

**COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OVERVIEW OF THE PSNF TMA  
(HIV SELF-TESTING) PROJECT (AUGUST - SEPTEMBER  
2020)**

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## ACRONYMS

ACPN	Association of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria
ARVs	Antiretrovirals
CPs	Community Pharmacists
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
GRA	Government Residential Area
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
MMCS	Mozuk Mediequip Commodities Solutions Ltd
JSI	John Snow Incorporated
NASCP	National AIDs and STI Control Programme
NDHS	Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey
PrEP	Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis
PCN	Pharmacy Council of Nigeria
PPMVs	Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors
PSNF	Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria Foundation
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
TMA	Total Market Approach
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

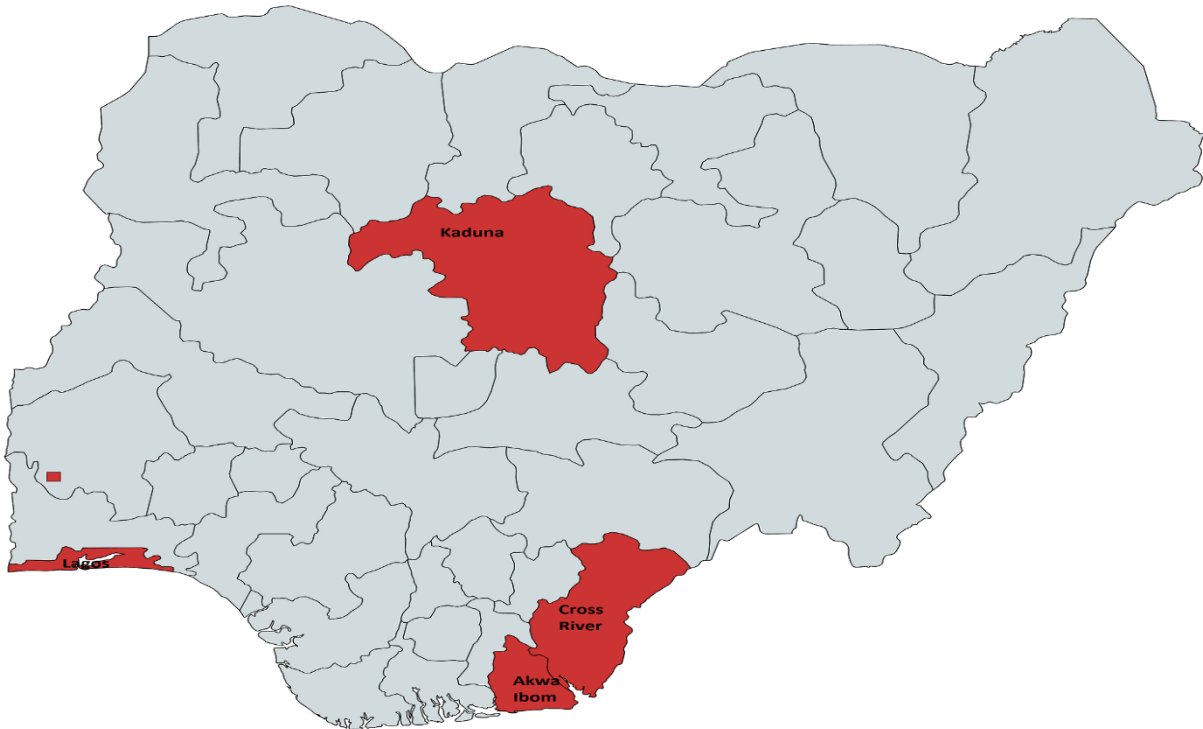
## 1.0 BACKGROUND

The PSN Foundation is a subsidiary of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria, was founded in 2016 and registered with Corporate Affairs Commission, Incorporated trustees CAC/IT/NO 96485 dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. It has the prime aim to serve the Nigerian Pharmaceutical Community and provide humanitarian assistance to the general public. The PSNF work in the development space as an advocacy organization for the expansion of Health care services through the private sector CPs & PPMVs. The PSNF is known for its notable achievements in the policy and advocacy space. Hence, its excellence as a high achiever birthed the collaboration in the TMA for HIV Self-Testing, PrEP, condoms & Lubricant programming of John Snow Inc. (JSI) which is a public health care systems consultants and research-driven organization, whose goal is to improve health services and outcomes for all to ensure optimum public health care for individuals, and Mozuk Mediequip Commodities Solutions Ltd (MMCS). MMCS is a duly medical device company in Nigeria, which deals in medical equipment sales and distribution. The PSNF was able to liaise with the ACPN to coordinate the orientation meetings in the project locations.

