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AN EDSPHCDA NEWSLETTER



Photo Caption: Middle; Coordinator of the Office of the First Lady, Mrs Edesili Okpebholo Anani, Left, Edo State Hon Commissioner of Health, Dr. Cyril Adams Oshiomole, and right, the Executive Secretary EDSPHCDA, Dr. Coulson Oahimire Osoikhia in a group photograph at the Measles-Rubella Meeting in JOOPSA.

Feature Story

MEASLES-RUBELLA PUBLIC SENSITIZATION MEETING

The Office of the First Lady, Edo State in Collaboration with the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA) and Partners Host Measles—Rubella Public Sensitization Meeting at JOOPSA, Benin on thursday, the 27th of November 2025.

The meeting focused on raising a statewide awareness on the importance of the Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine as part of the effort to eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases in children. The event recorded a large turnout from stakeholders such as partners, nursing students, market women, civil society groups, religious and traditional leaders, the media, academia, professional health associations, representatives from the Office of the First Lady, and variouus Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs).



Notably, key development partners including C-WINS, WHO, UNICEF, IVAC, JSI, and Corona Management Systems, provided technical support that was instrumental in the execution of this impactful advocacy and sensitization effort. Spouses of the LGA Chairmen will replicate this sensitization meeting to ensure penetration at the lower levels ahead of the MR vaccine rollout in January 2026.







NOTE FROM THE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

As we close the year 2025, I want to express my deep appreciation to His Excellency, Governor, Monday Okpebholo, Deputy Governor, Hon Dennis Idahosa, Coordinator of the Office of the First Lady, Mrs Edesili Okpebholo Anani, Hon Commissioner for Health, Dr Cyril Adams Oshiomole and my Board Chairman, Dr. Odiase Ehiabhi for their strong support towards Primary Healthcare in Edo State. Their leadership has given our Agency the backing we need to strengthen Primary Healthcare across all communities.



DR. COULSON OSOIKHIA Executive Secretary, EDSPHCDA

In the last quarter of the year 2025, we have made steady progress in key areas such as PHC uggrades, data reviews, vaccinations, routine immunization, health education, community engagement, partner collaborations, drug revolving fund (DRF) programme aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of Edo people.

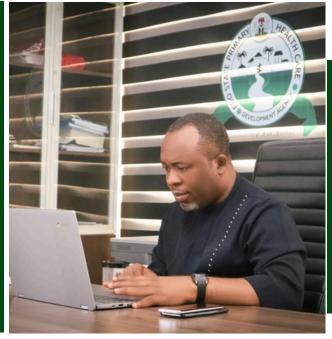
Special thanks to our partners like WHO, UNICEF, NPHCDA, C-WINS, JSI, IVAC, Corona Management, Carter Center, World Bank and numerous other health partners, community leaders, religious leaders, media, civil societies, ward development committees (WDC), MDAs and key stakeholders that have continued to stand with us, your work remains the reason why primary healthcare continues to grow stronger in Edo State.

Yes, we faced challenges in 2025, but we also showed resilience. With your continued support i can assure you, we will do even better in 2026.

Special thanks to all our primary healthcare workers in Edo State, you are heroes and I salut your bravery and hardwork.

We look forward to the planned introduction of the Measles-Rubella vaccine in January 2026 as we continue our mission to protect every child in Edo from vaccine preventable diseases. encourage you to read this newsletter and informed about activities, stav our achievements, and upcoming plans.

On behalf of the entire management and staff of the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



STATE PHC TASKFORCE MEETING



Photo Caption: Middle; His Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Edo State, Hon. Dennis Idahosa, 2nd from the right, Edo State Hon Commissioner for Health, Dr. Cyril Adams Oshiomhole, 4th from the right, EDSPHCDA Board Chairman, Dr. Odiase Ehiabhi; 5th from the right, EDSPHCDA Executive Secretary, Dr. Coulson Oahimire Osoikhia, Ist from the right, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Governor, Dr. Pius Alile at the PHC Taskforce Meeting at Festival Hall, Government House, Benin City.

The Edo State Primary Healthcare Agency (EDSPHCDA) held its third quarter Primary Healthcare Taskforce Meeting at Festival Hall, Government House, Edo City to discuss the current state of Primary Healthcare (PHC) activities in the State.

