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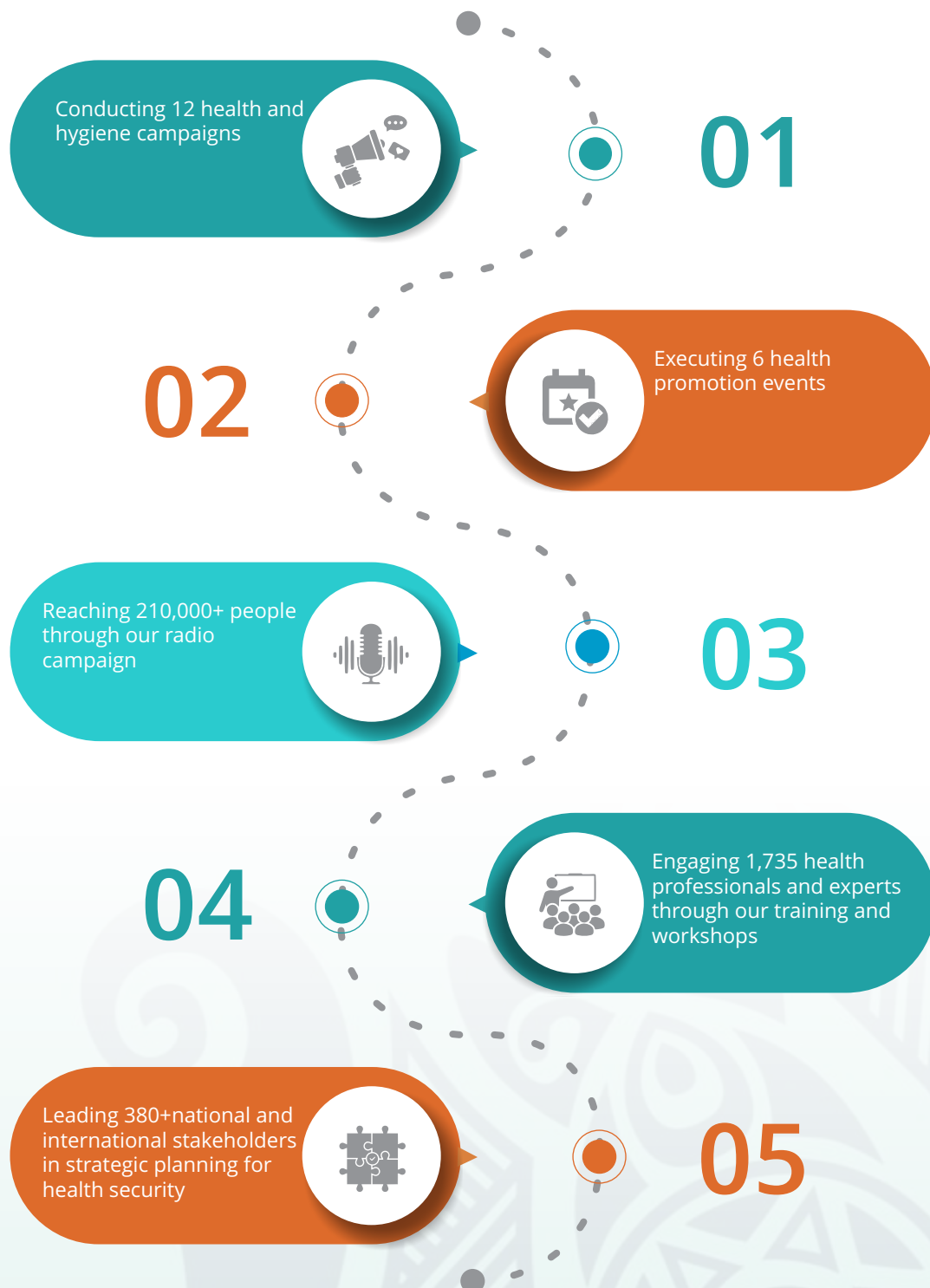
Abbreviations

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| ACDC | Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention |
| AFENET | African Epidemiology Network |
| AMR | Antimicrobial Resistance |
| AMRCC | Antimicrobial Resistance Coordination Committee |
| AMR NAP 2.0 | Antimicrobial Resistance National Action Plan 2.0 |
| AVF | African Visionary Fund |
| CHAI | Clinton Health Access Initiative |
| CICaPS | Centre for Infection Control and Patient Safety |
| CoP | Community of Practice |
| CSOs | Civil Society Organizations |
| DIPC | Diploma in Infection Prevention and Control |
| DRASA | Dr. Ameyo Stella Adadevoh Health Trust |
| DRHH | DRASA Radio Half-Hour |
| EU | European Union |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations |
| FCTA | Federal Capital Territory Administration |
| FMAFS | Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security |
| FMC | Federal Medical Centre |
| FMEEnv | Federal Ministry of Environment |
| FMOH | Federal Ministry of Health |
| FMOHSW | Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare |
| GHAJ | Global Health Advocacy Incubator |
| GHD | Global Handwashing Day |
| GRA | Government Reserved Area |
| ICAN | Infection Control Africa Network |
| IHR | International Health Regulations |
| IHVN | Institute of Human Virology Nigeria |
| IPC | Infection Prevention and Control |
| IIPC | Intermediate Infection Prevention and Control |
| JEE | Joint External Evaluation |
| JICA | Japan International Cooperation Agency |
| MD | Managing Director |
| MTaPS | Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services |
| MoH | Medical Officer of Health |
| NAP | National Action Plan |
| NCDC | Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention |
| NCS | Nigeria Customs Service |
| NHW | Nigeria Health Watch |
| NIMR | Nigerian Institute of Medical Research |
| NIS | Nigeria Immigration Service |
| NPA | Nigerian Ports Authority |
| NPHCDA | National Primary Health Care Development Agency |
| NSIC | Nigerian Society of Infectious Diseases |
| PHC | Primary Health Centre |
| PHE | Public Health Emergencies |
| PHS | Port Health Services |

