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Executive Summary

The April 2024 Rotary Family Health Days was the second executed in the Rotary year 2023 – 2024. It is the fourth edition fully sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Nigeria. It is the fourth time being funded solely by an organization other than Rotary. The funding has created opportunity for the program to be held more than just one time in the year. As a result, more people are reached at more remote locations. The popularity of the program has also increased even further than the last edition in October 2023. The program which was held across the four Rotary International districts in Nigeria viz, Districts 9110, 9125, 9141, and 9142 witnessed more acceptance by the people of various communities.

Historical Background

Rotary Family Health Days began in Nigeria with the 2012 event which was held in Lagos State on 1st and 2nd June 2012 and in Ogun State on Saturday June 9, 2012. The 2013 event took place in Lagos State local government areas and in Ogun State at Abeokuta, Sagamu, Isara and Ijebu- Ode on May 11, 2013, and another round in Abeokuta on May 17, 2013. The RFHA board agreed to the scaling up of the program in Nigeria in 2014 to cover the whole country. Consequently, all the then three Rotary districts in Nigeria-D9110, D9125 and D9140 held health camps in their various communities on April 24- 26, 2014. The outcome was good and showed that the decision to cover the entire country of Nigeria was a wise one. In 2014 Nigeria recorded 140,856 attendances: 90,875 in 2015 and 140,918 in 2016. Also, since 2016 Nigeria added Hepatitis B and hepatitis C screening to its services, this was further activated in the 2019 and the 2020 program. The 2020 program was able to record about 140,000 attendances while the June 2022 program had 49,891 registrants. This low figure is associated with the available fund for the program versus the number of days employed to activate the program which was two as against the regular three days

Acceptance of the program has increased tremendously over the past twelve years due to much publicity given to it through our robust working relationship and great work with public relations consultants like, Core Prime Ad Concept and other local Public Relations organizations with increased materials and logistics support from our key program partners especially the Nigeria Federal Ministry of Health. The support from the Federal ministry of Health has been very beneficial to the RFHD program as it signifies official acceptance of RFHD as one of the important health programs in Nigeria. The Federal Ministry of Health officially sends information and directives to State Ministries of Health and the Primary HealthCare Centers all over the country to work with Rotary on the RFHD as they do during polio, malaria and other health programs which Rotary spearheads. The

US Centers for Disease Prevention and Control and the USAID give adequate information, logistics support and request their Implementing Partners to work with RFHA on its RFHD sites.

Funding for the April 2024 program came fully from The Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation. No other organization funded the program. Notwithstanding there were supports from The Federal Government of Nigeria and most State Governments where the program took place, Local governments and local NGOs that supported in kinds especially through human capital

The proof of concept and sustainability of the program has long been established. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International regularly send members of the Cadre of Technical Advisers to audit the various yearly program. The last sent being in February 2024. The evaluation was conducted spanning a period of one week. The TRF Cadre was able to speak with key role participants in the program, visited some sites and had a long session with the M & E Consultants who was able to give good insight to the process of data collection and processing. She had no known reservation about the program. Her report was duly submitted to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Background

Rotary Action Group for Family Health & AIDS Prevention Inc. (RFHA)

Strategic Vision

To save and improve lives through community-based healthcare.

Strategic Mission

To facilitate expanded access to quality, community-based healthcare services, including the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

Who RFHA is: The Rotary Action Group for Family Health & AIDS Prevention, Inc.

(RFHA) is a global Rotary Action Group and mobilizing partner of Rotary International dedicated to disease prevention and treatment. RFHA delivers a proven program of scale addressing preventative community health care screening in Africa. Our programs provide free multiple health screens, lifesaving immunizations, education on disease prevention and treatment, gender intentional services and information and referrals for follow-on care that would otherwise not be accessible. RFHA's direct impact is the strengthening of infrastructure on health care delivery systems worldwide. Headquartered in Atlanta, GA, USA, RFHA manages a pan-African network of Program Coordinators and teams in each country that facilitate program implementation and local relationships.

RFHA is currently integrating a gender-intentional component across the organization and its programs. The objective is to promote gender equality within RFHA and its flagship program by implementing gender-responsive initiatives and fostering a supportive environment that promotes gender equality for women, men, young girls, young boys and marginalized communities accessing health interventions.

What RFHA does: RFHA's signature program is **Rotary Family Health Days (RFHD)**, a unique public/private partnership program that is currently in its thirteenth year of operation. The three-day, community driven, integrated annual program provides holistic, comprehensive, preventive health programs both for communicable and non-communicable diseases. The program leverages and inspires a significant force of humanitarian-driven volunteers through Rotary clubs in multiple countries in Africa. Since the inception of Rotary Family Health Days in 2011, over **3,5 million beneficiaries have been offered over 13 million free health services.**

The Rotary Family Health Day Program is a significant contributor to **Preventative Health Care**. Ministers of Health in the countries in which we operate partner with RFHA with signed Letters of Intent in support of Rotary Family Health Days. Other partner organizations (media houses, private sector funders, NGO's etc.) do the same.

RFHA's role in the program is to act as the lynchpin organization, to initiate the program, obtain partner organizations and funding sources, and to coordinate the work with all implementing partners leading up to and over the three-day event. RFHA further provides mechanisms, tools, platforms and training to assist the four Rotary Districts and numerous Clubs in Nigerian to roll out the RFHD Program as well as develop a comprehensive Media and Communications strategy delivered through a dedicated Media Team. This was done successfully over the years and are continually being built upon.

