

COVID-19 Survey Releases Preliminary Serosurveillance Estimates in Nigeria



Ciheb has completed the first phase of its COVID-19 population-based serosurveillance study in three Nigerian states and received additional funding to expand the survey to two more states. Preliminary findings from the states of Enugu, Nasarawa, and Gombe revealed that the proportion of the population still vulnerable to infection ranged from 77% to 91%. The new grant will expand the investigation to Kano State and the Federal Capital Territory.

[Read about the survey results](#)

[Learn about the new award](#)

Laboratories Receive Malawi's First-Ever Medical Testing Accreditation



Four laboratories in Malawi supported by Ciheb have met international standards for medical testing and received ISO 15189 accreditation from the Southern African Development Community Accreditation Service, becoming the first laboratories in the country to attain this status. Ciheb Malawi has achieved laboratory accreditation quickly and has new goals set for later this year as it continues to build Malawi's national laboratory capacity.

[Read more about the laboratories](#)

World Tuberculosis Day: Traveling the Last Mile to Tuberculosis Epidemic Control in Botswana

WORLD TB DAY 2021



This year Ciheb commemorates World Tuberculosis Day by highlighting ongoing work by our team in Botswana, who are focused on providing data-driven technical assistance to the Ministry of Health and Wellness to achieve epidemic control through patient-centered approaches.

The World Health Organization designated March 24 as World TB Day to mark the day in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of the bacterium that causes TB.

[Read the report from Botswana](#)

The Fifth Botswana AIDS Impact Survey Launches

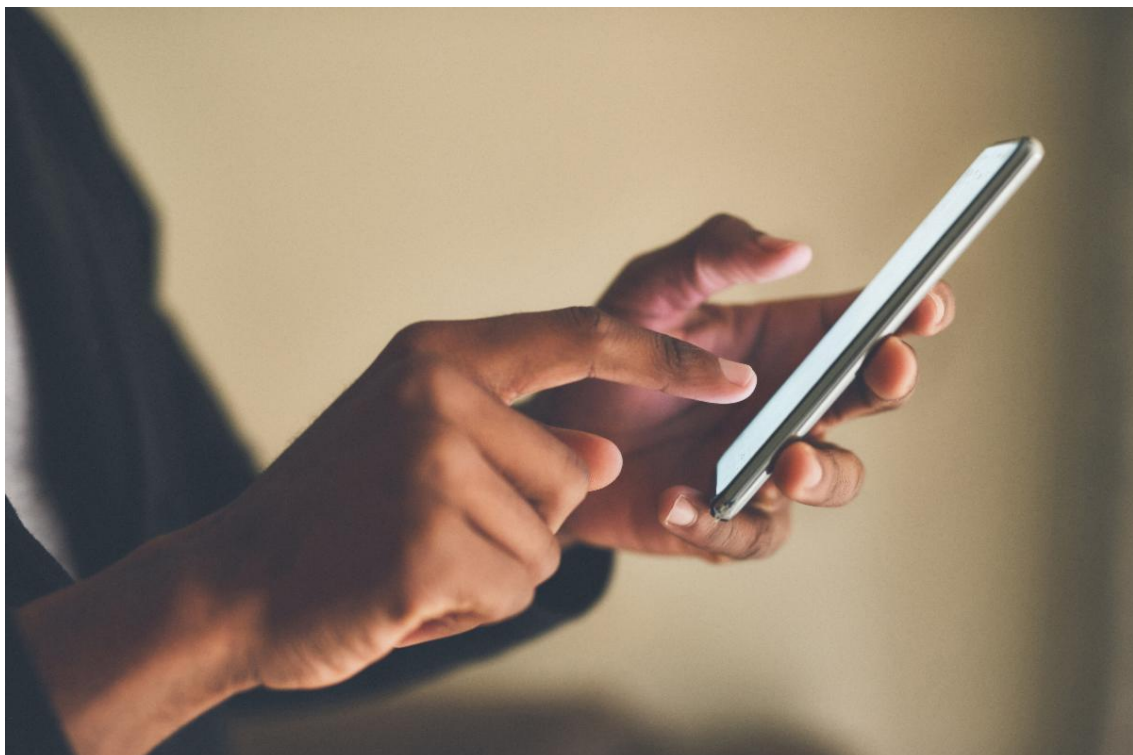


The long-awaited launch of the Fifth Botswana AIDS Impact Survey (BAIS V) took place on February 26, and teams have been working hard in the field since then. After an extended pause due to COVID-19 last year, the survey finally kicked off with a joyous event with speeches from dignitaries and entertainment from musicians. Stakeholders praised the BAIS V staff for navigating the obstacles of the COVID-19 pandemic and continuing to work toward the goal of ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

[Read more about the kickoff event](#)

[Follow the BAIS V Facebook page for updates](#)

New REACH-MH Project to Support Mental Health in Young Kenyans



The University of Maryland, Baltimore's President's Global Impact Fund will support a new research project called REACH-MH that studies the burden of mental health among adolescents and young people in Kenya. REACH-MH will use an innovative mobile application to overcome the challenges of obtaining data on mental health from young people in Africa. Dr. Peter Memiah will lead the investigations from Ciheb, which will partner with local organizations in Kenya.

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Kenyan Stakeholders Laud Ciheb's CQI Work



Ciheb invited stakeholders from Kenya to share perspectives and insights on continuous quality improvement (CQI) strategies. Ciheb's CQI specialists have developed Kenya-specific resources that are now shared on the Kenya CQI pages.

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New Ciheb Research Publication

Lo J, Nwafor SU, Schwitters AM, Mitchell A, Sebastian V, Stafford KA, Ezirim I, Charurat M, McIntyre AF. [Key Population Hotspots in Nigeria for Targeted HIV Program Planning: Mapping, Validation, and Reconciliation](#). JMIR Public Health Surveillance. 2021 Feb 22;7(2):e25623. doi: 10.2196/25623. PMID: 33616537.

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