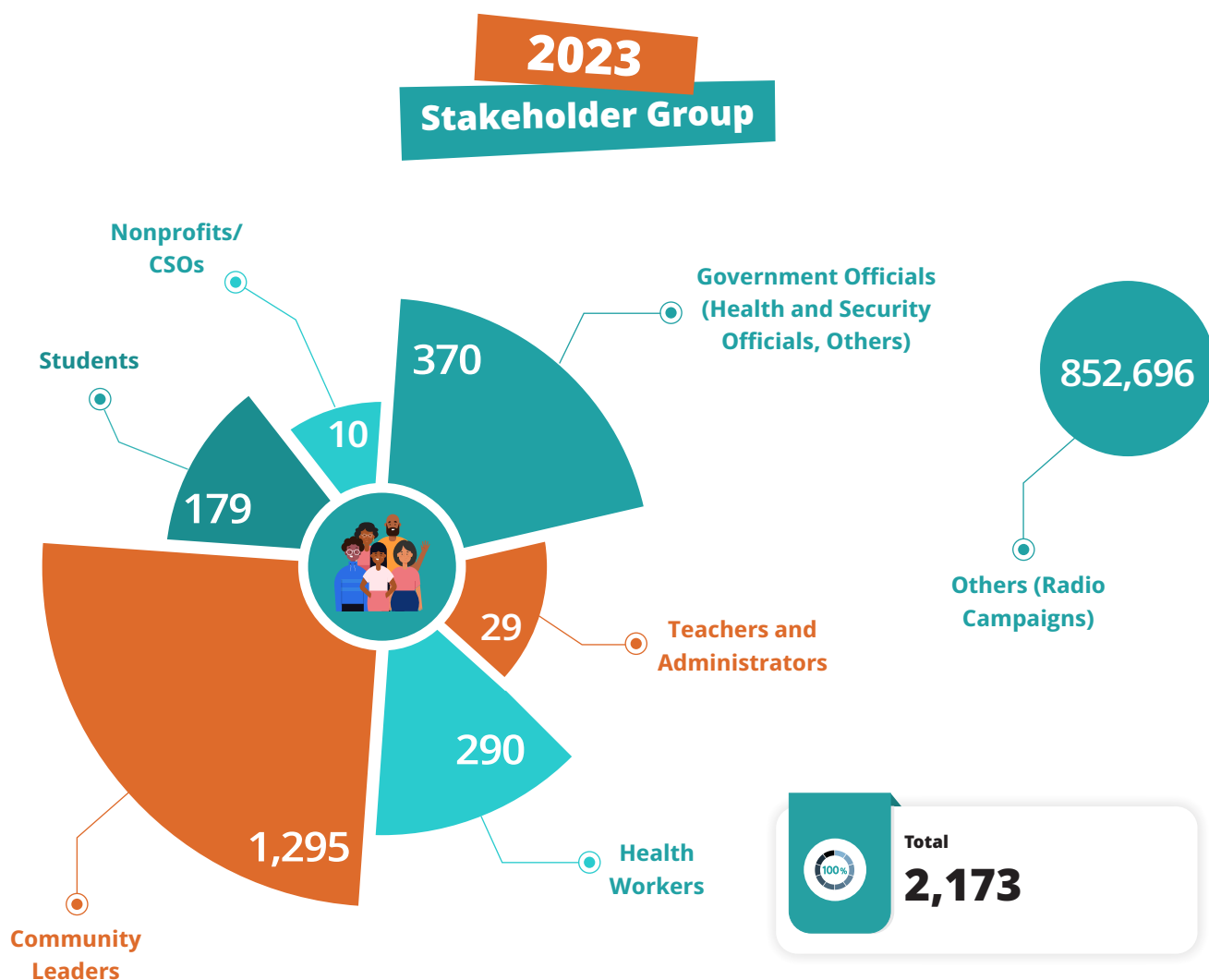
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| PoE | Points of Entry |
| SERVICOM | Service Compact with All Nigerians |
| SNCaPP | Strengthening Nigeria's Capacity for Pandemic Preparedness |
| SOPs | Standard Operating Procedures |
| SWOT | Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development |
| USCDC | United States Centre for Disease Control and Prevention |
| WAAW | World AMR Awareness Week |
| WAHO | West African Health Organization |
| WAIPH | West African Institute of Public Health |
| WHHD | World Hand Hygiene Day |
| WHO | World Health Organisation |
| WHO AFRO | World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa |
| WPSD | World Patient Safety Day |

2023 At A Glance

In 2023, we achieved significant milestones, some of which include:



Direct Beneficiaries (Health Champions) Engaged



Our Social Media Impressions in 2023:

| Platforms | Impressions | Reach | Engagement/Interactions |
|-----------|-------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Twitter | 246,900 | - | - |
| Instagram | 25,826 | 6,482 | 1,388 |
| LinkedIn | 29,171 | - | 1,418 |
| Facebook | - | 10,346 | - |

Managing Director's Note



The year 2023 was an incredible one for DRASA. Through your support and our dedication, we achieved milestones, faced challenges, and emerged stronger than ever. With our over 53,000 Health Champions (and counting!), our wonderful team, and our partners, we were able to reach over 210,000 persons through our DRASA Radio Half Hour show on Infection Prevention and Control and Community Health and Hygiene. Health professionals were not left out, as we supported 1,735 of them through our training programs, workshops, and campaigns.

We also facilitated over 380 national and international stakeholders in strategic planning for antimicrobial resistance, built capacities in pandemic modeling among national public health and medical institutions, and supported a situation analysis for health security at priority points of entry into Nigeria.

All activities across our program areas—from Antimicrobial Resistance, Infection Prevention and Control, Health Security, and Community Health and Hygiene— are tailored to develop Health Champions who preach the message of public health and infectious disease prevention in their various capacities across the country.

Over the years, partnerships have been a cornerstone of our success and 2023 was a testament to the power of partnerships with like-minded organizations both locally and internationally who have contributed to the progress we made as an organization. In the spirit of building healthy collaborations, we look forward to forging new alliances to amplify our reach and impact across the country and beyond.

Thank you to our Health Champions, partners, and everyone who makes this work possible. We appreciate and celebrate you.

Niniola Williams

Director,
DRASA Health Trust

About DRASA Health Trust

The Dr Ameyo Stella Adadevoh (DRASA) Health Trust is a public health nonprofit organization building a network of Health Champions who prevent disease and save lives through our education and training, community engagement, emergency planning, and policy change work. DRASA was established in memory of Dr. Ameyo Stella Adadevoh, who identified the first case of Ebola in Nigeria and prevented the deadly virus from spreading but lost her life in the process. Inspired by her life, labors, and legacy, we are committed to protecting public health through a stronger, more prepared, responsive health system driven by Health Champions. We believe that no one has to suffer or die from preventable infectious diseases. So, we work to preserve this legacy by prioritizing health security and improving the control of infections which are key to our overall development as a nation.



Mission

Building a network of Health Champions who are preventing disease and saving lives through our education and training, community engagement, emergency planning, and policy change work



Vision

A healthy society supported by a network of Health Champions who are equipped to prevent, detect, and contain infections and manage public health emergencies



Values

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Teamwork
- Passion

2023 Goals

- Continue with pre-pandemic project and program activities
- Expand our geographic reach to serve new areas
- To increase international awareness of our programs and technical capacity within and beyond the African region
- To drive more donations from international donors and funders
- To build new strategic partnerships locally and internationally



Our Solutions

We develop Health Champions across 4 key program areas:

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Ensuring safe and proper use of effective medications to treat infections and diseases

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is a global health crisis where drugs no longer work against harmful microorganisms. It leads to prolonged illnesses, preventable deaths, and high economic costs. DRASA fights AMR by:

1. Establishing Health and Hygiene Clubs in schools to develop student Ambassadors who work to improve hygiene and responsible antimicrobial use in their schools, homes, and communities.
2. Training health workers to prevent misuse and overuse of antimicrobials.
3. Developing strategies and policies to address AMR at national and local levels.

