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Title: CDC and Nigeria partner to increase COVID-19 vaccination

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***Dr. Ifedayo Adetifa, Director General, Nigeria Center for Disease Control says:*** *COVID highlighted the vulnerabilities in countries even in the strong ones and showed that we cannot respond to a pandemic without concerted or collaborative, coordinated effort.*

***Dr. Faisal Shuaib, Executive Director, National Primary Healthcare Development Agency says:*** *Right from Day 1, the U.S. CDC, USAID U.S. Government as a whole, stood, you know, side-by-side with the Nigerian government in planning out and actually implementing that response, whether it was in terms of building capacity, the financial support. Specifically, the U.S. Government also donated millions of doses of COVID-19 vaccines. But apart from donating these vaccines, the U.S. Government was also involved at national and sub-national level with the distribution of these vaccines.*

***Dr. Omotayo Bolu, Program Director, Global Immunization Division Program-Nigeria says*:** The U.S. CDC in Nigeria has contributed significantly on many fronts to the COVID-19 vaccination plans and rollout. The teams at CDC worked with the Government of Nigeria to determine how vaccines would come in, how they would be distributed, what states would get what vaccines, and in what quantities.

***Mary Beth Leonard, US Ambassador to Nigeria says:*** So far, I believe we’ve brought in about 27 million vaccines which is the largest number that has come from any single source, and we have about another 12 million coming. With the arrival of the vaccines, we sat together with our Nigerian counterparts to figure out how could we work well and effectively with states to figure out where vaccines needed to go, and how we could best influence residents of those states to come and take their vaccines.

***Victoria Nuland, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, US Department of State says:*** *With lots of buses like these, we will go to markets and make the vaccine available to people who otherwise might not have taken the trouble to get vaccinated.*

**Dr. Rejoice Luka-Lawal, COVID-19 Incident Manger, Nigeria Center for Disease Control says:** We may not be where we want to be, but definitely we are not where we were 3 years ago, and this is courtesy of U.S. CDC training on capacity building on technical support. I want to appreciate U.S. CDC for their efforts towards achieving health security in Nigeria.

***Dr. Mary Boyd, U.S. CDC Country Director-Nigeria says*:** In as much as this has been a challenging period, it has also been an opportunity to grow, an opportunity to see what is possible when we put our support to a country that is ready and has a vision to succeed.

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