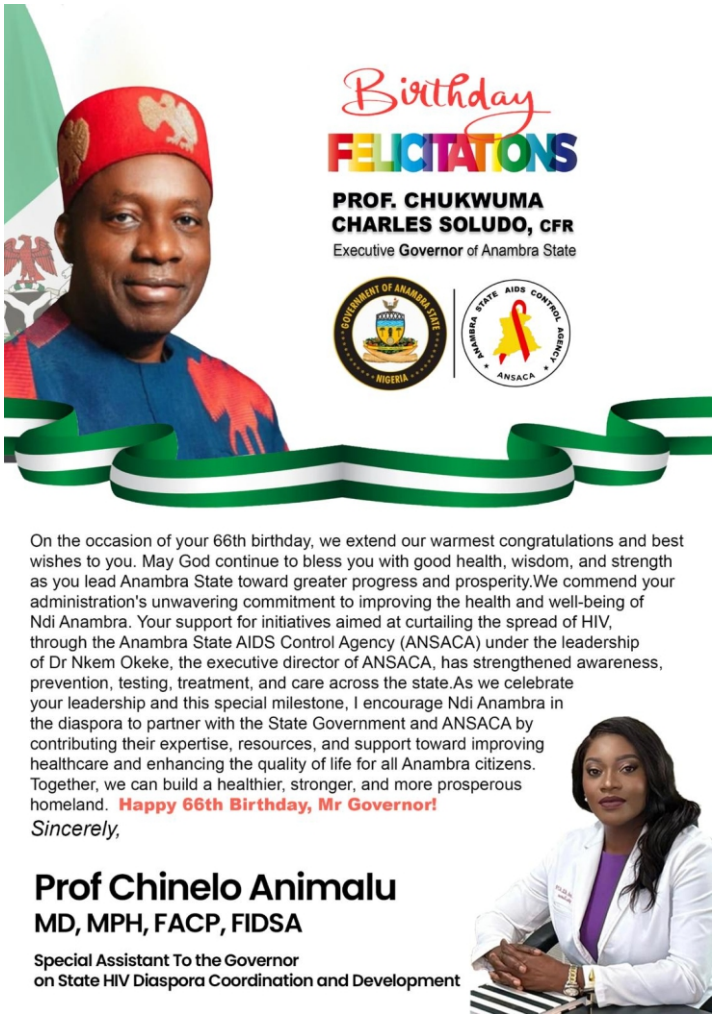
The Bank expressed readiness to explore mutual beneficial areas of partnership in support of the State's health priorities.

This engagement reflects ANSACA's growing commitment to leveraging strategic public-private partnerships to advance the HIV response and support Mr Governor's vision of a healthier and more prosperous Anambra.

ANSACA JOINS NDI ANAMBRA TO CELEBRATE PROF. CHKWUMA CHARLES SOLUDO, CFR AT 66.

By Obianuju Isima





ANAMBRA STATE GOVERNOR'S WIFE DR. MRS NONYE SOLUDO RALLIES HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR IFECHUKWU AT REGINA CAELI HOSPITAL, AWKA — INTERVENTION TO BE SUSTAINED

By Odah EbubeChukwu





Following reports of the worsening health condition of Ifechukwu, a young girl battling Advanced HIV Disease (AHD) and currently receiving treatment at Regina Caeli Hospital, Awka, the Executive Director of the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA), Dr. Nkem Okeke, swiftly mobilized humanitarian support and escalated the matter to the Wife of the Governor of Anambra State, Her Excellency, Chief Dr. Mrs. Nonye Soludo.

In her characteristic compassion and responsiveness to vulnerable persons through the Healthy Living Initiative, Her Excellency immediately intervened and extended humanitarian support towards the child's treatment and welfare.

This prompt response further reflects the Soludo administration's people-centered commitment to protecting the health and dignity of Ndi Anambra, especially the vulnerable and underserved.

Consequently, a joint delegation comprising representatives of the Healthy Living With Nonye Soludo, ANSACA, the Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria (NEPWHAN), ASWHAN, Civil Society Organizations, and other HIV response stakeholders paid a solidarity and support visit to the child at the hospital. During the visit, food items, welfare materials, and financial support were provided to strengthen her feeding, medication, and treatment process. Encouragingly, visible signs of improvement were observed in the child's condition. Dr. Nkem Okeke assured that this intervention would not be a one-off response, but a sustained effort with continuous monitoring, follow-up, and support to ensure Ifechukwu receives the care, nutrition, and psychosocial assistance needed for full recovery. He also appreciated healthcare workers and partners who have continued to stand in the gap in supporting the child's survival and wellbeing.



ANSACA PARTNERS LE LOOK BAGS ACADEMY TO EMPOWER PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

By Obianuju Isima

Promoting Skills, Self-Reliance, and Livelihoods

ANSACA is partnering with Le Look Bags Academy, Abuja, to provide vocational training and entrepreneurship support for People Living with HIV (PLHIV). The initiative was announced by ANSACA Executive Director/Project Manager, Dr. Nkem Okeke, after a visit to the Academy where he met Manager Mr. Yohanna to explore collaboration.

Founded by Chief Mrs. Chinwe Ezenwa, the Academy trains people in bag making, fashion entrepreneurship, and business development. ANSACA is reviewing its model for adaptation in Anambra State.

The partnership will enhance skills, promote self-reliance and improve livelihoods for PLHIV, aligning with ANSACA's SSTSP 2026–2028 and the state's entrepreneurship agenda. Dr. Okeke emphasized that HIV response must include economic empowerment and inclusion. ANSACA commended Chief Mrs. Ezenwa and expressed optimism about the impact of the collaboration.