Rotary Family Health Days: A Public Private Partnership

The Rotary Family Health Days is the signature program of the Rotarian Action Group, Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention Inc (RFHA). It is a unique public/private partnership program that is currently in its thirteenth year of operation. This three-day annual program provides holistic, comprehensive preventive health screenings and testing (both communicable and non-communicable) diseases by way of leveraging and inspiring a massive force of humanitarian-driven Rotarians and partners. Through this program, tens of thousands of people are served in mostly under-privileged communities in some countries in East Africa, South Africa, West Africa and India.

The services include free life-long immunizations to children, such as polio and measles vaccines and comprehensive life-saving annual health screens, counselling, testing and referrals for HIV/AIDS, TB, diabetes, hypertension, malaria, and some cancers. It also includes deworming of children, vitamin A supplementation administration and immunizations for polio.

Other services like eye and dental examinations are included at almost all locations. Health counselling, education and referrals for follow-on care are provided as well. Distribution of insecticide treated mosquito nets, male and female condoms, hygiene packs, birth delivery kits, dental cleaning supplies and other materials are also offered to clients in areas of need and availability.

In 2018 this three-day campaign operated about 500 health camps through the efforts of over 400 Rotary Clubs and 5,000+ Rotarians, Rotaractors, and community volunteers. The sites were located across Nigeria, South Africa, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, Benin, and Uganda. Services were delivered to 423,795 patients.

In Nigeria, the program is Rotary led together with our valued partners which include the Nigeria Federal Ministry of Health, the four Rotary Districts in Nigeria, local NGOs, our

media partners and the Measurement and Evaluation partners, Zimi Community Good Health Initiative, etc.

The April 2024 RFHD Program was fully funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and supported by The Federal Ministry of Health, States Ministries of Health, Primary Health Centers and Local NGOs, we also had huge technical support from RFHA inc. They all provided personnel and material support.

RFHD Program Model - Nigeria

Primary Partners and Founders

- Rotary Family Health and Aids Prevention (RFHA) – a Rotary International Action Group
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation – Main funder
- Nigerian Federal Ministry of Health
- States Primary Health Centre
- Local NGOs

April 2024 Health Days

The April 2024 Rotary Family Health days was the fourth in the series of direct funding from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It was held for three days (16th April 2024 to 18th April 2024) all over Nigeria. This mode of funding was coming for the fourth time in the history of the program. The planning and execution however took largely similar strategy as previous programs. Regardless of this, there was special dedication and concentration of vaccination of children against polio. The team had to work with the Nigerian National Polio Plus Committee who supported with ideas to beef up with our resources. The team also had to work specially with the Federal Ministry of Health and various States Ministry of Health, pulling direct support from the department on vaccination. The program also considered Covid test and vaccination.

The demand for COVID-19 pandemic related items had to be included in the list of items purchased and distributed. In planning therefore, the planning of the April 2024 Rotary Family Health Days across Nigeria could be said to have commenced few weeks after the execution of the October 2023 edition. The National Planning Committee held series of meetings with various partners, meeting of National Steering committee comprising

District coordinators, Team Leads, Field workers, Local Authority leaders, Government personnel at various levels, local, State and National. We also communicated with all the District Governors and got their buy-in for the program. The Governors had earlier nominated their District Representatives and working with them did not pose any challenge. Periodic visits were made to community leaders whose supports were required in convincing their people to participate.

We had two prominent official launches, one in Lagos, District 9110 and the other at Benin, Edo State, District 9141. At both launches we had the privilege of having the presence of the District Governor (in District 9110 – Ifeyinwa Ejezie) and District Governor (District 9141 – Emeke Utebor, who was represented by PDG Ikponmwosa Ogiemudia) Both also had the presence of some Past District Governors, Government officials numerous Rotarians, Partners and members of the Press. Others present includes RFHA Director, PDG Jide Akeredolu, (District 9110), Nigeria and Rotaractors, members of the Press, government officials and local partners.

Both launch events were very successful and were able to meet the goals of the launch which essentially was to create further awareness for the program within the local people and the world at large. The press interviewed key participants and publicized same in some National Newspapers, The National Television and National and Local Radio stations

The meetings with the Federal and State Ministry of Health and local Primary Health centers were scheduled early.

Funding came in time to afford better planning. This also afforded the removal of periodic pressure on the program management team especially with suppliers and vendors of medical supplies and other materials. It also afforded an ease on the time for nationwide transportation and delivery of materials to various locations.

Procurement of Materials

We maintained the central procurement of materials. The advantage of this cannot be over emphasized as it allows for uniformity of materials and easy collection during supplies. As a result, all supplies were centrally procured by the Central Planning Committee to ensure the quality and standard of supplies and they were dispatched to the various Rotary District Coordinators through private dispatch logistics services providers. Most of the suppliers and vendors used were regular and preferred contacts who had in past and currently granted credit facilities to the program. We however bench marked their quoted prices with prices of other suppliers and vendors with a view to bargaining a most realistic price.

Coordinating Teams

The following committees were set up for effective coordination of the April 2024 Rotary Family Health Days at the national, district, state and club levels:

1. **National Steering Committee**

Consisting of RFHA Nigeria Officers. This includes:

The National Coordinator

National Secretary

Technical Advisor

Project Advisors

Four District Coordinators and

Assistant District Coordinators.

The Central Planning Committee has the responsibility of planning, coordinating, budgeting and strategic oversight duties over all the four Districts in the country. The Committee set overall policies, approves administrative and financial plans and liaison with national partners and cooperating organizations.