The meeting took place on Thursday, the 4th of December 2025, and was presided over by the Taskforce Chairman for Edo, His Excellency, the Deputy Governor of Edo State, Honourable Dennis Idahosa. Other dignitaries included the Chairmen of the 18 LGAs. EDSPHCDA Directors & Staff, Development Partners, Some Medical Officers of Health, Media,

Members of the Civil Societies, Traditional Leaders, Religious Leaders, Heads of MDAs and their staff, representatives of Health Organizations, as well as Health Union Leaders. The Deputy Governor, Hon. Dennis Idahosa reaffirmed the commitment of the Governor, of Edo State, His Excellency, Senator Monday Okphebholo in strengthening PHC to deliver quality care to its people.

Hon Idahosa also commended the efforts of all key stakeholders in ensuring that PHC in Edo State works while calling on the 18 LGA Chairmen to take ownership of the healthcare of their communities by





committing resources and efforts to drive health indicators forward at the grassroots level.

In recognition of their efforts towards the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination and Cervical Cancer Prevention in Edo State, awards were presented to the top three performing LGAs. The third-place award was won by Igueben LGA, while the second place went to Ovia North East LGA,

and first place was awarded to Etsako Central LGA. The awards were received by the respective Local Government Chairmen.



ETSAKO CENTRAL (HPV AWARD) 1ST pOSITION



OVIA NORTH EAST (HPV AWARD) 2ND pOSITION



IGUEBEN (HPV AWARD) 3RD pOSITION

EDSPHCDA MAIDEN BOARD MEETING



Photo Caption: 4th from the left, EDSPHCDA Board Chairman, Dr. Odiase Ehiabhi, 6th from the left, Executive Secretary, Dr. Coulson Osoikhia and some members of the Board of Directors, Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA) in a group photograph at the maiden Board Meeting held at JOOPSA.



Our goal as Board
Members is to position
the Agency to deliver
quality healthcare to the
people of Edo, ensuring
that we build a better
Agency moving forward.

Dr. ODIASE EHIABHI EDSPHCDA BOARD CHAIRMAN



SETTING A NEW DIRECTION FOR EDSPHCDA

On Wednesday, 26th November 2025, the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA) held its first Board Meeting at the John Odigie Oyegun Public Service Academy (JOOPSA). The meeting aimed to discuss the Agency's affairs, provide leadership, and oversee its challenges while restructuring the Agency to improve its service delivery, motivate its workforce, and enhance the health outcomes for the people of Edo State, ultimately leading to better client satisfaction.

During the meeting, the Chairman of the Governing Board, Dr. Odiase Ehiabi, welcomed the members present and emphasized the importance of the meeting. He stated, "We are here as Board Members to support the vision of our Governor, His Excellency Senator Monday Okphebholo, in healthcare. Our role is not cosmetic, but to provide strategic leadership, guidance, governance, and oversight in the management and utilization of resources."

A presentation was made by the Executive Secretary's office, offering an overview of the Agency's activities, and programs. Discussions followed on various issues, including staff welfare, discipline, the challenges faced by the Agency as well as recommendations for moving forward.



Pictured 2nd from the left, EDSPHCDA Board Chairman Dr. Odiase Ehiabhi and some Adhoc Board Members

ISS, QOC ASSESSMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN BHCPF/IVIPACT FACILITIES



Photo Caption: ISS/Q0C Supervisors in a group photograph with the healthworkers in PHC Anegbete, Etsako Central

The Edo State Government, in partnership with the World Bank commenced a comprehensive initiative to enhance the quality of care and data management at primary healthcare facilities across the state in October 2025.

The initiative included Integrated Supportive Supervision (ISS), Quality of Care (QOC) Assessment and Community Engagement Support, as part of the Immunization Plus and Malaria Progress by Accelerating Coverage and Transforming Services (IMPACT) Project plan to improve service delivery at the primary healthcare centers across the State.

During an interview at his office in Ezoti Street, Benin City, Dr. Idemudia Osayomore, the IMPACT Program Manager for Edo State, emphasized that this three-part exercise is a key collaboration between the Edo State Government, led by His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Edo State Governor Senator Monday Okphebholo and the World Bank.

He noted that the initiative is designed to strengthen the State's primary healthcare system, improve the quality of care, and foster greater community involvement in healthcare delivery.



