

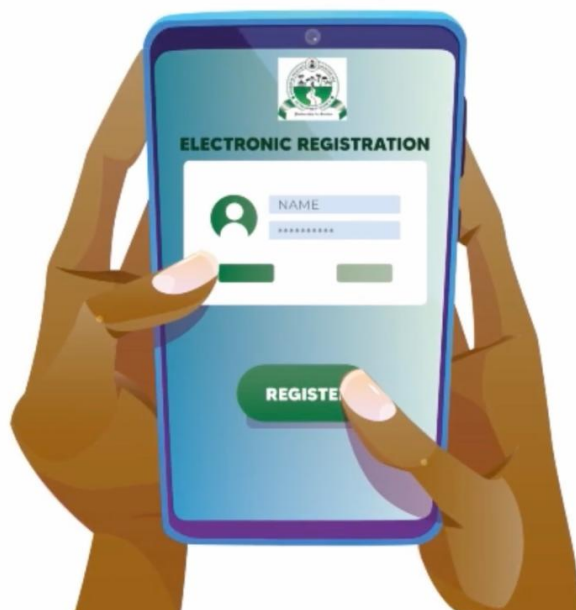
## MKM Fellow Rises to Public Health Challenges in Zambia



The Maeve Kennedy McKean Global Public Health Fellowship Scholar, Mona-Gekanju Toeque, MD, MPH, has been working in Zambia over the past seven months, taking on clinical mentorship, teaching, and research immersion as part of Ciheb's education programs.

[Read Dr. Toeque's story](#)

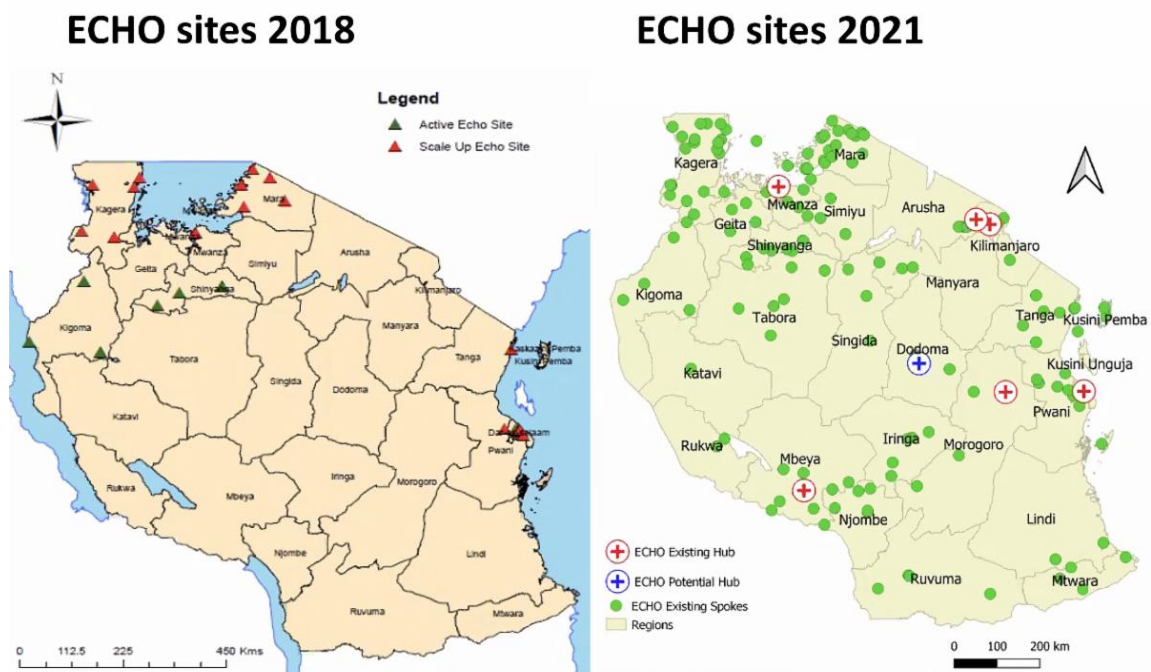
## Videos Help Nigerians Register and Learn About COVID-19



The National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) in Nigeria has developed two animated videos (with support from Ciheb) to facilitate the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in the nation. One video walks through the e-registration process to obtain a vaccination appointment, and the other describes the different characteristics and handling protocol of four different COVID-19 vaccines.

