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The national response has fully embraced a multi-sectoral approach grounded in the Three Ones. The National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) has been established as a legal institution with a Board through an Act of Parliament in 2007 to facilitate coordination. States of the federation are also being encouraged to transform their (State Action Committee on AIDS) SACAs into Agencies to ensure sustainability of funding and facilitate coordination at state level.

Civil Society response to HIV and AIDS is coordinated by the Civil Society Network on HIV and AIDS in Nigeria. UNAIDS has invested a lot of technical and financial support to bring Civil Society as a credible partner to the response. This support has been directed to all constituencies of the civil society and not just the umbrella organisation.

The private sector response is being coordinated by the Nigeria Business Coalition Against AIDS (NIBUCA). Initially NIBUCA was focussing on the workplace but now with the facilitation of UNAIDS the multi-national companies have started investing in AIDS as part and parcel of their corporate social responsibility. The GIPA principle has also been embraced by the big companies.

The Donor Coordination Group has been transformed into the Development Partners Group to include the UN System and International Foundations. The UN System is represented by UNRC, UNTG Chair, Vice UNTG Chair and the UCC. UNAIDS is still the secretariat.

2007 has witnessed tremendous progress in scaling up of intervention programmes towards Universal Access. Notable achievements include elaboration of State Strategic Plans, elaboration of Universal Access in State Plans, development of a national prevention plan, joint mid-term review of the NSF, development of a national activity priority plan and a common template as a tool to facilitate harmonisation and alignment of development partner support to national priorities. In addition, the NACA and SACAs have been strengthened to effectively coordinate the response at national and state levels while an M&E operational plan has been developed and being implemented across the federation. Civil Society Organisations have become stronger and more credible partners.

Although significant progress has been made in general, access to services by women, young people and most-at-risk groups is low. In part this is due to deep-rooted cultural values and the role of women in Nigerian society. Some of the most-at-risk groups such as MSM, CSWs and IDUs are illegal in Nigeria thereby making access more difficult.

The response to AIDS is adequately mainstreamed in the National Economic Empowerment Strategy (NEEDS) a homegrown poverty reduction strategy paper. A comprehensive approach to the response has been adopted which makes collaboration with other health programmes a must other than an option.

## UNAIDS Support to the National Response

### UNAIDS activities at country level during 2007

#### Advocacy

- ▶ Establishment of National Agency for the Control of AIDS as an Agency by an Act of Parliament.
- ▶ Launch of National Women Coalition on AIDS by the First Lady of the Federation Conference.

#### Programme Management

- ▶ Elaboration of 4 HIV/AIDS State Strategic Plans and integration of Universal Access.
- ▶ UN/NACA Collaboration where UNAIDS Secretariat has been endorsed as the entry point for all HIV requests from NACA.
- ▶ 6 Month (July- December 2007) Joint UN Team on AIDS work plan developed and implemented.

#### Care and Support

- ▶ Development of the national Orphan and Vulnerable Children Policy.

#### Treatment

- ▶ Supported states to elaborate AIDS treatment scale up plans

### UNAIDS achievements at country level during 2007

#### *Joint UN planning and programming*

Joint UN Workplan and budget endorsed by the UN Country Team

#### *Technical assistance and capacity building*

Provided TA in the following areas - State Strategic Plan development, Joint Mid-Term Review of National Strategic Framework, National AIDS Priority Plan development, Universal Access targets, National Women Coalition on AIDS, Nigeria National Response Information Management System Operational Plan development and operationalisation, National AIDS Conference, Country Coordinating Mechanism, etc.

### **Main challenges / activities for 2008**

- ▶ Human Resource capacity.
- ▶ Alignment and Harmonisation.
- ▶ Monitoring and Evaluation.
- ▶ Health System strengthening.
- ▶ Coordination particularly at state and LGA levels.
- ▶ Funding.