In October 2025, A team of assessors, clinical mentors, and other healthcare experts visited BHCPF/IMPACT supported facilities across the state to collect data on clinical management, human resources, infrastructure, and the overall quality of care provided

They supervisors provided on-the-spot supervision for health workers, focusing on areas such as data visualization, and offered refresher trainings on clinical topics like hypertension management during pregnancy, posttpartum hemorrhage,

partograph usage during labour, neonatal resuscitation, management's of febrile disease in children as well as infection prevention and control.

Grievance Redress Committees was officially established at all 146 BHCPF/IMPACT facilities.

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These committees will provide a formal process for patients and clients to submit complaints and ensure timely feedback is heard and properly documented. The aim is to address issues related to healthcare quality, mistreatment, delays, and abuse.

Health Educators led the effort, ensuring that at least one Ward Development Committee member was appointed to each committee.

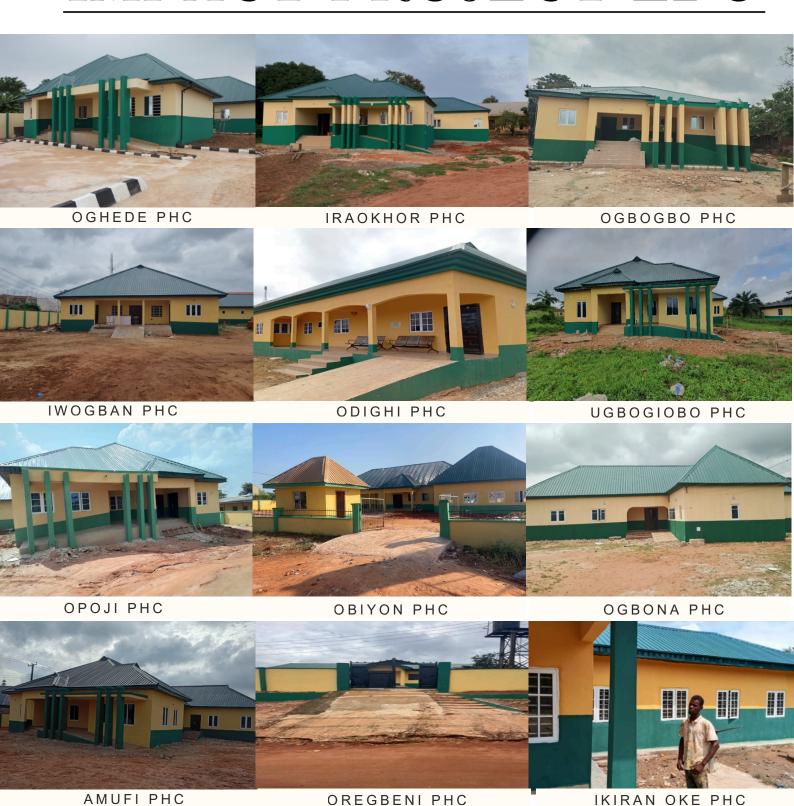
It is expected that the committee will also work with the health workers to educate the community on how to report grievances effectively and encourage reporting of gender-based violence, including sexual assault.





SOME REVAMPED PHCS UNDER THE

IMPACT PROJECT EDO



IMPACT PROJECT EDO



FREE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

At BHCPF/IMPACT-Supported Primary Healthcare Centres across Edo State.

Free Services Offered:

- Antenatal Care (ANC)
- · Normal Delivery
- · Family Planning
- Routine Immunization Services
- Health Education
- Malaria Testing & Treatment (Available at ALL PHCs)

Visit your nearest BHCPF/IMPACT-Supported PHC today and access quality care at no cost!

Let's Build a Healthier Edo Together.



Basic Health Care Provision Fund/IMPACT Facilities offer the range of free services such as:

Free Services

- · antenatal care
- Normal Delivery
- Family Planning
- Routine Immunization
- Health Education
- Malaria Testing and Treatment at all PHCs

Visit the facilities and take advantage of the free services being offered.

At the facilities, you will also see a range of services offered that are not free pasted on the wall.

If you have any complaints, please contact the EDSPHCDA Help Line:

08033437714

and you will be attended to.











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The Edo State Government, through the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA), organized the First Lady's Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Schools' Competition across the 18 LGAs.

This event was in partnership with organizations like UNICEF, WHO, and JSI as well as Corona Management System.