Community Health and Hygiene (CHH)

Promoting good health and hygiene activities and behaviors, especially in vulnerable communities

In Nigeria, 68% of the population has no access to a toilet, and more than two-thirds of the population does not have access to adequate sanitation (Wateraid). In these communities, people face a high risk of suffering from the spread of infectious diseases. Our Community Health and Hygiene Program aims to address this by:

1. Providing hygiene education and vital health information to communities to encourage healthy habits like handwashing, safe food storage, and waste disposal.
2. Empowering community members to become Health Champions who drive behavior change that protects themselves and their loved ones from infectious diseases.
3. Advocating for water, sanitation, and hygiene improvements in communities

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

Identifying and stopping the spread of preventable infections in hospitals and communities

IPC is a multi-disciplinary approach to stopping the spread of infections in hospitals and communities. It is important for patient safety and improving healthcare quality. DRASA contributes towards filling the IPC gaps in the health system by:

1. Educating and building the capacity of medical and non-medical health workers in IPC.
2. Conducting site assessments in healthcare facilities to identify and address infection prevention challenges.
3. Supporting the establishment of IPC programs in health facilities to help them deliver safe care and become centers of excellence.
4. Supporting the review and implementation of national and sub-national IPC policies, guidelines, manuals, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).



Health Security (HS)

Building people and systems to protect and minimize the impact of events that endanger health across our borders and region.

Nigeria's epidemic preparedness, which assesses its ability to handle health crises, is at 54%. Despite improvements, the country faces ongoing threats like Lassa fever, COVID-19, and other diseases. DRASA helps enhance health security by:

1. Strengthening emergency response by creating systems and plans and training the health and security workforce at our nation's borders to detect and respond to outbreaks and other public health emergencies.
2. Improving collaboration through the establishment of cross-border surveillance forums to share information and improve notification of public health events between Nigeria and our neighboring countries.
3. Conducting simulation exercises to test the capacity of frontline health workers and border security officials to handle health emergencies.

What Our Partners Say

"DRASA's unwavering commitment towards IPC and preventing epidemics through capacity building has resulted in partnerships forged with federal and state governments, individual, corporate and institutional donors, health facilities, and personnel. Through DRASA's capacity building and other IPC interventions, 6,059 community, traditional, and religious leaders in 8 states can now educate their communities on simple practices to stay healthy and prevent disease, and 6,162 leaders from 6 border communities can now identify and report infectious diseases."



Dr. Tochi Okwor,
*National AMRCC Chair and Head
of IPC at the Nigeria Centre for
Disease Control (NCDC)*

"Now that we are armed with enhanced data analysis and predictive modeling skills, we are significantly better prepared to respond to public health threats. The collaboration between DRASA and NCDC has fostered a new level of readiness. This training has not just been about capacity building—it has set a new standard for how we prepare for and respond to future pandemics."



Dr. Abimbola Sowande,
*Chair, Nigerian Society for
Infection Control (NSIC)*

"DRASA is uniquely positioned to provide indigenous technical expertise in key areas of public health. For example, DRASA is currently the Consultant working with the National AMR Coordination Committee (AMRCC) to develop the next version of Nigeria's five-year National Action Plan (NAP) on AMR. DRASA is also a key partner in the implementation of our national IPC strategy, supporting everything from capacity-building sessions to national policy reviews and advocacy campaigns. We are proud of all we have done with DRASA to date and look forward to more accomplishments as we continue together on the journey to make healthcare safe, put patients first, and reduce the spread of preventable infections across Nigeria."



Dr. Oyeladun Okunromade,
*Head of Surveillance and Epidemiology
Department, NCDC*



Voices from The Field: Spotlight Stories From Our Work in 2023



Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

AMR

Fostering Collaborative Spirit in One Health: Facilitating the Development of the One Health AMR National Action Plan 2.0

In 2023, DRASA took a leading role in the development of Nigeria's One Health AMR National Action Plan (NAP) 2.0 (2024-2028), the country's five-year strategy to tackle antimicrobial resistance (AMR), which is a formidable threat to public health globally.

The NAP 2.0 development process started with an evaluation and review of the progress made on the NAP 1.0 (2017-2022), which revealed the successes and gaps in Nigeria's collective efforts to mitigate and respond to AMR over the previous five years. The review provided context for the development of the NAP 2.0 as important achievements, recommendations, challenges, and lessons learned were explored and documented.

The next phase kicked off in March 2023 with a strategic alliance between Nigeria's One Health AMR Coordination Committee (AMRCC), One Health Trust, DRASA, and UN quadripartite agencies working together to develop a comprehensive AMR Situational Analysis of AMR. This analysis leveraged research, data, technical expertise, government perspectives, academia, and civil society to demonstrate the state of AMR across the nation.

The NAP 2.0 development process—facilitated by DRASA and led by the National One Health AMR Coordination Committee (AMRCC)—began in August 2023, when, after thorough planning, research, and preparation, we initiated a series of development workshops, starting with an intensive stakeholder mapping exercise to collect insights from a range of domestic and international stakeholders. Our goal was to identify and analyze all the key stakeholders we needed to engage, defining roles and responsibilities, specific activities, timelines, and responsible parties for the development process. We also created a smaller technical working group that was essential in driving the strategy development

process. At the end of this exercise, we identified 146 stakeholders to foster a collaborative and coordinated approach to the AMR NAP 2.0 development and implementation.

During the second development workshop, we gathered experts to review the One Health AMR Situational Analysis and validate its findings and conclusions. We also conducted a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis to identify key areas for immediate attention and action to strengthen AMR prevention and control through collaborative and cross-sectoral efforts. This analysis was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the strategic and operational plan of the NAP 2.0, ensuring that the recommendations from the NAP 1.0 review, situational analysis, and current AMR data were effectively integrated.

Developing a national strategy requires more than just reviewing data, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and harmonizing recommendations. Therefore, in October 2023, we conducted an additional workshop to refine the initial draft of the 5-year strategic and operational plans. The goal was to identify priority interventions, establish actionable plans, and determine measurable indicators that align with both regional and global strategies on AMR. Additionally, a monitoring and evaluation framework was created to define how success will be measured as the activities are implemented over the five-year period.



The final workshop took place in November 2023 to outline the budget and costs associated with implementing the AMR NAP 2.0, as without clarity on the cost implications and resources required to achieve the NAP 2.0 goals, its implementation would not be possible. During this session, we mapped resource requirements, developed a comprehensive budget, explored innovative funding and resource mobilization mechanisms, and evaluated resource distribution across sectors with various stakeholders from the One Health sectors, along with representatives from the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Federal Ministry of Water Resources.

Our road to the development of the NAP 2.0 was participatory and consultative to develop well-defined strategic objectives, priority interventions, and activities to guide Nigeria's coordinated response to AMR.

The NAP 2.0 is a testament to the collaborative effort of both local and international One Health stakeholders who have ensured that evidence-based, context-specific actions that Nigeria must take in the next five years to combat antimicrobial threats are prioritized. We are proud to have played a key role in supporting Nigeria's efforts to combat AMR by contributing to the development and implementation of the NAP 2.0.

