

Nigeria, US sign MoU to conduct health survey

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The Federal Government, Nigeria has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United States (U.S.) to conduct national health indicator and impact survey to determine the accurate number of people infected with HIV in Nigeria.

The Minister of Health, Dr Isaac Adewole, the Director-General, National Agency for the Control of AIDS, Dr Sani Aliyu and the US Ambassador to Nigeria, Stuart Symington, signed the agreement in Abuja.

The survey, which will be the largest HIV research to be conducted in the whole world, will involve 170,000 people. It will also cover Hepatitis B and C and will also assess the uptake of HIV services among the population and estimate the prevalence of HIV related risks behaviour in the 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The National HIV and AIDS Indicator and Impact Assessment Survey is scheduled to start from June.