The competition took place across all LGAs from Tuesday, November 18th to Friday, November 21st, 2025, under the theme "Protecting Our Girls, Securing Their Future."

HPV Schools Competition Across the State.

The initiative was important to encourage vaccination to protect young girls in Edo State from Cerviccal Cancer.

Each of the 20 schools selected at the LGA sent 2 girls aged 9, along with 1 teacher to represent each school, making a total of 40 pupils and 20 teachers per Local Government Area (LGA).

The competition format included a quiz and oral questions. Each LGA will have its own judging panel, along with a Supervisory Support team led by the Local Health Authority.

The top 3 best students from each LGA will move on to compete in the State Competition.





HPV VACCINATION.



FREE HYDROCELE SURGERY

The Edo State Government in collaboration with The Carter Center (TCC) through the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA) conducted free hydrocele surgeries for confirmed cases across the state. This initiative is part of the State Government's ongoing efforts with support from the Carter Center (TCC) to restore the health and dignity of Edo males who are affected by this condition. The surgery flag-off began on November 3rd 2025, and the surgery was carried out at Ubiaja General Hospital, Esan South East LGA, Fugar General Hospital Etsako West, Iguobazuwa General Hospital Ovia South West.







A team of surgeons led by Dr. Otoijamun Fred Iredia, Dr. Daniel Odekina, and Dr. Daniel M. Moses, successfully carried out the surgeries at Ubiaja General Hospital, Fugar General Hospital and Iguobazuwa General Hospital.

A big thank you to the Director Carter Center Edo/Delta Dr. Emmanuel Emukah, the Honourable Commissioner for Health, Dr. Cyril Adams Oshiomhole, the Executive Secretary EDSPHCDA, Dr. Coulson Oahimire Osoikhia, the Executive Secretary, Hospital Management Agency Dr. Tenebe, the surgeons who volunteered their services as well as the State and LGA NTD Coordinators. Carter Center, Hospital Management Agency and all EDSPHCDA health workers that contributed to the success of the Free Hydrocele Surgery in Edo State.



Mr. Sunday Nweke, Beneficiary of the free Hydrocele Surgery.

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Mr. Gideon Nweke, Beneficiary of the free Hydrocele Surgery.

MEET SOME OF THE BENEFICIARIES.

Meet Mr. Sunday Nweke. from Esan South East, a beneficiary of the Free Hydrocele Surgery. He stated that he had suffered from hydrocele for 9 years prior to the free surgery and is very grateful to the Edo State Government, the Carter Center, the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA), Hospital Management Agency and the team of surgeons and health workers that contributed to the success of his surgery. He prayed that God bless His Excellency, Senator Monday Okpehollo for helping him.

Meet Mr. Gideon Opek, a 68-year-old man from Ibillo, Akoko Edo, a beneficiary of the Free Hydrocele Surgery. He expressed gratitude to the Edo State Government, the Carter Center, the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA), the Hospital Management Agency and the team of surgeons and health workers that contributed to the success of his surgery.

A total of 34 Free Male Hydrocele Surgeries were carried out. 17 at Ubiaja (Esan South East), 8 in Fugar (Etsako Central) and 9 at Iguogbazuwa (Ovia South West) Local Government Areas respectively.

MNCHW STATE FLAG-OFF 2025

The Edo State Government, through the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA), officially flagged off the Second Round of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Week (MNCHW) on Friday, 28th November 2025, at Ekiosa Primary Healthcare Center reaffirming the State's commitment to protecting and improving the health and well-being of mothers, newborns, and young children.

The ceremony was attended by the Executive Secretary EDSPHCDA, Dr Coulson Osoikhia who was represented by the Director, Disease Control and Immunization, Dr Efeomon Eseigbe, the Acting Chairman Oredo LGA Hon. Engineer Gabriel Idusere who was represented by the Secretary of the Local Government, Mr. Alexander Osayi, Medical Officer for Health Oredo LGA Dr. Mavelson Obasogie, development partners such as WHO, UNICEF, and NPHCDA, alongside health and nutrition associations, health workers, key stakeholders, mothers, and caregivers.



PHOTO CAPTION: A GROUP PHOTOGRAGH OF EDSPHCDA DIRECTORS, MEDICAL OFFICER OREDO, NUTRITION KEY STAKEHOLDERS & PARTNERS AT THE MNCHW 2025 AT EKIOSA PHC, BENIN CITY.

