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U.S. Mission Nigeria Rolls Out Global Health Initiative (GHI)

The U.S. Mission to Nigeria rolled out its Global Health Initiative (GHI) program for Nigeria on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at a reception hosted by the Deputy Chief of Mission. Deputy Executive Director Katherine Monahan of the U.S. State Department's Global Health Initiative Office visited Nigeria for the roll-out, also attended by Nigerian government officials, civil-society, and non-profit organizations as well as representatives of other donor countries.

The GHI will expand U.S. global health commitment by focusing on five areas for delivery of meaningful results, including disease prevention and treatment, health systems, maternal and child health, neglected tropical diseases, and increased research and development.

The GHI aligns closely with the government of Nigeria's National Strategic Health Development Plan (NSHDP) for 2010 to 2015. The U.S. Government will focus and prioritize its health assistance through the NSHDP in close collaboration with the Nigerian Government and other national and international development partners to accelerate positive health outcomes for the most vulnerable.

Specifically, the program will prioritize three key areas, including reduced maternal, neonatal, and child mortality and morbidity; decreased unintended pregnancies; and reduced incidence of communicable diseases (HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria).

The U.S. government will continue its collaboration through the GHI to increase the effectiveness of its work with the Nigerian government to strengthen the health sector in the country.

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