Building a Healthier Future Through School-Based Health and Hygiene Clubs: Lessons from Stakeholders' Visit

In May 2023, we hosted a delegation of experts on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) from WHO AFRO, WHO Nigeria, and NCDC to evaluate our AMR School Program in Lagos and Osun states. The purpose of the visit was to gain insight into the school model we use and tour the schools where we established our Health and Hygiene Clubs, as well as to assess our impact and suggest improvements.

The delegates visited DRASA's office in Lagos for a presentation on the program's objectives, implementation, and outcomes. Subsequent discussions focused on enhancing and expanding the initiative with feedback and suggestions from the

experts. We then toured two schools in Lagos—State Senior High School in GRA in Ikeja and New Era Girls Senior Secondary School in Surulere—witnessing firsthand the program's impact on the students, teachers, and wider community.



The delegation then traveled to Ile-Ife, Osun State, where they visited Ooni Girls High School and engaged with DRASA Ambassadors who shared experiences and knowledge on hygiene practices and AMR. A highlight was a lively AMR-themed song created and performed by the Ambassadors. The visit concluded with a meeting with the Permanent Secretary of the Osun State Ministry of Education, who praised the program's success in the state and reaffirmed their commitment to sustaining it and supporting its growth.

The visit, insights, and interactions with Ambassadors and school administrators underscored the program's positive impact. Moving forward, we aim to improve the program based on feedback and observations gathered during the visit and expand the program across Nigeria and Africa.

Brushing Off Supergerms: A Colorful Recap of DRASA's World AMR Awareness Week 2023

In line with our commitment to raising awareness and fostering cross-sectoral collaboration in the fight against antimicrobial resistance (AMR), we organized a series of engaging events, including an Inter-School Art Competition and Talent Showcase with our DRASA Ambassadors, and a thought-provoking X (formerly, Twitter) Space conversation with a patient advocate and One Health experts.

The World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) is celebrated yearly between November 18 and 24 to raise awareness about Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and create calls-to-action to the public, policymakers, and health practitioners towards reducing the burden of this global health threat. Our Inter-School Art Competition involved six secondary schools from Lagos State who were tasked with creatively interpreting the 2023 WAAW theme of "One Health as a United Approach to Preventing AMR.". Student members of our Health and Hygiene Clubs aged 13-16 in those schools—our DRASA Ambassadors—collaborated in groups to produce compelling artwork with one piece produced per school. Present at the event were 62 students, 7 focal teachers, and 3 judges who reviewed their productions using a strict scoring matrix. The group from Community Senior High School Wasimi emerged as the artistic champions, securing first place in their work, which underscored the importance of cross-sectoral cooperation in AMR prevention.

In the Talent Showcase portion of the event, our DRASA Ambassadors showcased their understanding of AMR through poetry, songs, and drama. The diverse presentations brought the theme to life, showcasing the multifaceted nature of the battle against supergerms. Apapa Senior High School delivered a captivating drama performance that resonated with the audience and won the talent prize. To encourage the participants to continue to raise awareness on health and disease prevention, DRASA provided schools and students with art supplies, branded merchandise, and educational materials, while also recognizing participants with certificates and winners with plaques.

Harnessing the power of social media, we also hosted an enlightening conversation on Twitter (now called X) Space, titled "Supergerms and the Future of Infections: What Can I Do?" The panel featured esteemed speakers, including a patient advocate, a veterinary public health professor, an environmental health professor, and an AMR coordinator from the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control. Our live discussion reached 487 listeners, offering insights into the threats posed by AMR and practical steps to combat them.

Overall, driven by the desire to achieve a world free from supergerms, our WAAW 2023 activities enabled us to highlight why AMR prevention is not a task for one person but requires collaboration, creativity, and community engagement.

Our DRASA Ambassadors had an opportunity to express their creativity and innate skills through art and talent competitions and members of the public who joined the conversation on Twitter (X) Space were able to directly engage with and learn from experts in the field.





Health Security

Health Security

Strengthening Nigeria's Health Security: DRASA, EU, and UNDP-Nigeria Unite to Build National Capacity for Pandemic Modelling



"There is nothing mysterious about what we need to do. The only real question is if we'll do it fast enough."

—Tom Frieden.

*President and CEO of Resolve to Save Lives
and Former Director of the U.S. Center for
Disease Control*

Nigeria has been grappling with outbreaks of infectious diseases for years, from periodic diseases of national priority to the Ebola outbreak in 2014 and the recent COVID-19 pandemic. These outbreaks threaten our health and impact our economy and development.

To reduce the burden of these emerging and re-emerging diseases on our nation, we launched the Strengthening Nigeria's Capacity for Pandemic Preparedness (SNCaPP) training course, supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Nigeria and the European Union (EU). This training course focused on bringing together 24 technical experts in monitoring and evaluation, data management, surveillance and epidemiology, research, and statistics from Nigeria's two leading health institutions, the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) and the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC). Our goal was to turn them into frontline Health Champions working to secure the health of communities across the nation.

The 2-part training course, which sought to equip these stakeholders with the necessary skills and knowledge to bolster disease surveillance and pandemic preparedness, was held in December 2023. The sessions were anchored by experts with advanced skills in epidemiology and pandemic modeling and involved topics such as advanced knowledge of R for surveillance, key concepts and

terminologies in statistical analysis, and emphasis on spatial epidemiology, mathematical modeling, and disease forecasting; which are vital for rapid decision-making during outbreaks.

Conducted in two parts between December 4th and 17th, 2023, the training course focused on enhancing skills in monitoring and evaluation, data management, surveillance, epidemiology, research, and statistics. Experts in epidemiology and pandemic modeling led sessions covering advanced topics such as R software for surveillance, statistical analysis, spatial epidemiology, mathematical modeling, and disease forecasting. As a result, participants showcased a 50% increase in knowledge of pandemic modeling and R software usage, with many praising the interactive nature and practical applicability of the training.

Beyond the training sessions, a Community of Practice (COP) platform was established to facilitate ongoing knowledge exchange and collaboration between NCDC and NIMR. Leveraging the COP platform, participants continue to engage in problem-solving, mentoring, and knowledge sharing, fostering strengthened collaboration and joint efforts in disease research and response.

Clare Henshaw of UNDP Nigeria emphasized the initiative's significance in fortifying Nigeria's defense against infectious diseases, aligning with national priorities on health and economics.





“By directly assisting and training officials of the NCDC and NIMR, this initiative aims to fortify Nigeria’s defense against the invisible adversaries, which are infectious diseases, as the emergence of infectious diseases poses not only a threat to public health but to the fabric of our economy and the way of life that we hold dear.”

—Clare Henshaw.

Participants also lauded the training's practical approach and its direct applicability to their everyday work, highlighting the potential for improving evidence-based decision-making.



“I will be able to place all our State COVID-19 data on R and finally analyze it. It was too large for Excel/Google Sheet and we could not keep it in one location. I hope we will also be able to do our state Sitrep on R with what I have learned,”

—Participant from the NCDC.