The MNCHW campaign delivered a wide range of free services, including vitamin A supplementation, Micronutrients Supplements (MMS) for pregnant women, growth monitoring, free antenatal and postnatal care, family planning, counselling on home care, screening for malnutrition, and HPV immunization for 9-year-old girls to protect them against cervical cancer.

Giving of Vitamin A to Kids Under 5 and MMS to Pregnant Women





HEALTH WORKERS TRAINING ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT



NPHCDA and Partners Train Health workers on Financial Management System (FMS) at JOOPSA

The National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA) and its partners have developed the Primary Healthcare Financial Management System (FMS) for the management of financial activities in BHCPF facilities.

Edo state was chosen as a pilot state to implement the financial management system. The system will help to manage revenue projection, quarterly business plan preparation and costing, income and expenditure management, funds retirement and general financial analysis with the financial management system, approval of Quarterly financial business plan will become automated with tracking from NPHCDA, SPHCDA, LGA and the facility.

The participants were drawn from the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (SPHCDA), Edo State Health Insurance Scheme (EDOHIS), Project Financial Management Unit (PFMOs), National Fellows (NF), LGA Medical Officers of Health, M&E officers, LGA Accountants, Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) Facility Managers and their Ward Development Committee (WDCs).





STANDING STRONG FOR THE HEALTH WORKFORCE

MHWUN EDO STATE COUNCIL



PHOTO CAPTION: 6TH FROM THE LEFT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EDSPHCDA, DR. COULSON OSOIKHIA, 7th FROM THE LEFT COMRADE OSAGIE OGBEIDE, CHAIRMAN MHWUN EDO STATE COUNCIL IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH MHWUN UNION LEADERS EDO STATE COUNCIL AT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S OFFICE, EZOTI, BENIN CITY

MHWUN Leaders Edo Council

The Medical and Health Workers Union of Nigeria (MHWUN), Edo State Council has continued to play a vital role in protecting the interests of health workers across the state. Their efforts ensure that health workers have a sense of belonging and the support needed to serve the public effectively.



While holding members accountable to high standards of service, the union also speaks up on issues that affect members safety, welfare, and productivity. As we close the year, the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency appreciates the dedication and courage shown by the MHWUN Edo State Council union in championing the wellbeing of health workers.



MHWUN has raised important concerns such as the security of health workers, preventing workplace assault, ensuring the implementation of the new minimum wage and its arrears, supporting timely promotions, and calling for the union inclusion in the Primary Healthcare Board etc. It is important to note that some of these demands have already been addressed by the Government and we are hopeful that the remaining ones will be achieved in 2026.



PARTNERSHIP FOR BETTER HEALTHCARE



In Edo State, improving Primary Healthcare is a shared responsibility, and the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency continues to benefit greatly from the strong support of our development partners and key stakeholders.

Their commitment has helped us reach more communities and improve services in areas such as routine immunization, maternal and child health, cervical cancer prevention, neglected tropical diseases, health promotion, essential medicines, training, and disease surveillance.

We express our sincere appreciation to all our partners and key stakeholders for their steady support and dedication. Your contributions continue to make a meaningful difference. Thank you for walking with us on this journey of strengthening PHC in Edo in 2025. We look forward to building stronger collaboration in the coming year 2026.

As we move forward into 2026, we welcome new partners and stakeholders who are willing to join this effort. Your support can help expand our reach, strengthen our programmes and improve health outcomes for more families in Edo State.









STRONGER TOGETHER

TRAINING OF DRF COMMITEE MEMBERS

On October 31st, 2025, the Edo State Primary Health Care Development Agency (EDSPHCDA) held a training session for its Drug Revolving Fund (DRF) Committee at the Executive Secretary's office in Ezoti. The aim of the training was to strengthen the committee's capacity to manage the DRF across primary healthcare centers in the state.



PHOTO CAPTION: Pictured 7th from the left, Executive Secretary, EDSPHCDA Dr Coulson Osoikhia, Pharmacist Enadeghe, Director/Program Manager Essential Drugs Program, Hospital Management Agency, pictured 6th from the left, Director Essential Drugs and Logistics Pharmacist Eruaga Valentine pictured 5th from the left in a group photograph with the members of the DRF Committee at the EDSPHCDA Headquarters, Benin City.

