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**A 3-Year Strategy to
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(NACA)
and its various partners

COMMENTARY

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Profiling the dRPC

The development Research and Projects Center (dRPC) was formed in May 1993 by 10 Lecturers from Nigerian Universities committed to the community-based development space in Nigeria. The mission of the dRPC is to - catalyse inclusive, sustainable and localised development and humanitarian interventions (policies, programs, projects and activities) in which civil associations and their leaders are equipped with skills and evidences to drive change in collaboration with government champions to benefit society's poor, under-represented and vulnerable such as women, youth and girls.

The Center is registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission and with NGO Source with ED status. With 30 years of a high-impact track record in development and humanitarian spaces, the dRPC has managed grants with funding from USAID; USAID/Ips; Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; the EU; the MacArthur, Ford and Packard Foundations; and several other partners.

Community-led capacity building bodies of work

To fulfill our mission, the dRPC designs and delivers to core bodies of work:

1. participatory action research and mapping to identify stakeholder civil society organizations for engagement; and
2. capacity building of CSOs, in particular community-based organizations, associations of women and youth for participation in intervention design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. For the dRPC, capacity strengthening includes technical capacity building complimented by organizational strengthening and leadership development

The dRPC in HIV/AIDS space

The dRPC is pioneering CSO in HIV/AIDS programming in Nigeria. The dRPC's formation May 1993, came just one year after Nigeria's flagship AIDS Control and Prevention Project (AIDSCAP) rolled out. The dRPC made its debut in development programming in the HIV/AIDS control space, engaged by the then FHI Country Director and Program Manager of AIDSCAP Dr. Eka Williams to identify and support community based CSOs working with key populations of youth, long distance drivers, commercial sex workers, and Men-Who-Have Sex with Men. The dRPC supported AIDSCAP for 4 years in Cross River, Jigawa and Lagos States, identifying, strengthening and assessing the performance of CSOs in HIV Control in Nigeria.

The dRPC continued supporting the FHI ADISCAP follow-on project - IMPACT conducting community assessments, forming and building the capacity of the Network of Concerned Muslims in a Northern Nigeria Faith Focus HIV/AIDS intervention. Under the GHAIN follow on project, the dRPC was again engaged by FHI to carry out a community rapid assessment working in collaboration with partners and SACAs in Anambra, Cross

River, Edo, Kano and Lagos States. The dRPC was also engaged to recruit all 35 community facing staff of the GAIN follow on project.

Since 1993 the dRPC has had 30 years of high-impact work in HIV/AIDS programming, identifying, strengthen and assess the role of CSOs, particularly CBOs in HIV/AIDS prevention and control. The dRPC's role in CSOs capacity strengthening for HIV/AIDS programming is captured in independent evaluations and program reviews. For example, the Nigeria Final report May 1998–September 2007 USAID's Implementing AIDS Prevention And Care (ImpACT) project noted:

"The Development Research and Project Center (dRPC) Project: HIV/AIDS and STI Faith-Focused Intervention. Summary: Project activities identified for implementation included formative research; advocacy and sensitization visits/mobilization of Islamic opinion leaders and scholars; and building partnerships between Islamic health personnel and Islamic opinion leaders and radio/TV programs. Other activities included forging networks of concerned Muslims; identification of and focus on arguments, barriers, and complexities of theological constraints on HIV/AIDS awareness; and exchange visits and experience sharing with similar projects".

https://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/Pdacl276.pdf: page 57

Snapshot of the dRPC's high-impact HIV/AIDS work:

1. Implementation of Capacity Building program for CBOs and private sector organizations carrying out HIV/AIDS programs in 12 states in Nigeria, NACA/ World Bank, 2003-2004.
2. The dRPC provided 2 of the 5 technical experts who developed HIV/AIDS National Emergency Action Plan" (HEAP), A 3--Year Strategy to Year Strategy to Deal with Deal with HIV / AIDS in Nigeria HIV / AIDS, Feb 2001, under a grant from the Policy project and working in collaboration with the National Action Committee on AIDS AIDS (NACA),

<http://www.policyproject.com/pubs/countryreports/HEAP.pdf>

3. Ethnographic mapping of HIV/AIDS risk settings and high-risk groups in 14 junction towns in Nigeria, CIDA, 2003-2005, Canadian International Development Agency Monograph Series Issue no. 1 An Ethnographic Study of Sexual Networking and At Risk Population Mobility in Nigeria: HIV/AIDS in 'Junction Towns'

<https://drpcngr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/CIDA-Canada-Ethnographic-study-of-Mapping-of-Junction-Towns-in-Nigeria.pdf>

4. Community Rapid Assessment of CSOs of at risk populations capacity for engagement in HIV/AIDS programs and capacity building plan, FHI. GHAIN, 2006, for Anambra, FCT, Kano, Lagos states ...

- **<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/4945998/report-of-the-ghain-community-rapid-assesment-anambra-state>**

- <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/4926164/community-rapid-assessment-report-outline-the-the->
 - <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/4927452/forward-the-the-development-research-and-projects-centre-drpc>
 - <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/4926158/gate-the-the-development-research-and-projects-centre-drpc>
 - <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/4927458/report-of-the-ghain-community-rapid-assesment-kano-state>
5. Designed and Coordinated HIV/AIDS strategic Plan for CSO engagement, Kano State, FHI/Kano State Ministry of Health, 2006
 6. Social sector assessment (reproductive health and HIV/AIDS) in the North of Nigeria, as part of the USAID strategic planning process, USAID Nigeria, 2003
 7. The dRPC designed, anchored and coordinated the 2nd Annual USAID Chiefs of Party Workshop at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja, August 24-25, 2011 coordinating program alignment discussions with 20 Chiefs of Party. The 2nd Annual CoP Meeting was convened by Excellency, Ambassador Terence McCulley and USAID Mission Director Dana Mansuri
 8. With funding from the Institute of International Education (IIE), West Coast Office, the dRPC coordinate and organize Overseas training for HIV/AIDS civil society activists between 2002 and 2012
 9. With funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation the dRPC strengthened the capacity of 132 local civil society organizations implementing child and family health in 12 states in Nigeria, 47 of the CSOs implemented HIV/AIDS programs, 2015-2023

dRPC Strengthening Capacity of Nigerian CSOs

The dRPC is captured in the 2023 USAID African CSO Sustainability Index as a leading CSO strengthening capacity for Nigeria women CSOs. The dRPC is also a leading advocate for local Nigerian CSO strengthening, writing in global spaces on localization:

- [**The Bill Gates visit and localization of donor supported development in Nigeria – Nigeria – The Guardian Nigeria News – Nigeria and World News**](#)
- [**Indigenous leadership in aid localization: Implications for Nigeria and financing for development | Brookings**](#)
- [**PressReader.com – Digital Newspaper & Magazine Subscriptions**](#)