With newfound skills and knowledge, they expressed readiness to apply learnings to real-world scenarios, including data analysis and situation report generation for COVID-19.

This course resulted in strengthened collaboration between NCDC and NIMR, paving the way for future joint efforts in disease research and response.

Reflecting on our journey working towards a disease-free future, we are proud to have worked with key actors to strengthen capacity building and collaborative efforts towards a healthier, more resilient nation.

Securing Borders, Safeguarding Health: Strengthening Public Health Preparedness at Points of Entry

Public Health Emergencies (PHE) at Points of Entry (PoE) such as land borders, airports, and seaports pose a significant risk to national and global health security. Gaps in coordination, inadequate infrastructure, and limited emergency preparedness hinder rapid response to health threats arising from international travel and trade at these POEs. Thus, strengthening multi-sectoral collaboration is crucial for safeguarding public health at PoEs.

To support national and subnational structures to strengthen capacity and build resilient programs for preparedness and response to public health threats, we worked with Port Health Services (PHS) in partnership with the West African Health Organization (WAHO), World Health Organization (WHO), and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), to convene and provide support for a three-day multi-sectoral workshop. The event brought together 63 key stakeholders from agencies such as the Nigeria Port Authority (NPA), Nigeria Immigration Services (NIS), Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), and the Nigerian Army, among others. The focus was to conduct a situational analysis of PHEs, identifying gaps, and charting a path towards a strategic, multi-hazard emergency preparedness plan for PoEs.

Participants collated, documented, and mapped all local, national, regional, and international policies, plans, and structures related to public health at PoEs. A critical gap analysis and needs assessment

identified major challenges, from insufficient radio communication equipment and inadequate electronic data systems to staffing shortages and outdated legislative frameworks. A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis provided further insight into key areas for improvement, leading to strategic recommendations such as modernizing the PHS Act, improving inter-agency coordination, and investing in workforce capacity-building and technological infrastructure.

The workshop fostered stronger collaboration among stakeholders, reinforcing the One Health approach in emergency preparedness. A renewed commitment emerged to develop a comprehensive, actionable strategic plan that enhances public health security at Nigeria's PoEs. WHO and other partners pledged continued technical and financial support to drive the implementation of these recommendations.

By aligning national preparedness efforts with global health security standards, we are proud to be part of this initiative to strengthen Nigeria's capacity to detect, prevent, and respond to public health emergencies at key border points—ultimately contributing to a safer, more resilient health system.



Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)



IPC

Supporting an Advocacy Campaign to Prioritize Infection Prevention and Control Across Nigeria



“Nobody can afford not to have an encounter with a healthcare facility. You can put your money under a rug and never visit a bank, but at some point in life, you must visit a health facility. Without a budget line for Infection Prevention and Control, we are at the mercy of whatever funds are thrown at us. If we are not in charge of our funding, we cannot be in charge of our destination.”

— **Dr. Tochi Okwor,**

*Head of IPC, NCDC and Chair,
Nigeria AMR Coordination Committee*

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) is a scientific and evidence-based approach to preventing infections in health facilities and ensuring every patient is given safe, quality health care. It is everyone’s responsibility and requires not just continuous efforts and action across all levels of the health system and communities, but the will of policymakers to ensure the health and well-being of all Nigerians is protected.

A 2019 country-led mid-term joint external evaluation (JEE) of Nigeria’s International Health Regulations (IHR) Core Capacities highlighted IPC as a critical indicator of the country’s readiness to prevent and respond to public health emergencies. Having moved from a JEE score of 2 (reflecting limited capacity) in 2017 to 1 (reflecting no pertinent capacity) in 2019, there is a need to address some of the gaps in IPC practices in our health facilities and communities, through increased and sustained funding.

As a stakeholder in Nigeria’s national efforts on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in health facilities, DRASA participated in a workshop on IPC budget advocacy convened in Abuja in March 2023. The workshop aimed to enhance domestic financing

for IPC interventions nationwide by ensuring there are dedicated IPC budgets within the NCDC and the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA). This is a crucial part of ensuring that Nigeria can sustainably continue to fund IPC at all levels. Attendees were drawn from various sectors including government, health partners, civil society organizations (CSOs), and media professionals. Among the attendees were representatives from the Federal Ministry of Health, NCDC, NPHCDA, AFENET, World Health Organization, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI), and the United States Centre for Disease Control (US CDC).

Recognizing the critical role of IPC in ensuring safe, quality healthcare delivery in Nigeria, and safeguarding public health, stakeholders rallied together to develop strategies that would ensure adequate financing to address the gaps highlighted in 2019 JEE and bolster IPC practices in health facilities and communities. Day one focused on engaging government and health sector partners, outlining the National IPC program and advocacy requirements. We worked together to craft key messages and strategies, aligning activities with core objectives for IPC budget advocacy. Day two extended discussions to CSOs, leveraging their advocacy reach to mobilize public support for IPC funding, while the final day involved media professionals, fostering collaboration to disseminate IPC advocacy messages effectively.



The workshop emphasized the collective responsibility of advocating for sustained IPC funding to ensure consistent delivery of quality healthcare, fortify Nigeria's healthcare system against infectious threats, and reaffirm its commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of its citizens.

Accelerating Action Together: DRASA Celebrates the Hand Hygiene



"There are two sides to building the culture of hand hygiene: health workers maintaining the culture of hand hygiene during care, and educating patients on the 5 moments of hand hygiene to know the role they play in demanding the quality of care."

— Mrs. Rita Okonkwo,

Project Director, SECURE-Nigeria,
Institute of Human Virology Nigeria

As a nonprofit developing Health Champions to prevent diseases and save lives, we believe breaking systemic barriers to the hand hygiene culture involves a strong collaborative effort. Thus, to celebrate World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD), we conducted an on-ground capacity-building program at Akerele Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Lagos state and also hosted a virtual event to drive conversations towards promoting hand hygiene culture and addressing these barriers that hinder this progress. Aligned with the World Health Organization's theme of "Accelerate Action Together. SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands," which was a call to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to spearhead and accelerate progress in achieving effective hand hygiene at the point of care, our aim was to promote a hand hygiene culture in healthcare.

The capacity-building program at Akerele PHC brought together DRASA, representatives of the Nigerian Society of Infectious Diseases (NSIC), the Medical Officer of Health (MoH) of Surulere LGA, and 40 Primary Health Centre (PHC) staff. Interactive sessions covered the importance of hand hygiene, handwashing techniques, and the ideal location for handwashing stations in healthcare settings.

Practical demonstrations and germ transmission simulations also enhanced understanding, fostering engagement and active participation. As the sessions unfolded, participants pledged to be Hand Hygiene Champions in their facilities and community. The program concluded with closing remarks from the Medical Officer of Health and a feedback session.

