

**GRASSROOT APPROACH;
*EVERY WOMAN SHOULD
KNOW HER RHESUS GROUP***



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WHO ARE WE?

We are a charity organization registered in Nigeria. Since 2007, we have worked hard on preventing Perinatal Morbidity/Mortality and Maternal Morbidity arising from Rhesus Incompatibility through awareness, counseling and intervention.





VISION: A Nation where Rhesus incompatibility no longer counts as a cause of Perinatal Morbidity/Mortality and Maternal Morbidity.



MISSION: To be a foremost organization promoting awareness and prevention of Rhesus incompatibility and its associated conditions.

OBJECTIVES

- To create and promote awareness on the importance of knowing the blood group, genotype and Rhesus factor as part of our identity.
- To identify and counsel rhesus negative persons (with particular emphasis on teenage girls and women of reproductive age)
- To reduce the incidence of Rhesus disease.
- To promote and encourage the selfless spirit of voluntary blood donation
- Inspire global attention to Rhesus Disease

OUR STRATEGY

We believe prevention is better than cure.

Prevention

Cure



TARGET GROUPS



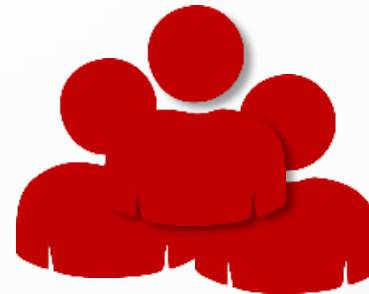
Community



Institutions



Individual/one on one



Change Agents

WHERE WERE WE?

- Very little or No level of awareness on Rhesus factor amongst the populace and even community birth attendants
- Little or no access to good health facilities and inadequate counseling where they exist
- Lack of Interest on the part of Government and Agencies based on assumption of low prevalence of Rhesus negativity, hence no policies, support and/or funding
- Trauma and stigmatization due to repeated loss of pregnancies and babies which may eventually lead to broken marriages and homes.
- Wrong typing of blood group and rhesus status due to human error or deficient materials

WHERE WERE WE? Contd.

Unaffordability and Inaccessibility of Rhogam injection. The cost of a vial is almost twice the minimum wage/PM

2009: Cost of Rhogam:	N13, 000 (\$81)	Minimum wage/PM in Nigeria:	N7500 (\$47)
2015:	N19, 000 (\$83)		N18, 000 (\$78)
2018:	N32, 000 (\$88)		N18, 000 (\$49)



WHAT WE ARE DOING?

ACITAR



AWARENESS



COUNSELLING



INTERVENTION



TRAINING



ADVOCACY



RESEARCH

AWARENESS: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Enlightenment talks on Radio, Television
- Over 100 awareness programs



AWARENESS: SCHOOL OUTREACH

- Students from Over 400 secondary schools reached through 4 districts out of 6 Education districts.



AWARENESS: WALK FOR LIFE

Annual road show to promote public awareness and commemorate Rhesus factor day on the 12th of May every year



COUNSELLING

- Over 3000 rhesus negative women have benefitted from free counseling (one on one) at the RSI office.
- 58% came with their husbands for the counseling



INTERVENTION: DONATION OF FREE RHOGAM

Over 1600 FREE
Rhogam injections
donated across
different Health
facilities



INTERVENTION

FREE BLOOD GROUP AND RHESUS STATUS TEST:

Over 5000 people tested and issued blood Group card



TRAINING

VOLUNTEERS: Over 50
volunteers trained.



**TRADITIONAL BIRTH
ATTENDANTS:** over 500
TBAs, RBAs and CBAs
trained



ADVOCACY

Advocacy visits to Relevant Health Agencies, Government Officials and Stakeholders.