2. **District Steering Committee**

The District Coordinators are appointed by District Governors. The coordinator builds up a team that are responsible for the coordination and implementation of the program in their Rotary district geographical areas. They approve club Needs Assessment exercise, the selection of sites, and relate to local partners. They work with selected areas, regional and state focal persons. The committees prepare and

send program report to the national committee and gives their support during the 90-day impact study exercise.

3. **Club RFHD Committee**

A minimum of a 3-member committee is set up in each Rotary Club across the country and especially in participation clubs. They directly secure suitable sites with advice of local government health departments. They also coordinate program implementation at sites, seek volunteers, work with them and communicate with the district committee and report to the Club and the District Coordinators.

Planning and Implementation of the Rotary Family Health Days

Determining the Dates

The national steering committee members select possible dates based on the availability of the date and its convenience to all the Districts. Thus, the inputs of the District Governors were necessary while selecting the appropriate dates.

In the past, RFHA normally reminds them of the usual month of RFHD which for about 5 years has been third quarter of the year except for the June 2022 edition, based on prevailing climate, National events, District Governors' itinerary and other Rotary programs.

The Federal and State Ministries of Health give us free hand to pick a date but give long information to facilitate strong participation of government agencies in the programme. The April 2024 date was determined after due analysis of availability of state holders.

The program was therefore scheduled for and held from 16 April to 18 April 2024. Future RFHD may take this pattern especially when funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Selecting the Sites

As many clubs' desires to be involved, they find avenues to involve the people in their communities and new communities they have not explored in the past. The Rotary Clubs are the local people that deals directly with the people. They conduct Needs Assessments of their geographical areas. Reports are collated and discussed by all the committees set up and agreement is reached on how many sites will operate in the exact locations. Factors considered include medical gaps, needs, performance in previous years within that location, community assets, level of Rotarian involvement.

The local government health departments, State ministries of Health also provided lists of locations which service must be taken to and the areas each of them works. The locations are finalized with our partners as they offer valuable logistics and personnel support.

Project Goals

The goals of the program are multi-faceted like previous programs, and they are broken down as follow:

- To organize a 3-day general medical outreach in various locations of the country through Rotary Clubs and private organizations who desires to partner with RFHA
- To medically screen, test, immunize, counsel, and refer clients to where they can get appropriate medical treatments
- To raise awareness for polio immunization and immunize children of age zero to 5 years.
- To distribute mosquito nets to nursing mothers and pregnant ladies
- To distribute sanitary pads to ladies, especially teenage girls
- To increase the number of people who know their HIV status and refer them to appropriate health facilities,
- To increase the overall number of people exposed to various other diseases like Prostate Cancer, Tuberculosis, breast Cancer, malaria, typhoid, etc.
- To give support and boost both prevention and treatment and offer other family health related services.
- To educate people on the various health challenges that as may be offered at different locations

Project Objectives

The April 2024 program is the fourth its kind where funding is wholly out of Rotary, the Central Planning team had to adjust its regular objectives slightly to advance the area of focus of the new Partner which is Polio immunization. Effectively the objectives of the program are as follows:

- To sensitize, mobilize and effectively immunize children of ages zero to five years
- To proactively sensitize, mobilize and engage the community to ensure significant participation in the HIV counseling and testing
- Test and counsel about 130,000 people
- Set up at least 130 sites for the tests and screening
- Offer information and related materials for various diseases and conditions
- Refer clients that tested positive for appropriate care, support and treatment services
- Carry out testing and screening for other infections and diseases
- Mobilize volunteers from Rotary, Rotaract, Rotary Community Corps and communities for the events
- Seek support of RFHA's partners: USAID, CDC, the ministries of health at all three levels of government
- Create sufficient awareness in the media to showcase the work of Rotary and the Action Group in particular

Training the Teams

The Central Planning committee planned four training sessions which were held across the country for key participants including, Rotarians, Rotaractors, health workers and other volunteers. The syllabuses dealt with general health issues, data collection, testing/screening techniques, correct use of treated nets and sanitary towels, general hygiene, what is expected of volunteers at the site, what clubs must provide to augment what the Central Planning Committee is providing, methods of public image and awareness, health and safety of workers and clients, confidentiality in results, etcetera. Facilitators included Rotarians, both government and private medical experts, the consulting staff and RFHA committee members.

The best use of the designed forms for data capturing was extensively discussed.

Engaging with Primary Partners

1. The Federal and States Ministries of Health were intimated of the program early enough to get them to continue their collaboration. They were requested to mobilize the community citizens to come out for the event at the various sites, permit Rotary the use of government health facilities at sites for the tests, donate consumables like condoms, test kits and deploy some nursing and technical staff for the program.
2. The RFHA National and district committees constantly work with all Rotary Clubs, Rotaractors, the Family of Rotary and Rotary Community Corps giving information, explaining the program and mobilizing them through visits, workshops and training
3. Our media consultants prepare a viable media campaign.
4. Meetings were held with major program partners who were requested to transport the HTC services of their NGO partners to Rotary and provide other relevant support.
5. The Central Planning Committee has engaged the services of an M&E Consultant, ZIMI Community Good Health Initiative. As a cooperating partner they support with their wealth of professionalism and the various committees worked with the organization to achieve our goals
6. In support for awareness and bigger publicity, Radio and Television jingles, Fliers, posters and various communication materials were supplied to various government and primary health centers.