To ensure patients are also playing their part to help prevent the spread of diseases through clean hands, we hosted a Twitter (X) Space conversation with partners such as the NCDC, NPHCDA, Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN), and the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA). The discussion centered on addressing barriers to hand hygiene in health facilities, featuring subject matter experts on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC). Our goal was to keep the public informed on the importance of working together to initiate and sustain the culture of hand hygiene in healthcare delivery by examining the barriers and highlighting practical solutions. Speakers were subject matter experts on IPC drawn from our partner organizations—Dr. Tochi Okwor (NCDC), Dr. Chris Elemuwa (NPHCDA), Dr. Augustine Ajogwu (FCTA), and Mrs. Rita Okonkwo (IHVN).

Over 492 listeners participated, with highlights including calls for public accountability and commitment to hand hygiene practices. The Twitter Space event culminated in an online pledge, with 103 participants demonstrating their commitment to promoting hand hygiene culture in healthcare.



Engaging Patients for Patient Safety: DRASA Commemorates Patient Safety with FMOHSW and Partners

In collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMOHSW) and its partners, DRASA commemorated the 2023 World Patient Safety Day under the theme "Engaging patients for patient safety." The week-long event was held from 14th to 18th, September 2023 in Abuja, and featured various activities aimed at empowering patients and promoting safe and quality healthcare delivery.

The event commenced with a two-day review of Nigeria's first Patient Safety and Care Quality Policy and Implementation Strategy: a roadmap for comprehensive change, an aspiration for zero harm, and a commitment to patient-centered care. 52 stakeholders from diverse backgrounds, including representatives from organizations such as the Infection Control African Network (ICAN), NCDC, WHO, and the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), participated in discussions to improve the policy and its strategic objectives. Together, we reviewed the policy document's chapters, dissecting its purpose, policy core, legal framework, and strategic objectives. Contributors shared ideas and insights to improve the policy and its implementation strategy. This was followed by a plenary session to discuss and learn from one another based on the group work. All 52 stakeholders present agreed on a mid-term review of the policy documents after implementation to foster national commitment to patient safety.

The festivities continued with a road walk in Abuja, where advocates in orange, white, or blue t-shirts walked 2.5 kilometers to educate the public on what they need to know about receiving safe, quality care from their health facilities. The Ministerial Press Briefing followed, highlighting the importance of patient involvement in achieving patient safety and providing updates to the media on the National Policy and Implementation Strategy on Patient Safety and Care Quality.

Transitioning to the virtual sphere, DRASA also hosted an interactive discussion on Twitter (X) Space, emphasizing the impact of patient feedback on healthcare quality. Experts underscored the need for

patient cooperation and engagement in demanding satisfactory care with key contributions from Dr. Chris Oimage (Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and Nodal Officer for SERVICOM at the Federal Medical Centre Abuja) and Prof. Isemede Asekhambe (Director, Patient Safety Africa).

As World Patient Safety Day concluded, Nigeria reaffirmed its commitment to patient safety, symbolized by the lighting up of the FMOH building in orange and DRASA renewed our commitment to patient safety and the promise of building a safer, brighter future for healthcare in Nigeria through our work.



DRASA, CICAPS Work Together to Equip the Public Health Workforce

Building the capacity of the health workforce in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) is an essential aspect of institutionalizing IPC and ensuring safe service delivery at all levels of healthcare.

DRASA provided training support to the Centre for Infection Control and Patient Safety (CICaPS) at the University of Lagos in conducting the Diploma in Infection Prevention and Control (DIPC) training course in 2023.

The DIPC program consists of Intermediate, Advanced, and Basic IPC levels and in January 2023, the Intermediate Infection Prevention and Control

(IIPC) training course commenced with 41 trainees admitted and 31 successful graduates. The Advanced IPC Course in April 2023, admitted 31 trainees from the Intermediate, with 29 graduates. The Basic IPC course with the new cohort of health workers who joined in November 2023 admitted 29 trainees, with only 25 graduating from the Basic IPC class.

The trainees enrolled in the DIPC training program in 2023 cut across various levels of healthcare—primary, secondary, and tertiary—and came from the six geopolitical zones of the country. Training topics covered included microbiology basics, standard and transmission-based precautions, setting up an IPC program, risk assessment, monitoring and evaluation, leadership and management, IPC & Water Sanitation and Hygiene; introduction to project management, epidemiology, logistics management, advocacy and communication, among others.

Other supporting partners who played a pivoting role in the DIPC training of health workers include the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC), the Infection Control Africa Network (ICAN), the Nigerian Society for Infection Control (NSIC), and the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC).

We are proud to continue supporting this Diploma Course which ensures Nigeria has a cadre of health workers who are IPC practitioners and change agents in their various health facilities.





Community Health and Hygeine (CHH)

CHH

Clean Hands, Full Hearts: Empowering Orphanages Through Handwashing Education Campaign

Teaching handwashing and hygiene in orphanages is a crucial aspect of promoting the health and well-being of children who reside in these institutions, as orphanages often house vulnerable populations. Thus, for the 2023 Global Handwashing Day, themed "Clean hands are within reach," we held a handwashing campaign at two orphanages in Lagos State—Bales of Mercy in Bariga and Royal Diamond Orphanage Home in Berger—in Lagos State, reaching about 70 children and caregivers. Recognizing the importance of hand hygiene for everyone in vulnerable populations, our initiative aimed to instill good hygiene practices among the residents and staff while also encouraging our team to provide a service to those in need. The two orphanages visited were Bales of Mercy Bariga and Royal Diamond Orphanage Home in Berger.

At both orphanages, we held engaging sessions, highlighting the significance of handwashing, demonstrating germ transfer and proper handwashing techniques, and adding a fun element to the campaign, which included teaching the children a catchy handwashing song that made the lessons memorable for the children.

Interactive segments allowed for lively exchanges and further learning opportunities, with gifts provided to encourage active participation. Essential items, including hand sanitizers and hygiene materials, were donated to the orphanage, underscoring the holistic approach to cleanliness. The success of the campaign was evident in the increased knowledge and engagement of children and caregivers in hand hygiene practices.



Advocacy and Media

The DRASA Radio Half Hour (DRHH) Show

We held two editions of our DRHH program, where we taught and had contagious conversations with the public on preventing and controlling infectious diseases in their communities. The first edition took place in February and spanned 5 weeks; the second edition, in October, spanned 4 weeks.

● Edition 1: DRHH Show

The first edition of our DRASA Half-Hour Show was to increase the awareness of the residents of Lagos about infectious diseases. It was broadcast live on Inspiration 92.3 FM from the 22nd of February, 2023, to the 22nd of March, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. to noon every Wednesday. Through the weekly episodes of the program, we defined infectious diseases, their mode of spread, and practices like vaccination and other community hygiene-related practices that can improve disease prevention. A total of 77,823 listeners tuned in to the show at the end of five weeks. The weekly episodes are available on our YouTube channel as vodcasts to reach more people. Our social media posts for this activity across Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn reached 885 unique accounts and had 12,964 impressions across these platforms.



