

BAIS V Poised to Launch in Botswana



The fifth Botswana AIDS Impact Survey V (BAIS V) is ready to launch after having paused activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the necessary safety measures in place, the project is poised to move forward in assessing the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and the coverage and impact of treatment services.

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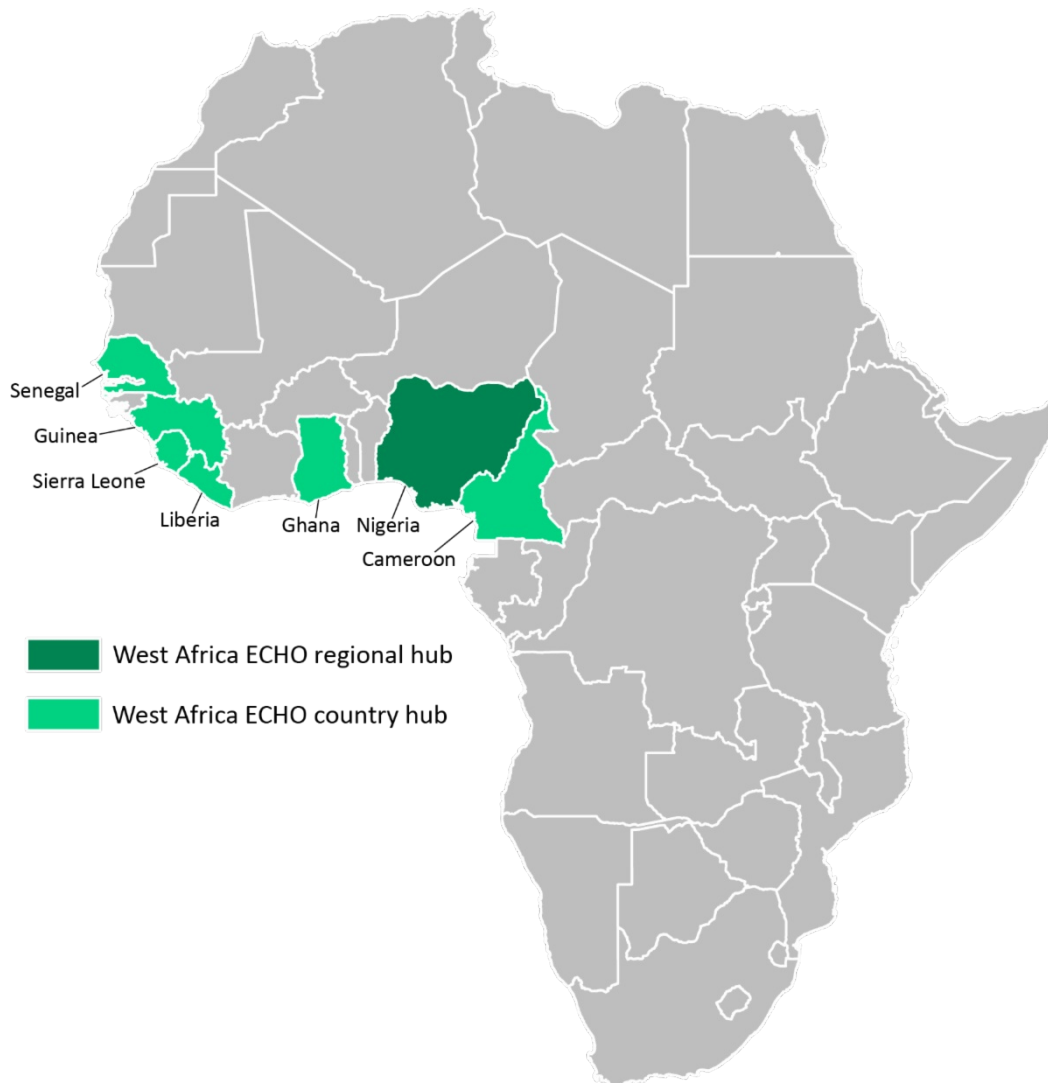
Kenya Expands Treatment for People Who Inject Drugs



Six new medically assisted therapy centers have opened in Kenya to treat people who inject drugs. The new centers are modeled on the pioneering clinics that were established with assistance from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Among the key stakeholders helping to support the centers are law enforcement agencies (shown above).

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Ciheb in Nigeria Supports West Africa Telementoring Efforts



Ciheb in Nigeria is helping support a seven-nation consortium using the Project ECHO™ telementoring software to respond to COVID-19 demands in remote locations. Ciheb was chosen to support this effort, called the West Africa Regional ECHO (WARE) project, due to its experience using ECHO in Nigeria. National hubs will be set up in Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Senegal, and Sierra Leone.

As part of the same Project ECHO™ initiative, Ciheb in Nigeria also recently presented on case-based surveillance (CBS) and its implementation in the country to more than 130 health facilities and about 800 participants.

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New Project in Zambia to Re-Engage HIV Patients



The National Institute of Mental Health and Ciheb in Zambia are partnering in a new project to address high rates of loss to follow-up and mortality with HIV patients after a hospital stay. The three-year project will include research to understand current obstacles for HIV patients, interventions with the established Community HIV Epidemic Control (CHEC) model, and an evaluation of outcomes from the adapted CHEC model.

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Optimizing Data Quality in Tanzania



Tanzania has made strides in establishing a national and integrated health information system through the District Health Information System 2 (DHIS2) platform. For more than two years, Ciheb in Tanzania has collaborated with the government to develop a data demand and information use real-time data quality assurance tool that is integrated with DHIS2. This allows for automated quality checks to ensure high-quality data.

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