

Kenya Country Programs Complete Five Years of Impact in HIV Services



September marked the close of Ciheb in Kenya's two Partnership for Advanced Care and Treatment (PACT) programs, PACT Timiza and PACT Endeleza. Both programs were funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, operated for five years, and supported the provision of comprehensive HIV services. Ciheb recently held closeout events in the three counties that it worked in – Kisii, Migori, and Nairobi City – to commemorate the two programs' accomplishments.

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COVID-19 Team Helps Steer BAIS V Survey Through Field Implementation



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The fifth Botswana AIDS Impact Survey (BAIS V) was originally scheduled to take place in 2020 but paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After resuming the survey in February 2021, a three-person team led the efforts to safeguard the health of staff and participants and allow the project to proceed as safely as possible. The team consisted of Dr. Lillian Okui, epidemiologist, Dr. Haruna Jibril, clinical coordinator, and Mpho Zwinila, data coordinator.

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Ciheb Nigeria to Study Adverse Events Following COVID-19 Vaccination



Ciheb Nigeria is assisting a Cohort Event Monitoring (CEM) survey to examine and evaluate the safety of individuals following COVID-19 vaccinations in Nigeria in the five states of Bauchi, Edo, Enugu, Kaduna, Lagos, and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. This observational surveillance program's purpose is to monitor safety signal detection following the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in the country.

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Bummhi Assists National Rollout of PrEP in Botswana



Bummhi — Ciheb's local partner in Botswana — has made key contributions to the introduction, rollout, and scale up of pre-exposure prophylaxis on a national level to help achieve the UNAIDS 90-90-90 HIV targets more quickly. The rollout process began in 2015 but significantly increased in the last year.

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Ciheb Names New Malawi Country Director



Ciheb recently named Thoko Kalua, MBBS, MSc, the Malawi Country Director. Prior to joining Ciheb, Dr. Kalua worked for the Malawi Ministry of Health and contributed at the senior management level to the tremendous progress by the Malawi HIV program.

New Ciheb Publications

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