The private sector provides over 65% of healthcare services (NDHS 2008) of which the Community Pharmacists (CPs) and Patent & Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVs) play a critical role in providing such services to the majority of health-seeking Nigerians. In line with improving the sustainability of HIV prevention programming for Nigeria's key population groups to prevent HIV and STIs, there is a need to improve access, effectiveness, and reach of HIV commodities and services by harnessing the potential that lies within this critical private sector. Harnessing the potential of the private sector is essential in achieving the UNITAID 95-95-95 goal by 2030 as well as the UHC in Nigeria. To this end, a number of consultative engagements were conducted to create awareness among CPs on the availability of HIV Self-test kits and ARVs for PrEP and also strengthen the capacity of Community Pharmacies to identify clients who require HIV Self-testing and PrEP and to link them to further care if necessary.

It was expected that the engaged CPs will become knowledgeable in providing services centered on HIV Self-test kits and ARVs for PrEP which will help achieve the overall goal of enhancing the sustainability of HIV prevention programming and contributing toward reducing new HIV infections in Nigeria.

## Project Locations



**Figure one: A map showing the 4 States Orientation of CPs were conducted (Akwa-Ibom, Cross River, Kaduna & Lagos State)**

The rationale for the selection of the project locations on the project were:

- The choice of selected project States for orientation exercise was solely dependent on the Funders choice.
- HIV prevalent States in the country.

### 1.1 Overview of the TMA Project

Table One: Overview of the TMA Project

Project title	Increasing service delivery for contraceptive mix and primary health care
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Donor Agency	USAID
Consortium Lead	John Snow Incorporated (JSI)
Other Consortium Partners	PSNF, JSI & MMCS
Advocacy thematic areas	Policy & Advocacy
Duration	August- September 2020 (2 months)
Project Locations	Akwa- Ibom, Cross River, Kaduna & Lagos.

Source: The Project concept note

## 2.0 PSNF TMA PROJECT OVERVIEW (AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 2020)

The Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria Foundation (PSNF) commenced the implementation of the TMA project in **August 2020** with the inception meeting in Abuja. The key Staff was recruited and commenced project implementation on the **6<sup>th</sup> of August 2020** using the **PSN National Building (Pharmacy House) Gudu, Abuja**, as the project office.

### 2.1 PSNF TMA Project Staffing Plan

The composition of the team during the TMA Project is presented in the table below:

Table two: Composition of the PSNF Team on the TMA project

S/N	NAME OF OFFICER	DESIGNATION
1.	Pharm. Mazi Sam Ohabunwa FPSN	Chief Executive Officer
2.	Pharm. Munir Elelu FPSN	Program Director
3.	Pharm. (Mrs.) Ijeoma Nwankwo	Senior Program Officer
4.	Dr. Faith Eromon	Monitoring & Evaluation Officer
5.	Mr. Olafusi Samuel Olasehinde	Senior Finance & Admin Officer

Source: PSNF project record

### 2.2 Overview of Conducted PSNF TMA Program Activities

The table below gives a brief synopsis of key activities, successes recorded, and milestones achieved during the August-September 2020 implementation of the PSNF TMA project.

Table three: PSNF TMA Program Activities

The PSNF team on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 participated in the Stakeholders meeting on improving access to PrEP and HIV self-testing through Community Pharmacists.

The PSNF made a presentation at this meeting on the role of Community Pharmacists in improving access to PrEP and HIV Self-testing.

This meeting was convened by NASCP an agency under the FMOH with support from JSI.



The PSNF in collaboration with JSI and MMCS on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of August had the orientation of Community Pharmacists at the Golf View Hotel and Suites GRA Ikeja Lagos State.

The orientation meeting was facilitated for a total of 129 Community Pharmacists in the Lagos States.

There was increased knowledge of PrEP and HIV self-testing at the end of the orientation meeting of CPs.



The PSNF in collaboration with JSI and MMCS on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 had the orientation of Community Pharmacists at the Edinan Hotel Uyo, Akwa Ibom.

The orientation meeting was facilitated for a total of 44 Community Pharmacists in the Akwa Ibom State.

There was increased knowledge of PrEP and HIV self-testing at the end of the orientation meeting of CPs.



One batch of meeting was held at Transcorp Hotel Calabar, Cross River State on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2020 for the orientation of Community Pharmacists on PrEP and HIV Self-testing.

The orientation meeting was facilitated for a total of 62 Community Pharmacists who were also trained on the use of the Oraquick HIV self-test kit.

There was also increased participant knowledge of PrEP and HIV self-testing amongst the Community Pharmacists oriented at the meeting.



One batch of orientation meeting was held in Hotel Seventeen Lafia Road, Kaduna State, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. This was a collaboration among the PSNF, JSI, and MMCS.

A total of 56 Community Pharmacists were trained on the use of Oraquick HIV self-test kit and also educated on HIV PrEP.

There was also increased participant knowledge of PrEP and HIV self-testing among the Community Pharmacists oriented at the meeting.



Source: PSNF Program Records



### **2.3 PSNF TMA Project (August-September 2020) Key Achievements**

The key achievement of the PSNF TMA project was:

- At the end of the orientation a total of 291 Community Pharmacists were trained on the use of Oraquick HIV Self-testing and educated on the PrEP across four States (Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Kaduna & Lagos States).
- The PSNF successfully coordinated the project and advocated for the active participation of Community Pharmacists in the orientation exercises.