Program Partner Organisations

As a result of the successes of the past, the Action Group has grown in fame and more organizations are confident in dealing with us. In the program under review the following partners collaborated with us

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- USAID
- Federal Ministry of Health
- Numerous States Ministry of Health
- Local NGOs
- Faith-based organizations
 - Catholic Church
 - Muslims organization
 - Faith Evangelist
 - Grailland Movement
- Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria
- National Malaria Control Programme
- National Primary Healthcare Development Agency
- The Eye Foundation
- Power Oil
- Life Agenda
- OASIS Foundation
- Sure Dental Clinic
- University of Uyo Teaching Hospital
- Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital
- Sebeccly Cancer Care Foundation
- Amazing Care Foundation
- Health Matters Incorporation
- Hepatitis Zero (a Rotary Action Group)

Media Strategy and Plan

We had a very robust media plan in collaboration with our media partner, Core Prime Ad-Concept. Our media partners organized a nationwide coverage of the program from various sites and helped with two media interactions in Lagos State for the national launch program. The National launch event took place in Lagos and had in attendance representatives of the minister of health, Rotary and community leaders and the key partners.

The event was covered by the National Television station and International Local Televisions like Africa Independent Television, TVC and the Channels TV, national newspapers and Radio stations. There were Television interviews and Radio talk sessions at various states of the federation during the activation. Other publicity campaigns include:

- Radio jingles in colloquia English and three major local languages, Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba, radio announcements and interviews
- Pre and post event press interviews and newsreels
- Awareness campaigns in town and cities at community gatherings, markets, schools and worship centers
- Social media campaign like the Facebook and WhatsApp platforms
- Distribution of flyers, posters and banners
- Notifications and announcements in Rotary bulletins and speaking at Rotary events like Clubs President Installation, Clubs events etc.

Specifically, we utilized the following media:

PRINT:

The Guardian,
Punch newspapers
The Nation
Various local and Community based Newspapers

ELECTRONIC:

The National Television Networks
Lagos television
Africa Independent Television
TV Continental

RADIO:

Radio Nigeria
Bond FM
Eko FM
Paramount FM
Dugba FM
Kaduna FM
Asaba FM
Wazobia FM



Rotary
District 9142 Nigeria

Family Health Fair

Services will be FREE and includes:

- Polio Immunization
- Malaria Screening and Treatment
- HIV Testing & Counseling
- Haemoglobin A1C
- Diabetes & Glucose level Screening
- Tuberculosis Screening
- Vaccines & Administration
- Deworming of Children
- Identification of Immunizable treated susceptible girls
- Cervical Cancer Screening
- Breast Cancer Screening
- Prostate Cancer Screening
- Family Planning Counseling & Distribution of Contraceptives
- Distribution of Sanitary Pads for Girls
- Eye Test
- Dental Care
- Covid-19 Awareness & Sanitization

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Monitoring and Evaluation

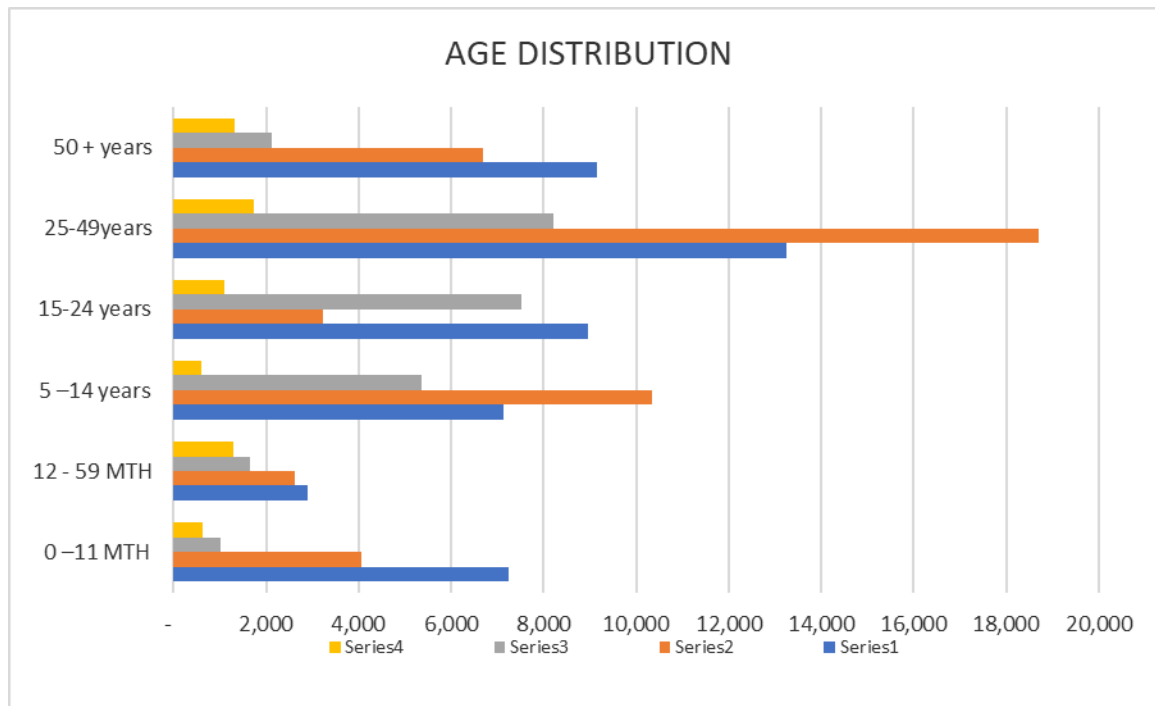
The Overall Summary

Relevant data were collected on sites by volunteers, especially health workers from our NGO partners, Rotarians and Rotaractors. The records are being analyzed for use during the 90-day Impact Study/ Exit exercise which will be conducted in July 2024. The exercise is planned to be conducted by our M&E consultant, ZIMI Community Good Health Initiative with support of the RFHA M & E Team. It will cover areas in all the Rotary Districts. When the report is received, it would be shared with all parties.