● Edition 2: DRHH Show

The second edition of the DRHH radio program was hosted in commemoration of Global Handwashing Day to educate the general public on the importance of proper handwashing. The weekly radio shows were held live in Abuja and Lagos on Wazobia 99.5 FM and Inspiration 92.3 FM, respectively, from the 18th of October to the 9th of November. Across the four weeks the program aired, we educated listeners on the origin of handwashing, germ transfer, and handwashing, moments of handwashing in health facilities, and facts about handwashing. At the end of each live session, questions regarding what was discussed were asked and those who answered correctly were gifted DRASA hand hygiene kits, which consisted of liquid handwash, sanitizers, thermometers, and other promotional materials. Across Lagos and Abuja, a total of 774,823 listeners were recorded.



Social Media Advocacy Campaigns

World Hand Hygiene Day 2023 X Space: "Accelerating Action towards addressing barriers to hand hygiene in health facilities"

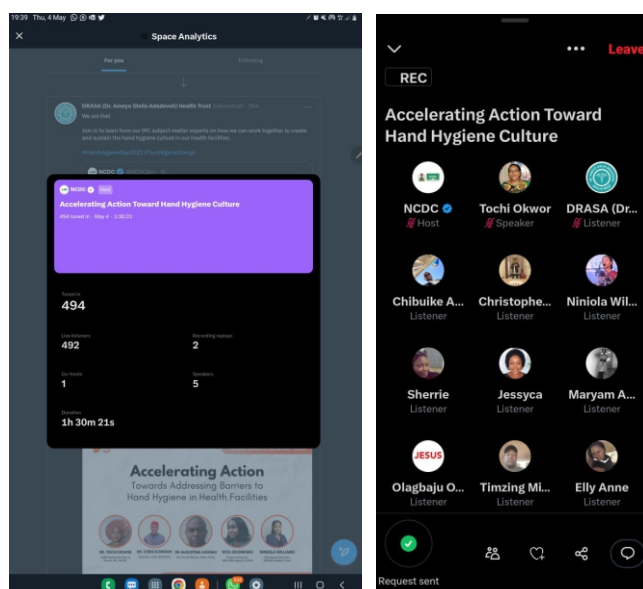
We held an X-space event to mark the 2023 World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD). The event had 492 listeners. Our IPC subject matter experts shared valuable information on hand hygiene and the relevance of maintaining this practice, especially in the healthcare sector. The highlight was an online pledge by all attendees to promote the culture of hand hygiene.



DRASA Day X Space on The Posthumous Memorial of Dr. Adadevoh

On the 25th of August, 2023, we held an X Space event to commemorate the 9th posthumous anniversary of Dr. Ameyo Stella Adadevoh (DRASA). Themed "Remembering Dr. Ameyo Adadevoh and The Realities of Humanitarianism Work in Nigeria's Healthcare System," the speakers, Mrs. Vivianne Iheweazu, Chinedu Okorafor, Dr. Yemi Johnson, and Chioma Ekene-Ugwu, spoke about the life and time of Dr. Adadevoh and her selfless contributions to

healthcare, sharing personal stories and fond memories of her, while speaking about her impact and legacy in Nigeria today.



Health workers who had also lost their lives in the line of duty were acknowledged and the conversation also delved into the importance of humanitarian services in the health sector such as the work we do at DRASA. 48 listeners tuned in to the conversation and in the spirit of humanitarianism, we made a call to the listeners to nominate health workers for the Africa CDC-DRASA Award for frontline health workers.

7:07 PM



✕ **Space Analytics**

DRASA (Dr. Ameyo Stella A... Host)

Remembering Dr Adadevoh and Realities of Humanitarianism in Healthcare

48 tuned in · Aug 25 · 1:10:29

Tuned in

48

Live listeners

48

Recording replays

0

Co-hosts

1

Speakers

5

Duration

1h 10m 29s

World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) 2023 Press Briefing

We joined the Honourable Minister of Health, represented by the Permanent Secretary, for a press briefing at the Federal Ministry of Health building in Abuja. Along with other FMOHSW partners, WHO, Ipas Nigeria Health Foundation, and Patient Safety Africa, the Minister addressed the importance of patient safety in healthcare delivery and assured those present and the public of the positive disposition of the government towards ensuring that the quality of healthcare received by patients nationwide is improved.



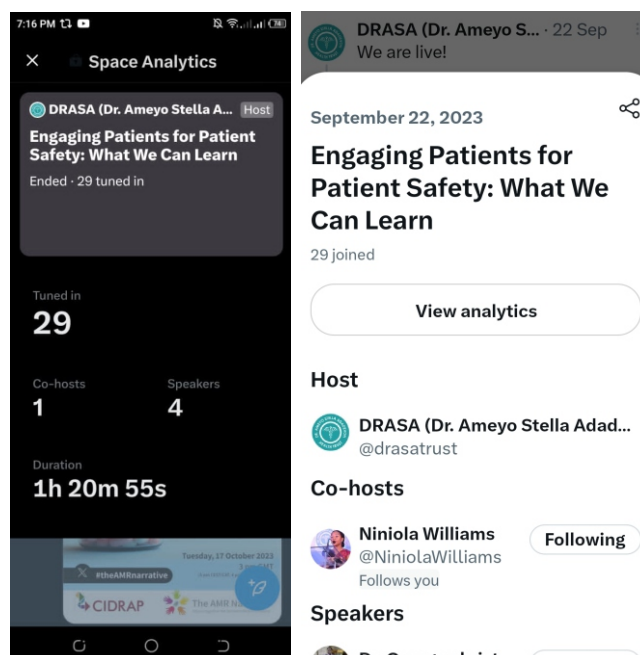
World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) 2023 Road Walk

Every year, DRASA collaborates with the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (FMOHSW) and other partners to embark on a road walk to raise awareness about the role of patients in improving patient safety and the quality of healthcare in our healthcare facilities. With the Patient Safety Day theme for 2023 as "Engaging patients for patient safety", we went on a 2.5km walk in Nigeria's Federal Capital, to inform the public about their rights to safe and quality care.

World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) 2023 X Space

We held an X-space conversation on the 22nd of September on DRASA's X page to educate followers, healthcare workers, and the general public on the role of patients in ensuring that they receive adequate care and the role of healthcare providers in prioritizing and ensuring maximum care of their patients. The X-space, titled "Engaging Patients for Patient Safety: What We Can Learn," was moderated by Mrs. Niniola Williams (MD, DRASA Health Trust) and had experts like Dr. Asekhome Isemade (Director, Patient Safety Africa) and Dr. Chris Osagie (Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and Nodal Officer, SERVICOM, FMC Abuja). educate listeners on the federal laws guiding patients and the need for

patients to be expressive about their concerns regarding the quality of care they receive in healthcare facilities. They were also educated about platforms and new technologies that aid patient care where concerns and opinions about the quality of care received can be fully expressed. It was a successful event that greatly enlightened the listeners on their patients' rights.






WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY 2023

Engaging Patients for Patient Safety What we can learn

 **Friday September 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm (WAT)**



DR. CHRIS OSAGIE
Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, &
Nodal Officer SERVICOM, FMC Abuja.