The training session was facilitated by Pharmacist Enadeghe who gave an overview of DRF operations, including procurement procedures for essential medicines from initiation to closeout, as well as strategies for effective DRF fund management.



Coordinator of the Office of the First Lady Handing Over Donated Medical Supplies to EDSPHCDA.

DONATION OF MEDICAL CONSUMABLES TO EDSPHCDA

As part of an ongoing effort to improve healthcare delivery in Edo State, on the 11th of November 2025, Her Excellency, Mrs. Edesili Anani Okpebholo, Coordinator of the Office of the First Lady partnered with the Chinese Community in Edo State to donate medical supplies to the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency (EDSPHCDA).

Receiving the donation on behalf of the Executive Secretary EDSPHCDA, Dr. Coulson Oahimire Osoikhia was Dr. Efeomon Eseigbe, the Director, Disease Control and Immunization EDSPHCDA.

Dr. Eseigbe expressed his gratitude to His Excellency, Senator Monday Okpebholo, the Executive Governor of Edo State for the support towards improving healthcare in Edo State. He also thanked Mrs. Edesili Anani Okpebholo for her relentless efforts in ensuring healthcare reaches the grassroot, especially to the vulnerable.

Dr. Eseigbe further expressed appreciation to the Chinese Community for their generous donation assuring that the donated medical supplies and commodities would be put to good use. The donated items included syringes, plasters, cotton wool, medications, intravenous infusions, hand sanitizers, disinfectants, and many more will be distributed to various PHCs.

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EDSPHCDA HEALTH WORKERS

Every day across Edo State, Primary Healthcare workers show up with courage, patience and a deep sense of duty, touching lives in ways many people may never fully see or understand. Today, permit me to salut these heroes of our healthcare system who treat, comfort and educate our communities to live healthier lives.

You are the reason Primary Healthcare continues to stand firm in every community, your collective work is helping to build a stronger, safer, and healthier future for Edo people

We salute you. We appreciate you. We want you to know that your work, truly matters. Keep going.









FUN MOMENTS

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LEADERS



DR. ODIASE EHIABHI EDSPHCDA BOARD CHARIMAN 19TH OCTOBER



DR. COULSON OSOIKHIA
EDSPHCDA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
3RD DECEMBER







AMPLIFYING OUR VOICES FOR BETTER PUBLIC HEALTH





Uniting our voices for a healthier Edo.

At the Edo State Primary Healthcare Development Agency, we work every day to make sure people across Edo hear the right health messages. With our dedicated team of health educators, town announcers, and Local Health Authorities led by the Medical Officers of Health across the 18 LGAs, and with strong support from our development partners, we take simple, clear information to homes, markets, schools, churches, and public places.

We advocate for better care, promote prevention, and remind communities about services at PHCs, insurance options, and lifesaving vaccines. Together, we are raising our voices to protect the health and wellbeing of every Edo resident.



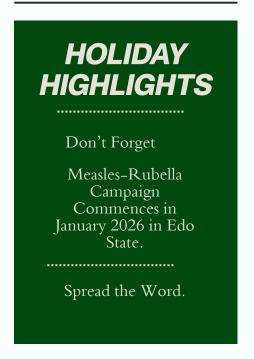


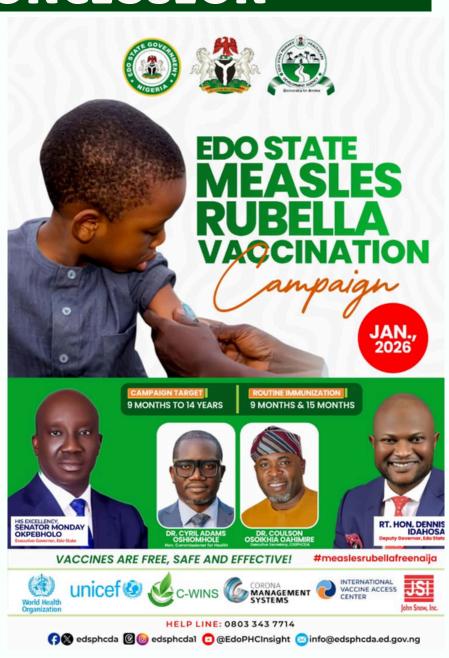


CONCLUSION

DEAR READERS

As we round off this october to december edition of our newsletter, we look forward to sharing more Primary Healthcare updates in 2026. Thank you for reading. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





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