Key Milestone

The partnership will expand vocational and entrepreneurship opportunities for PLHIV, improving economic independence and quality of life in Anambra State.

ANSACA CELEBRATES MAMA ANAMBRA ON HER BIRTHDAY

By Obianuju Isima



The Executive Director of the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA), Dr. Hillary Nkem Okeke, KSC, joined millions of Ndi Anambra in celebrating the First Lady of Anambra State, Her Excellency, Dr. Mrs. Nonye Soludo, on the occasion of her birthday, describing her as a compassionate leader, visionary, and passionate advocate for public health and human development.

In his goodwill message, Dr. Okeke commended the First Lady's unwavering commitment to improving the health and well-being of Ndi Anambra through her Healthy Living with Nonye Soludo Initiative, noting its significant impact in combating childhood malnutrition and promoting healthy lifestyles across communities. He praised the initiative for providing free, people-centred interventions that have improved health outcomes for vulnerable families. The Executive Director further acknowledged the First Lady's contribution to strengthening Anambra's HIV response, highlighting that ANSACA continues to leverage the community structures established through the Healthy Living Initiative to expand HIV prevention, testing, and treatment services across the state. He also noted her leadership in championing the historic Charter committing Anambra State to achieving Zero New HIV Infections by 2030, in line with the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets and Sustainable Development Goal 3.3.

On behalf of the Management and Staff of ANSACA, Dr. Okeke wished Her Excellency continued good health, wisdom, strength, and many more years of impactful service to Anambra State and humanity.





ANAMBRA CONCLUDES RECRUITMENT FOR NATIONAL HIV SURVEILLANCE SURVEY

By Umebosi Chiemerie

The Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA), in collaboration with the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA), the Federal Ministry of Health, and the West Africa Centre for Public Health and Development, successfully concluded a two-day recruitment exercise for personnel to support the forthcoming Integrated Biological and Behavioural Surveillance Survey (IBBSS).

Held at the ANSACA Headquarters in Awka, the exercise marked a key milestone in preparations for the national survey, with Anambra among the 12 participating states. The IBBSS is designed to generate reliable data to strengthen HIV prevention, treatment, and evidence-based public health planning across Nigeria.

The Executive Director and Project Manager of ANSACA, Dr. Hillary Nkem Okeke, commended the transparent recruitment process and appreciated the collaboration of NACA, the Federal Ministry of Health, and the West Africa Centre for Public Health and Development. He noted that the survey would provide critical data to guide Nigeria's HIV response, particularly among key populations, while reaffirming Anambra State's commitment to supporting national public health initiatives. Dr. Okeke also acknowledged the continued support of Governor Prof. Chukwuma Charles Soludo, CFR, whose investments in the health sector have strengthened the state's capacity to attract strategic public health programmes and partnerships.

ANSACA TEAM VISITS LAGOS STATE AIDS CONTROL FOR STRATEGIC COLLABORATION AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE.

By Obianuju Isima





In line with the visionary leadership of Mr Governor, Professor Charles Chukwuma Soludo, CFR, to build a livable and prosperous Anambra where the health and wellbeing of Ndi Anambra remain central to the State's transformation, the Executive Director and Project Manager of the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA), Dr. Nkem Okeke led a high-level delegation on a strategic one Day working visit to the Lagos State Aids Control Agency - LSACA to strengthen the HIV/AIDS response in Anambra State through innovation, strategic partnerships, and institutional excellence.

Recognized nationally as one of the leading and most structured State AIDS Control Agencies in Nigeria, the Lagos State SACA has consistently distinguished itself through strong systems, strategic coordination, data-driven programming, stakeholder engagement, sustainability models, and impactful HIV prevention and treatment interventions.The visit was aimed at fostering collaboration and partnership between both agencies, while also providing ANSACA the opportunity to understudy the operational models, structures, innovations, and best practices that have positioned Lagos State as a premium performer in the national HIV response.

The ANSACA delegation was warmly received by the Executive Director of the LSACA, Dr. Folakemi Animashaun, and her management team, who hosted a series of robust technical and strategic sessions focused on program implementation, donor coordination, data systems, community engagement, resource mobilization, sustainability planning, key population programming, and integrated healthcare response mechanisms.Speaking during the engagement, Dr. Nkem Okeke emphasized that the visit marks part of ANSACA's commitment to institutional transformation, continuous learning, and adoption of tested strategies capable of improving HIV response outcomes in Anambra State.

According to him, "No agency grows in isolation. Lagos State SACA has built commendable systems over the years, and there is so much value in learning from excellence, building strategic relationships, and adapting successful models to strengthen our own response in Anambra State. "The discussions also explored areas of future collaboration, technical support, inter-state partnership frameworks, capacity development, and exchange of innovative ideas geared towards advancing the national HIV/AIDS response.

ANSACA expressed deep appreciation to the leadership and entire team of the Lagos State AIDS Control Agency for their warm reception, openness, professionalism, and willingness to share



ANSACA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FEATURED ON ARISE NEWS TO MARK NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

By Umebosi Chiemerie

As part of activities commemorating National HIV Testing Day 2026, the Executive Director of the Anambra State AIDS Control Agency (ANSACA), Dr. Hillary Nkem Okeke, KSC, appeared as a Special Guest on Arise News to discuss the importance of HIV testing, early diagnosis, treatment, and stigma reduction.

During the live television interview, Dr. Okeke highlighted the need for individuals to know their HIV status, emphasizing that early testing and prompt access to treatment are essential to ending HIV as a public health threat. He also reaffirmed ANSACA's commitment to expanding access to HIV prevention, testing, and care services across Anambra State.

The appearance provided an opportunity to raise public awareness on HIV prevention and encourage residents to embrace regular testing as part of healthy living.

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