Registrations by Rotary District

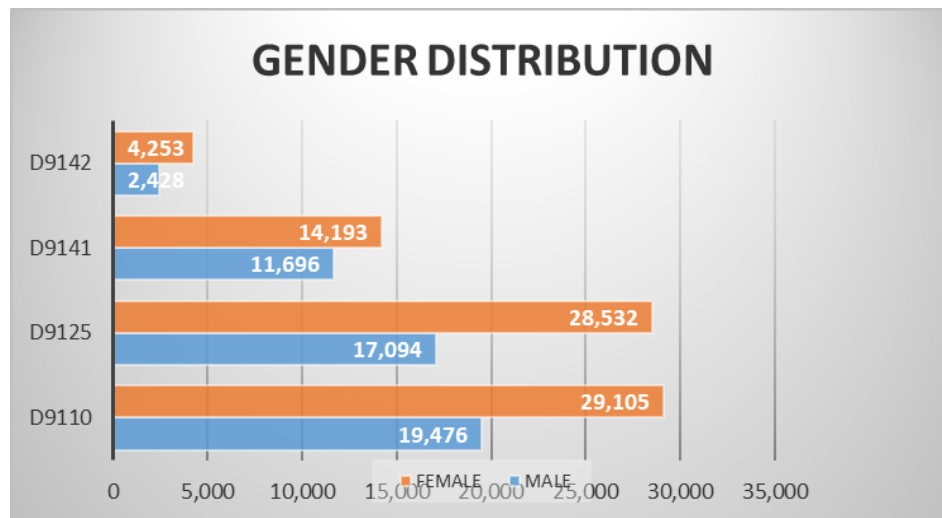
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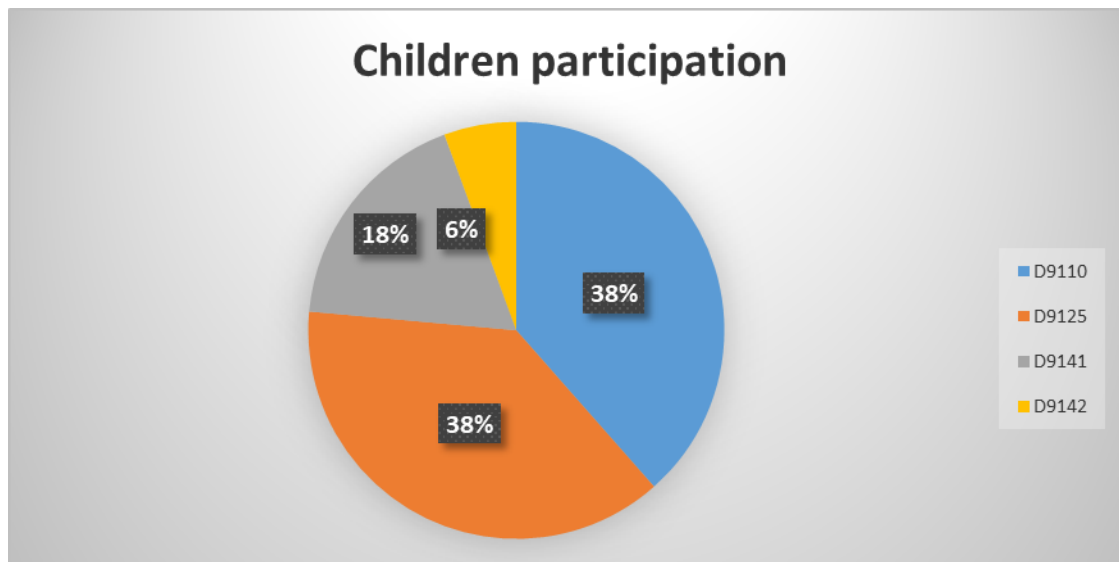
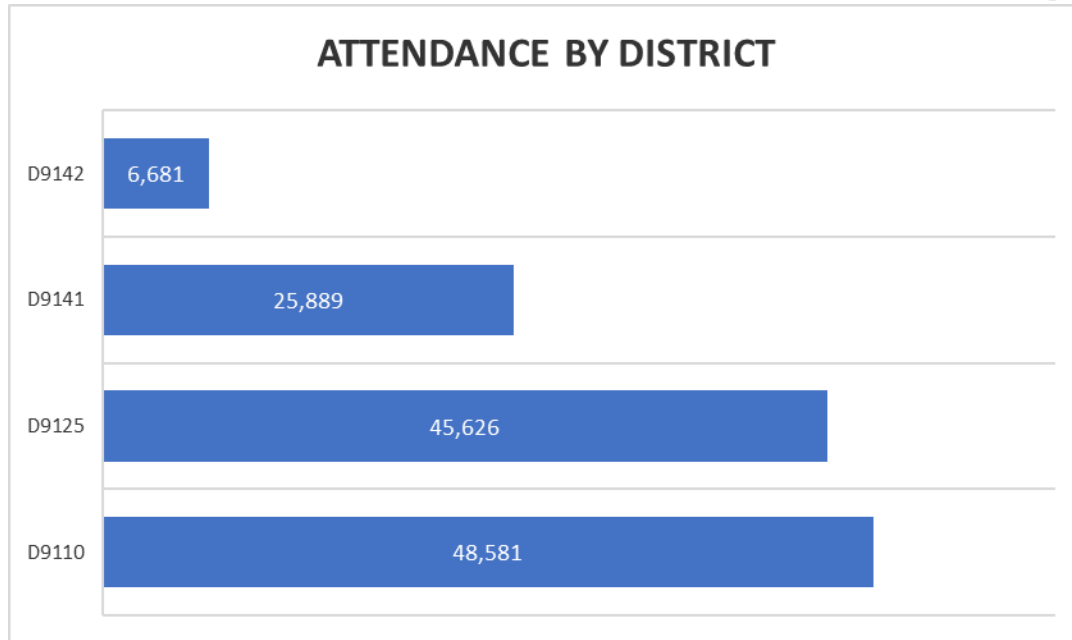
	9110	9215	9141	9142	TOTAL
0 -11 MTH	7,243	4,043	1,024	636	12,946
12 - 59 MTH	2,895	2,625	1,660	1,299	8,479
5 -14 years	7,118	10,352	5,358	587	23,415
15-24 years	8,943	3,219	7,517	1,101	20,780
25-49years	13,235	18,714	8,214	1,738	41,901
50 + years	9,147	6,673	2,116	1,320	19,256

