

EMPOWER FUTURE INITIATIVE (EFI)

Emergency Community ART Stabilization & Adherence Support Project

Nigeria – World AIDS Day 2026 Response

1. Background

Nigeria continues to face a significant HIV burden, with adolescents experiencing lower viral suppression rates compared to adults. Recent donor funding shifts have disrupted community-based ART delivery systems, disproportionately affecting non-suppressed adolescents and those on second- and third-line regimens. Without urgent stabilization, treatment failure and drug resistance may increase, threatening years of progress.

2. Goal

To stabilize and strengthen access to specialized ART and intensive adherence support for over 1,000 high-risk adolescents living with HIV in Nigeria, preventing viral failure and drug resistance during a critical funding transition period.

3. Objectives

- Establish and operationalize 5 specialized Community ART Stabilization Hubs within 6 months.
- Achieve and maintain over 90% viral load suppression among enrolled non-suppressed adolescents.
- Ensure 100% uninterrupted ART access for second- and third-line adolescents.
- Train and equip 40 Community Health Workers and peer leaders.

4. Target Beneficiaries

- 1,000+ high-risk adolescents living with HIV
- Approx. 350 non-suppressed adolescents
- Approx. 200 adolescents on second/third-line regimens
- 40 trained CHWs and peer leaders
- Indirect beneficiaries: caregivers and families

5. Key Activities

Phase 1 (Months 1–3): Client identification, stakeholder engagement, and CHW training. Phase 2 (Months 4–10): Intensive adherence support, ART refill coordination, viral load tracking,

psychosocial services. Phase 3 (Months 11–12): Integration into local health systems and sustainability planning.

6. Expected Outcomes

- >90% viral suppression among non-suppressed adolescents
- 100% uninterrupted ART access
- Significant reduction in loss-to-follow-up
- Strengthened community HIV response systems

7. Budget Summary (USD 52,000)

Budget Category	Amount (USD)
Phase 1: Identification & Training	8,500
Phase 2: Service Delivery	31,000
Phase 3: Sustainability & Integration	4,500
Monitoring & Evaluation	8,000
Total Project Budget	52,000

Conclusion

Empower Future Initiative's Emergency HIV Stabilization Project represents a scalable, high-impact intervention protecting over 1,000 vulnerable adolescents during a critical funding transition. Aligned with World AIDS Day 2026, this initiative mobilizes urgent action to stabilize treatment, prevent resistance, and safeguard long-term public health gains in Nigeria.