Learn more and watch

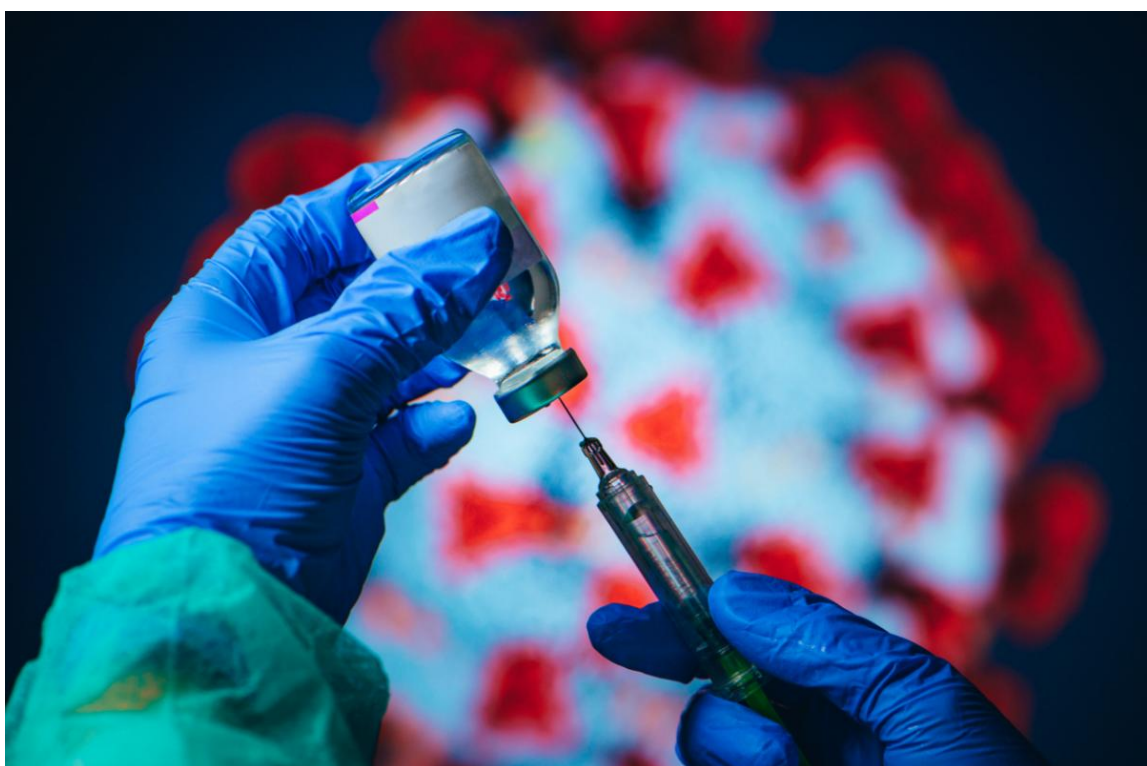
## Ciheb Leads Nationwide Expansion of HIV Technical Assistance in Tanzania



The "HIV Clinical ECHO Clinic" is a telementoring hub-and-spokes healthcare initiative in which expert teams amplify the capacity of providers to deliver best-in-practice care to underserved and hard-to-reach communities. Since 2018, Ciheb Tanzania has helped the CDC and PEPFAR expand this project to all regions of Tanzania and increased the number of independently functioning hubs.

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## Ciheb-Kenya on the Front Lines of the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout



Ciheb-Kenya, our local Kenyan partner, is working with the CDC, Kenya Ministry of Health, and the National Vaccines and Immunization Programme in supporting COVID-19 vaccine preparedness. Ciheb-Kenya is primarily working in Nairobi, Kisumu, and Siaya Counties to ensure these priority counties are able to store and distribute vaccines, as well as train staff and alert the public of the vaccination campaign.

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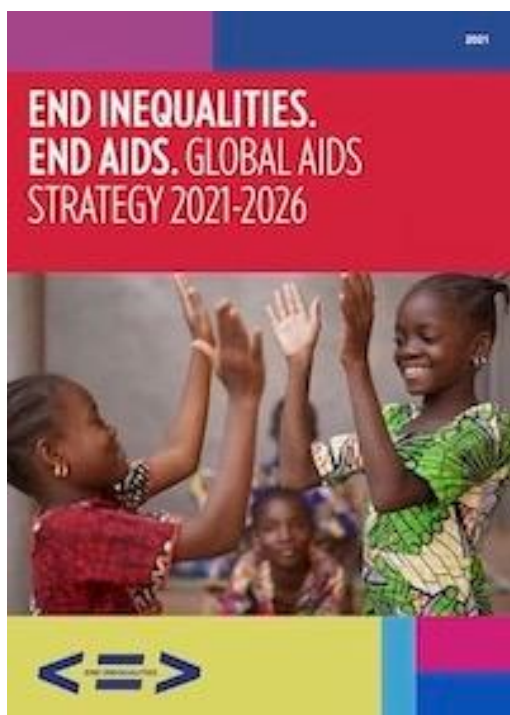
## PHIA Survey Prepares to Relaunch in Zambia



The Zambia Population-Based HIV Impact Assessment (ZAMPHIA) is preparing to recommence fieldwork at the beginning of May, and staff and communities are being mobilized in advance of the deployment of survey teams. This PEPFAR-supported PHIA survey was originally scheduled to take place in 2020 but was paused due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. ZAMPHIA will measure HIV incidence, prevalence, viral load suppression, and other factors.

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## UNAIDS Aims to End Inequalities to End the AIDS Epidemic



UNAIDS has released a bold new five-year strategic plan that aims to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030. The new plan includes a focus on creating a fairer distribution of resources to further accelerate progress toward ending the AIDS epidemic. Although much progress has been made in reversing the spread of AIDS and ending the epidemic, inequalities persist and have been magnified in many cases due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These inequalities stand in the way of traveling the last mile to ending the epidemic.

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## New Ciheb Research Publications

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