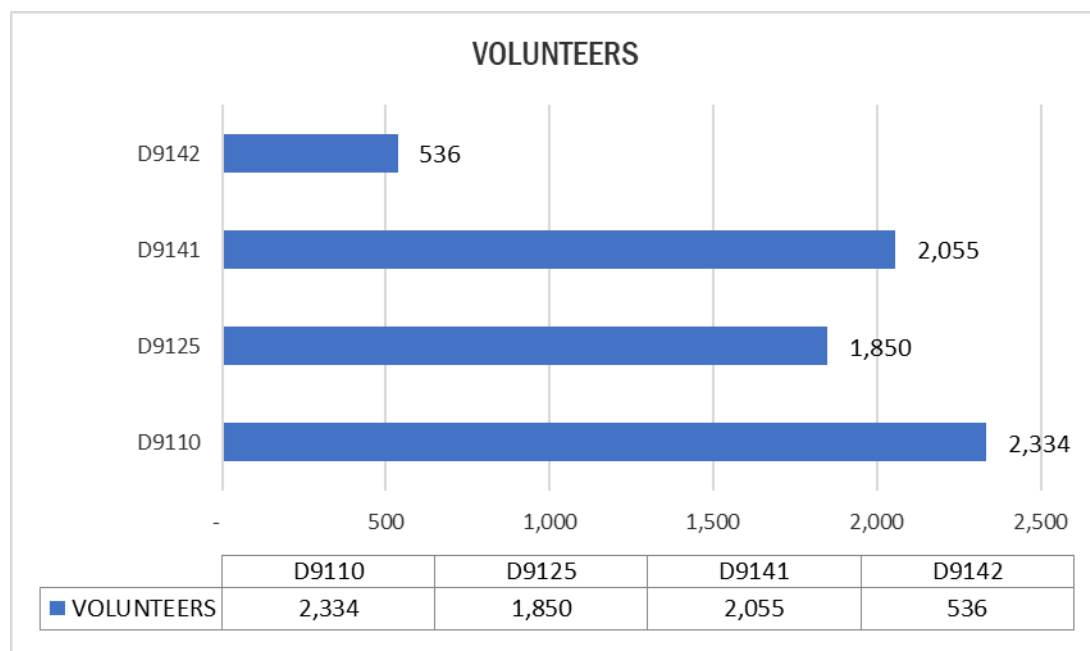


Attendance

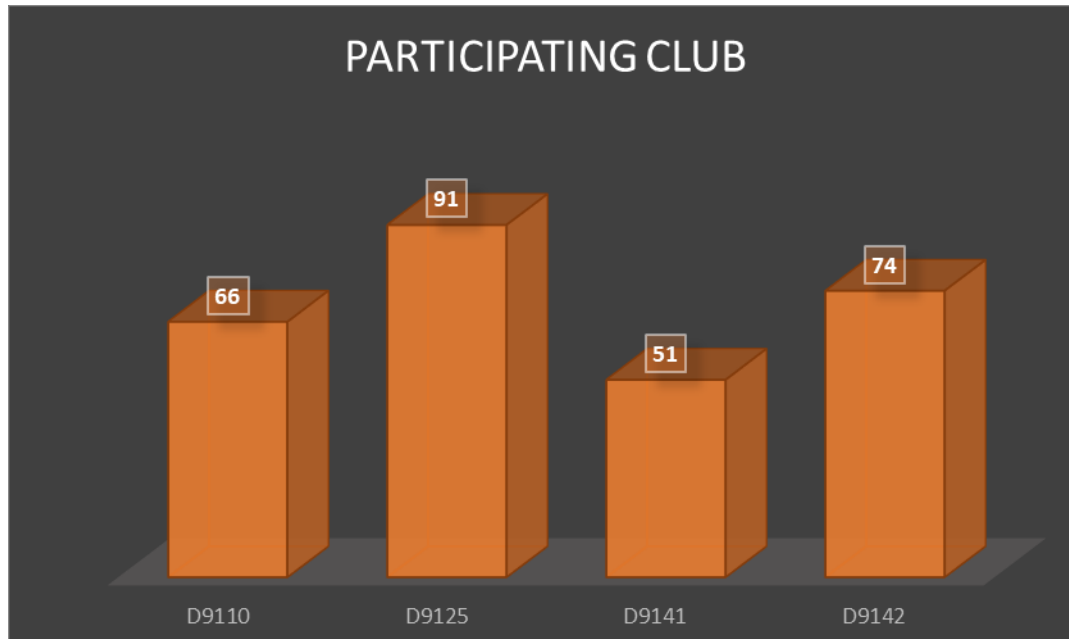
	D9110	D9125	D9141	D9142	TOTAL
	48,581	45,626	25,889	6,681	126,777
ATTENDANCE					
	D9110	D9125	D9141	D9142	TOTAL
MALE	19,476	17,094	11,696	2,428	50,694
FEMALE	29,105	28,532	14,193	4,253	76,083
	D9110	D9125	D9141	D9142	
CHILDREN	17,256	17,020	8,042	2,522	44,840
	D9110	D9125	D9141	D9142	
VOLUNTEERS	2,334	1,850	2,055	536	6,775
	D9110	D9125	D9141	D9142	
PARTICIPATING CLUBS	66	91	51	74	282
	D9110	D9125	D9141	D9142	
NO.OF SITES	53	41	16	21	131







