PATIENT PATHWAY

Church-led community awareness.

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Screening for skin lesion.

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Identification of suspects for skin-neglected tropical diseases.

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Referral to designated PHCs for diagnosis and treatment.

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Referral of complicated cases to christian mission hospitals.

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Integration of persons affected into peer support group for psychosocial support.

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Provision of psychosocial support to peer support group members.

OUR INNOVATIVE APPROACH

- Co-creation.
- Church-led awareness and outreaches
- Strenghtening referral systems.
- Peer support groups.
- Social inclusion.

TRACK

Leveraging local church networks to strengthen skin Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) control.

LOCATION

Etinan and Ibiono Ibom Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Akwa-Ibom State, Nigeria.

DURATION

12 months (July 2025-June 2026)

FUNDER

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PROJECT TITLE:

PARTNERING WITH NETWORK OF LOCAL CHURCHES IN ACTIVE CASE FINDING AND HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT OF SKIN-NEGLETED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTDs).



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OUR PARTNERSHIP

Hope Rises International (HRI) and RedAid Nigeria (RAN) are partnering in Akwa Ibom to combat skin NTDs through local churches. The collaboration focuses on community awareness, screening, case finding, referral and holistic managment to improve health, social inclusion and well-being.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Train church leaders on identification of skin-NTDs.
- Support monthly outreaches for skin-NTD awareness and screening.
- Distribute SBCC (Social and Behavior Change Communication) materials.
- Establish and strengthen peer support groups.
- Integrate skin-NTD education into church activities.

EXPECTATIONS

- Church leaders trained.
- Align mission hospitals for referrals.
- At least 80% of diagnosed patients receive psychosocial counselling.
- At least 50% of cases linked to peer support groups.
- At least 100 affected individuals linked to 10 peer support groups.

