

**SPEECH OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE FEDERATION (SGF) AT THE OFFICAL LUNCH
OF NIGERIA AIDS INDICATOR AND IMPACT SURVEY
(NAIIS), AT THE ASO ROCK PRESIDENTIAL VILLA, ON
THURSDAY 28TH JUNE 2018**

Protocols:

Today is another historic day in the annals of the administration of President Mohammadu Buhari and Nigeria as a country, as we are here gathered for the launching of Nigeria AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey (NAIIS)- which has been termed the largest HIV/AIDS survey in the world!

2. Nigeria has made progress over the years in generating quality data that robustly inform policy, planning. and implementation of evidence-based measures in our unwavering pursuit to control and end the HIV epidemic in our country. This determination towards ending the HIV epidemic gave rise to the establishment of National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA), in 2007, to coordinate the country's multi-sectoral response to this public health challenge that has been stifling developmental efforts in Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa. Coincidentally, my office provides supervision and oversight to NACA, and I am proud of its efforts and achievements in galvanizing all relevant stakeholders towards effective control of this monstrous epidemic in our country.

3. Getting to where we are presently in our national HIV/AIDS response and efforts at conducting this survey have been a

collaborative achievement of NACA, the Federal Ministry of Health, development partners and the international community. Rightly, therefore, our special appreciation goes to the development partners whose financial and technical support to our national HIV/AIDS response has made significant impact in controlling the epidemic and launching our country on the path of achieving quality universal health care coverage and prosperity. On behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria, I wish to sincerely thank the United States Government, which through the US CDC has been providing enormous financial, technical and human resources to support the Nigeria AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey. The financial support of the Global Fund to this survey is equally greatly appreciated.

4. Furthermore, the Federal Government appreciates the hard work of the Surveys Steering Committee, ably chaired by the Honourable Minister of Health, Prof. Isaac Adewole, and the DG NACA, Dr. Sani Aliyu, for providing incredible leadership. We are also deeply grateful to the survey Technical Committee and the Project Implementation Team (PIT) that have been working tirelessly to provide technical guidance to the University of Maryland, Baltimore, (UMB) consortium of Implementing Partners.

5. Similarly, we acknowledge the warm cooperation and buy-in of all the State Governors in Nigeria, their Commissioners for Health and Executive Secretaries/Project Managers of State Agencies for the Control of AIDS (SACAs) towards the successful conduct of this very important survey in their States.

6. Mr. President, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, we are very confident that the results of this survey would go a long way in helping policy makers, program managers and funding agencies to further understand the dynamics of HIV in Nigeria and be able to synergize with the government to end HIV/AIDS by year 2030 in Nigeria.

7. In view of the foregoing, I am greatly delighted and honoured to invite His Excellency, Mohammodu Buhari, President of Federal Republic of Nigeria to the podium to formally launch the Nigeria AIDS Indicator and Impact Survey.

Thank you

Barr. Boss Mustapha

Secretary to the Government of Nigeria