

# The HIV/AIDS Fund

The HIV/AIDS Fund (HAF) is the third component of the HIV/AIDS Programme Development Project (HPDP). It was designed to catalyze civil society activities. The HAF is managed through a due process that is transparent and scientific.

At the national level, 103 CSOs engaged in all 36 states, including the FCT. Several of these have demonstrated best practices. Altogether (+State HAF), more than 1 000 CSOs are working nationwide.

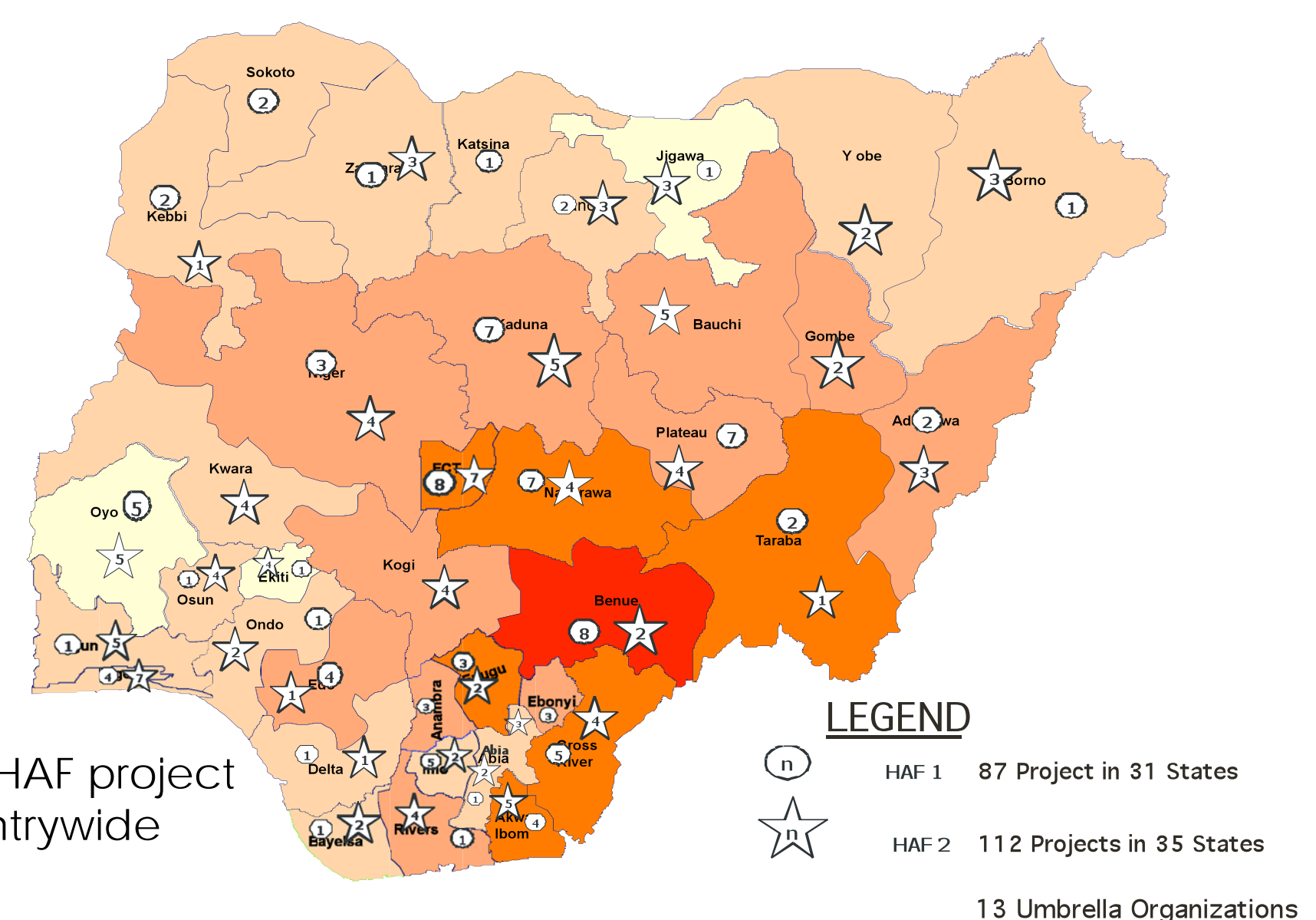


**Partnership:** Handing over ceremony to the Local Government Chairman at the conclusion of the NACA HAF 2 Project at Orire LGA-NIGERIA

## THE HAF PROCESS

The followings are components of the HAF management process:

- HAF Advisory Committee Meeting
- Prepare Call Advert
- Desk Review
- Technical review of proposals
- Technical Review Committee Meeting
- Capacity assessment of shortlisted grantees
- Announcement/Letters of award
- Technical Review Committee Meeting
- Start?up workshop/Signing of MOU
- Disbursement
- Monitoring
- Capacity building workshop
- End of Project Review



## HAF: OTHER MECHANISMS

**a.** Rapid Response Fund (RRF) was to complement the HAF through provision of rapid responses to small and innovative proposals that can be undertaken over a short period of time (ie 1 week to 3 months).

**b.** Support to CBOs was conceived as a decentralized fund granting mechanism to engage directly with village based CBOs with supervision and oversight.

### Challenges

- Limited synergy between WB grant and other donor grants. This leads to duplicity and double funding
- Inability to roll-over HAF beneficiaries that performed excellently to the next funding cycle due to scarcity of fund
- Low capacity of CSO partners in programming. This can improve

### Achievements

- Increased level of awareness
- Improved capacity in programming
- Higher level of political support
- Greater uptake of VCT services
- Reduction in stigma/ discrimination
- Noticeable changes in sexual behavior and attitude towards PLWHA

### Lessons Learned

- Civil society organizations can impact significantly in the war against HIV/AIDS if provided with enabling environment.
- HAF created a great momentum for CSO participation in the fight against HIV.
- Elimination of stigma and discrimination can improve project implementation.