DR. ASEKHAME ISEMEDE
Director, Patient Safety Africa



NINIOLA WILLIAMS
Managing Director, DRASA Health Trust

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World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) 2023 X space

The theme of the 2023 celebration was “Supergerms and the Future of Infection: What Can I Do?” It was a wholesome conversation that involved speakers from diverse fields and experiences discussing the burden of AMR and how to address it. Vanessa Carter was a patient who had previously suffered from AMR and has now become an AMR Patient Advocate and founder/executive director of the AMR Narrative; Professor Godson Ana, Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan; Professor Victoria Adetunji, Professor of Veterinary Public Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ibadan; and Dr. Abiodun Egwuenu, Assistant Director and AMR Program Manager at NCDC. They all shared expert opinions from their fields to the 487 listening audience about AMR and the danger it poses to healthy living of individuals

9:01 AM

X Space Analytics

DRASA (Dr. Ameyo Stella Ad) Host

Supergerms and the Future of Infections: What Can I Do?

593 tuned in · Nov 24 · 1:39:14

Tuned in

593

Live listeners

487

Recording replays

106

Co-hosts

1

Speakers

5

Duration

1h 39m 14s

WORLD AMR AWARENESS WEEK

Supergerms and the Future of Infection:

What Can I Do?

 **Friday November 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm (WAT)**



PROF. GODSON ANA
Professor of Environmental Health Sciences,
College of Medicine,
University of Ibadan



PROF. VICTORIA ADETUNJI
Professor of Veterinary Public Health,
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine,
University of Ibadan



VANESSA CARTER
AMR Patient Advocate,
Founder/Executive Director,
The AMR Narrative



DR. ABIODUN EGWUENU
Assistant Director & AMR Programme Manager,
Nigeria Centre for Disease Control & Prevention

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Awards, Features, and Recognitions

DRASA Health Trust Joins The 3rd Cohort of The Prestigious African Visionary Fund

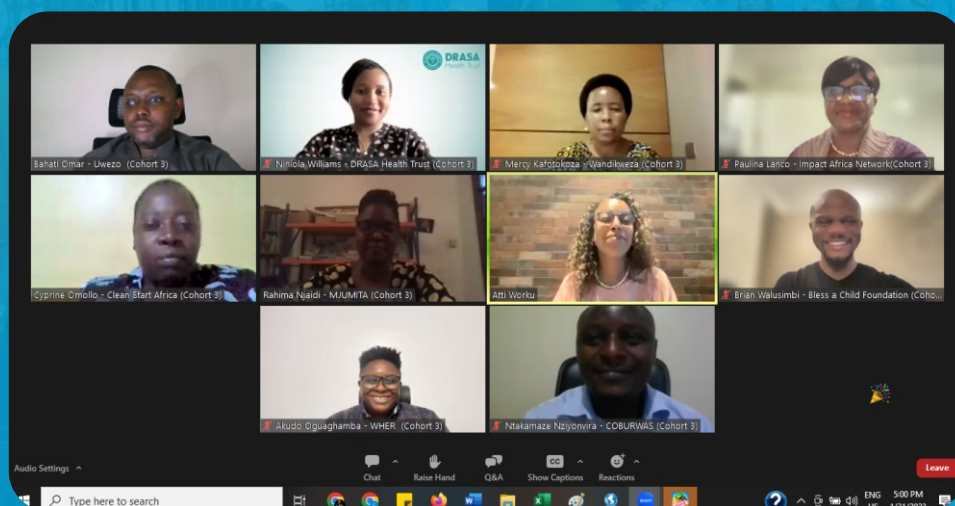
On the 31st of January, 2023, we recorded our first significant achievement of the year as we were announced as one of the visionary partners selected for the third cohort of the 2022 African Visionary Fund (AVF). Among over 800 applications from across the continent, we, alongside nine other organizations, emerged successful in the final selection process.

The African Visionary Fund offers multi-year funding to changemakers who possess intimate knowledge of the challenges their countries face and have innovative solutions to address them. Each year, AVF accelerates the efforts of these changemakers, empowering them to realize their visions and make a tangible impact in their communities. At the official announcement, our Managing Director, Niniola Williams, emphasized that this achievement aligns seamlessly with DRASA's mission of empowering more Health Champions to identify and prevent diseases effectively. As an organization committed to developing Health Champions dedicated to disease prevention and outbreak management, we have already equipped over 53,000 individuals within our network. Being acknowledged for our contributions and granted the opportunity to extend our impact over the next three years with AVF's support is a testament to our dedication and effectiveness in the field.

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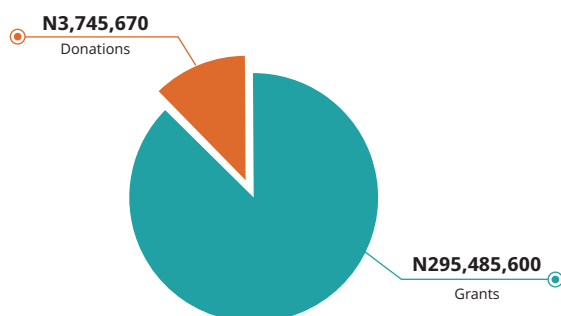
Meet Our New AFRICAN VISIONARY PARTNERS

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| THE COMMUNITY FOREST CONSERVATION NETWORK OF TANZANIA | CLEAN START SOLUTIONS, KENYA | WANDIKWEZA, MALAWI | UWEZO YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, RWANDA |
| | COBURWAS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORGANISATION TO TRANSFORM AFRICA, (CIYOTA), UGANDA | WOMEN'S HEALTH AND EQUAL RIGHTS INITIATIVE (WHER), NIGERIA | CHIPEMBERE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, MALAWI |



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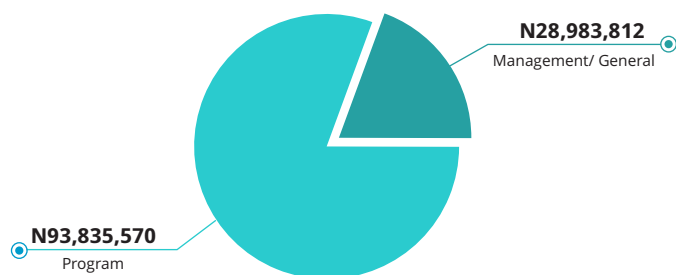
REVENUE



Revenue

Donations: **N3,745,670**
Grants: **N295,485,600**

EXPENSES



Expenses

Management/ General:
N28,983,812
Program: **N93,835,570**



Photo Speak: 2023 in Pictures:













Appreciation

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Donors and Partners

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our donors and partners. Your unwavering support and generosity have been instrumental in advancing our mission to improve public health and well-being, one community at a time. Because of you, we achieved significant milestones this year. Every support, commitment, and contribution has made a tangible difference. Your belief in our work fuels our passion and drives us to continue striving for a world where no one has to suffer or die from preventable infectious diseases. Thank you for standing with us, for believing in our vision, and for being a vital part of our journey. Together, we are making a profound impact and creating lasting change.



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