Visit to Former First Lady of Lagos State, MRS. ABIMBOLA FASHOLA

RESEARCH

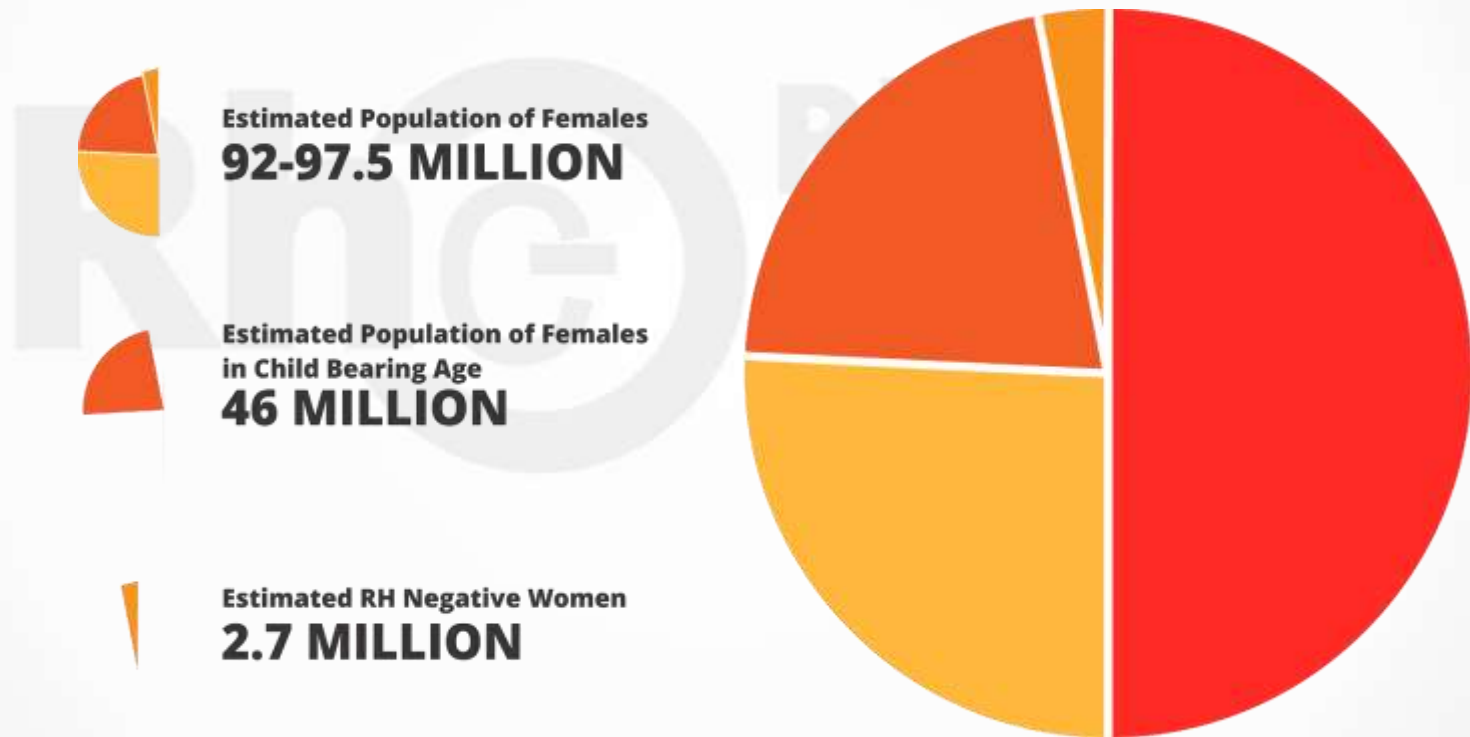
No published National data on Rhesus negative prevalence or burden of the disease in Nigeria due to insufficient research, awareness, training, support platforms and feedback mechanisms.

- From our field testing in Lagos, 323 of 5,420 people tested were Rh negative. (RSI DATA)



- **5.96% Rhesus Negative Prevalence**

RESEARCH PROJECTIONS (PREVALENCE)



184-195 million (Estimated Population of Nigeria in 2018)

MULTIPLE SOURCES: NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION, UNITED STATE BUREAU OF CENSUS, WORLD BANK, CIA
WORLD FACT BOOK

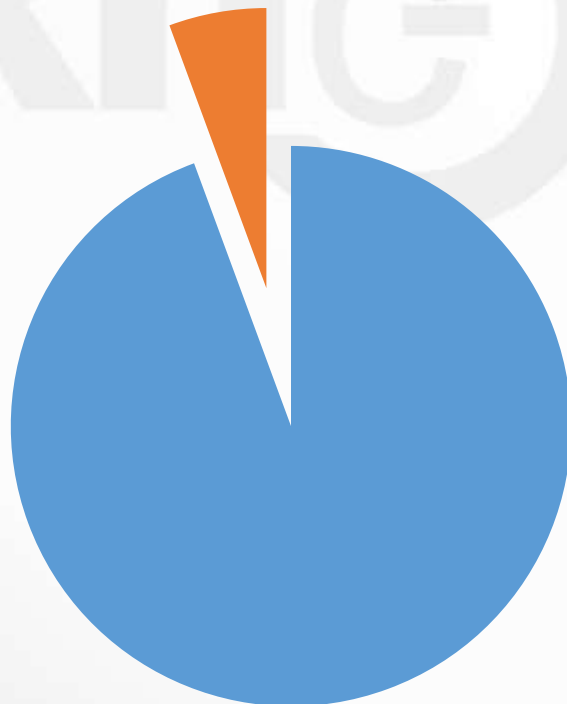
RESEARCH PROJECTIONS (BURDEN OF DISEASE)



- Birth rate of Nigeria in 2017 was 36.9/1000 births

(CIA WORLD FACTBOOK)

If the population of Nigeria is 190million in 2017



■ Estimated Number of Births 7, 011, 000

■ Estimated Number of Births who may be at risk of Rhesus disease. 417, 856

MOVING FORWARD



Continuous awareness at all levels and providing intervention to target groups



Encourage the testing of babies born to Rhesus negative women at birth



Government and other stakeholders to provide Rhogam injection FREE or at affordable prices at health facilities



Training health care providers particularly Laboratory personnel and community birth attendants



Building a global momentum to influence policies and actions at all levels in order to eliminate Rhesus Disease in developing countries

MOVING FORWARD



Initiate and support research to gather relevant statistics for supports and interventions



Increase awareness on voluntary blood donation drive



Building Stakeholders partnership locally and internationally



Having a dedicated day designated internationally to promote attention and awareness on Rhesus Disease

CONCLUSION

Our humanitarian activities are focused on reducing the incidence of Perinatal morbidity/mortality and maternal morbidity arising from rhesus iso-immunization. We hope this will ultimately contribute to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 to “ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”.

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