



IOM MIGRATION HEALTH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIA

MONITORING MIGRANT HEALTH

POLICY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

MIGRANT SENSITIVE HEALTH SYSTEMS

PARTNERSHIPS, NETWORK AND MULTI-COUNTRY FRAMEWORKS

MIGRATION HEALTH ASSESSMENT

ABUJA, LAGOS & BENIN-CITY

IOM provides a comprehensive range of health related services tailored to the needs of the vulnerable migrants and displaced population in Nigeria. This includes pre-departure health assessment for long term migrants, post-arrival medical care for returnees to ensure their reintegration, and public health response for crisis-affected vulnerable displaced population. In addition, IOM works closely with the Federal Ministry of Health and State Primary Healthcare Development Boards in capacity strengthening activities. The priority areas of IOM's Migration Health Strategies for Nigeria include - advocating for the mainstreaming of migrant health into national health strategies, disease surveillance, preparedness and response, health promotion, and diaspora engagement for greater synergies.

In Nigeria, IOM operates Migration Health Assessment Centres as part of the global Migration Health Assessment Programme. Over 250 staff including medical doctors, nurses, data analysts and customer care proviers work in 3 Migration Health Assessment Centre's (MHACs), strategically located in Abuja, Lagos, and Benin-City.

MHACs provides pre-migration health assessment services for those who plan to travel or relocate to other countries for various reasons, such as employment, education, resettlement, or family reunification. The services are based on the requirements and protocols of the destination countries which includes physical and mental health evaluation, radiology and laboratory tests, vaccinations, treatment of communicable diseases like Tuberculosis, Syphilis, and appropriate referral for specialist evaluation/chronic health conditions and incidental care.

Pre-migration health activities are an integral part of migrants' visa application requirements with the aim to preserve the health of the migrants, counter the spread of infectious diseases across borders and safeguard public health in receiving countries, host countries and communities. Thus, MHAC acts to minimize the public health impact of human mobility in line with the 2005 International Health Regulations. Additionally, MHAC supports family reunification by providing DNA sample collection services for migrants.



276,926

Migration health assessments conducted in 2023



18,040

Individuals vaccinated



182

TB cases detected and treated in collaboration with National TB, Leprosy and Buruli Ulcer Control Programme



1,484

DNA samples were collected in 2023 for family reunification



1,461

supported with on arrival health assessment and reintegration assistance



4,626

children screened for nutritional assessment

PUBLIC HEALTH & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

MHD focuses on advocating for migrant health integration into national agendas, promoting migrant-sensitive health policies, cross-border health promotion, disease surveillance, and preparedness. Additionally, it supports access to quality healthcare for migrants, mobilizes diaspora engagement in the health sector, and provides humanitarian assistance. This includes managing the COVID-19 pandemic, responding to natural disasters like floods, conducting needs assessments, and implementing health programs in crisis-affected areas.

COVID-19 Response

Managed the COVID-19 response and isolation center in NE, Nigeria. IOM provided both in-patient, home base care and laboratory services to the entire humanitarian community during the pandemic.



2020

Improving the Health of Persons with Disabilities

Health support to IDPs leaving with disabilities in camps and camp like settlements (Gwoza LGA, NE).



2021

Regular Needs Assessment

Supported National Government to conduct need assessment, identifying vulnerable population.



2022

Emergency Response to Flooded Communities

Provided support to victims affected by flood in Kogi State through outreach clinic.



2023

Responding to Malnutrition

MHD provided Integrated management of malnutrition (IMAM) using the rapid response mobile team (NE, Nigeria).



2023

Strengthening Neonatal Care

IOM trained and supported traditional birth attendance, renovated SCBU in Bama LGA, NE under the Innovation Norway Grant.



2024

MIGRATION HEALTH IN NIGERIA

KEY STATISTICS



200+ STAFF MEMBERS



3 MHA CENTRES



3 LABORATORIES



4,626 children screened for acute malnutrition; 2,916 received support



500+ reached with COVID-19 awareness raising and vaccinations



3 public health facilities with 12 functioning X-ray units renovated



1,324 returned migrants provided with medical support, and rehabilitation



120 healthcare providers trained on provision of care for victims of trafficking



320 cataract surgeries performed for displaced population



456 persons living with disabilities received mobility assistance devices

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