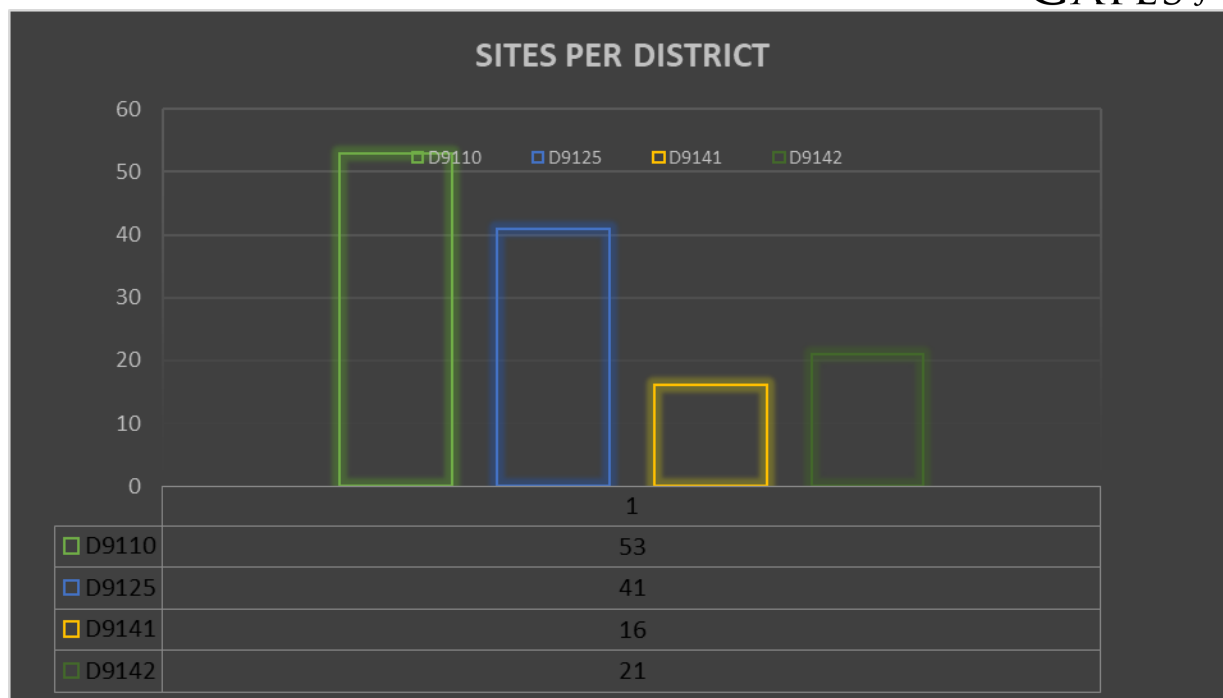
Club Participation



Sites Per District

Legend

1. District 9110 - 53
2. District 9125 - 41
3. District 9141 - 16
4. District 9142 - 21



Core RFHD Services Provided

Attendance

HIV Test / counselling	37,122
Hepatitis B Screening	26,648
Hepatitis C Screening	21,195
Malaria Test	69,796
Blood Pressure Test	80,266
Tuberculosis Screening	2,156
Polio immunization	20,633
De-worming of children	30,602
Vitamin A supplement	54,188
Vitamin B	60,000
Vitamin C	60,000
General Pharmacy	63,689
Family Counseling	34,623
Mosquito nets distribution	20,885
Condoms (FEMALE)	4,439

Condoms (MALE)	8,394
Sanitary Towels	28,411
Prostate Cancer screening	9,044
Breast Cancer Screening	29,883
Cervical Cancer screening	4,900
Reading Glasses	5,665

Rotary Add-on Services Provided

* Intervention at two Internally Displaced People's Camps	7,443
* Intervention at Correctional homes	6,752
* General body analysis/checks	800
* Nutritional education	27,397
* Distribution of "mama kits" to pregnant women	6,500
* Eye Tests	14,369
* Reading glasses	5,665
* Toothpaste	6,000
* Weight check	62,954

Service Referrals Provided

HIV Test	11
Hepatitis B	8
Hepatitis C	3
Blood Glucose	87
Eye Screening	139
Dental Care	61
Breast Cancer Screening	7
Cervical Cancer Screening	9
Prostate Cancer Screening	23
Malaria Tests	1,892
Blood Pressure Tests	1,641

Challenges and Recommendations

RFHA Nigeria requested from certain NGOs. The NGO partners came and were very active in providing counselling, testing, screening and supply of materials to various sites.

- The Federal Ministry of Health supported the program with supplies of thousands of male and female condoms, malaria Rapid Diagnostic Testing kits, IEC materials and some insecticide treated mosquito nets. It also provided facilities/ materials for polio immunization, HIV testing and Hepatitis screening.
- Most of the States ministry of Health also gave logistics and personnel support through their Primary Health Care centers
- The Society for Family Health gave support towards malaria screening
- The Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria performed the screening for cancers
- We received the required media support from RFHA Inc. This helped in no small measure to enhance our social media presence. We hope to receive more of this support in subsequent programs.
- For Monitoring and Evaluation, the support of RFHA Inc also played a significant role. The team supported in the design of training tools and data capture.
- All the four Rotary International District Governors in Nigeria gave the RFHD generous support and ample opportunities to speak at their district events, seminars and major programs

- As a result of the program we have received some requests by members of the communities to volunteer in the program and or enquiries on how to join Rotary. This is good news to Rotary and they are being followed up.

Challenges

- The greatest challenge encountered in this program is the fact that we ventured into some new and unknown areas, new people were recruited to participate. This caused some challenges that eventually led to delay in report filing. The reports were not submitted in time and our representatives had to wait for over two months before they could eventually get the reports in the formats required.
- As our primary focus was to vaccinate as many children as possible, we however could not achieve much in this area as most states recently carried out their State Polio immunization exercise. The children were therefore not allowed to present themselves for a fresh round of polio immunization exercise.
- We also encountered some challenges of high cost of materials. Since the new government took over in Nigeria in May 2023, inflation had made the cost of materials and supplies gone above budgeted estimates. The saving grace however was that the high cost was cushioned by the forex gain we had
- Accessing some rural areas continue to pose great challenges, coupled with the Current insecurity at such places. This affected our performance in such areas. It also strongly affected our collation of data and reports
- The Nigerian erratic electric power supply is still a major challenge as this greatly affects internet operation in rural areas and convenience of partners
- The program is designed to run for three days but service providers usually get overwhelmed during the last day of event and when the crowd usually builds up much more than the previous two days.

Expansion

With effect from July 2024, Nigeria would be expanded to six Districts. Hopefully, this will enable us to reach more areas in Nigeria as more will be engaged to support the program and given far reaching exposures. As a result of this we have already appointed District Coordinators to lead the additional two Districts. We also have started engaging the Incoming District Governor-Elects particularly at the recently concluded All Nigerian Rotary Convention held at Lagos in mid-February

Conclusion

Regardless of the pockets of challenges encountered, the April 2024 program was a huge success like previous editions. The Central Planning committee members were excited with the outcome of the Rotary Family Health Days. It turned out to have attracted more awareness and acceptance.

As usual, the program turned out to be a great experience both for Rotarians and the public we serve. Not minding the time and other resources put into it, the team was determined to make it an excellent program that it turned out to be.

Effectively,

- We achieved most of the goals of the program.
- Some clients were able to get referrals for medical follow-on, treatments and care.
- Awareness of the program has been generated more than previously and more access has been made as a result of this program
- Clients at various communities are in dire need of our services as it is helping them in knowing their health status which in turn has reduced the health anxieties and the cost of keeping healthy and encouraged lifestyle changes
- Rotary awareness in some communities was increased and in some an affirmation of Rotary's good deeds in the community.
- Participating Rotarians felt fulfilled to be part of the program
- As a result of the program some members of some communities are now attending Rotary meetings with a view to becoming members.

NEW AREAS DISCOVERED

We intensified effort in the new areas previously discovered and attempt more new areas especially in the north part and the South Southern regions. The effort in getting to these new areas that we have not reached can therefore be said to be justifiable. The Rotarians and non-Rotarian volunteers that made these happen at the various locations indeed deserves our commendation.

Recommendations

Following the demand by the community members we would like to recommend that

1. The next program be approved for the first quarter of the next Rotary year in August 2024.
2. The Funding be released not later than first week of August 2024 to enable us to have ample time to plan and get prepared for the August 2024 edition.
3. The funding be increased by about 20% to cushion the current inflationary trend in the country which has affected all line items of our medical supplies and cost of administration.

Appreciation

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Acronyms

AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
CBO	Community Based Organisation
CDC	Centres For Disease Control and Prevention
CHW	Community Health Worker
EPI	Expanded Programme on Immunization
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus
HCT	HIV Counselling and Testing
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HIVDR	HIV Drug Resistance
HTS	HIV Testing Services
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
M&E	Monitoring And Evaluation
MMC	Medical Male Circumcision
NCD	Non-Communicable Diseases
NDOH	National Department of Health
NDP	National Development Plan – Vision 2030
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
OVC	Orphaned And Vulnerable Children
PCA	Provincial Council On AIDS
PEPFAR	United States Presidential Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief
PIP	Provincial Implementation Plan
SANAC	South African National Aids Council
STI	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
TB	Tuberculosis
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme On HIV/AIDS
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USG	United States Government
UTT	Universal Test and Treat
VCT	Voluntary Counselling and Testing
WHO	World Health Organisation

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