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COI QUERY RESPONSE

NIGERIA – HEALTH/TB

An article published by the *Punch* in July 2024 points out that: “Tuberculosis popularly known as TB is an infectious disease that usually affects the lungs. Symptoms include coughing, phlegm, and more. Nigeria ranks top in TB burden in Africa and number six in the world. Despite Nigeria accounting for the high burden of the disease, the country still has a 70 per cent funding gap in TB with only six per cent of the National TB budget coming from domestic sources.”¹

Business Day in July 2024 states that: “Several hospitals in Nigeria are jammed due to lack of sufficient facilities and bed spaces for patients.”²

This document also states that: “Nigeria has 34,076 primary health centres (PHCs), but only a quarter are functioning...”³

In July 2024 *Science Nigeria* states that: “The director of public health in the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare...has reported that, for the first time, Nigeria’s National Tuberculosis (TB) Programme has surpassed its targets.”⁴

This document also states that: “Despite progress in case identification and governmental efforts, significant challenges remain, impacting the country’s poorest and most vulnerable populations.”⁵
This article also notes: “...a dire shortage of diagnostic cartridges and TB medicines...”⁶

¹ The Punch (16 July 2024) FG, private sector plan \$50m funding to combat TB, p.1

² Business Day (16 July 2024) Nigeria confronts worst health crisis in decades, p.1.

³ *ibid*, p.2

⁴ Science Nigeria (15 July 2024) Nigeria’s TB Programme Hits Historic Milestones Amidst Looming Crisis – FMoH Official

⁵ *ibid*

⁶ *ibid*

In June 2024 the *World Bank* states that: “Nigeria’s health outcomes are low and have been stagnant for some time.”⁷

This document also states that: “...the level of [health] coverage is...very low...”⁸ This report also points out that: “Physical access is limited, especially in some parts of the country.”⁹

Business Day in June 2024 states that: “Over 33percent of Nigeria's workforce is said to be under threat of tuberculosis epidemic but funding for treatment to curtail the growing menace seems to dry up.”¹⁰ This document also states that: “In Nigeria, only few persons can afford TB treatment.”¹¹

In June 2024 the *United States Agency for International Development* comments on: “...weak health care systems...”¹²

A paper issued in May 2024 by *Environmental Health Insights* states that: “...Nigeria’s growing population brings with it a plethora of other health issues...These include increasing pressure on the healthcare system, a worsening environmental deterioration that results in pollution and resource depletion, difficulties brought on by fast urbanization, such as crowded living conditions and poor sanitation, risks to food insecurity that lead to malnutrition...”¹³

The *WHO* in March 2024 points out that: “Nigeria has the highest TB burden in Africa. The disease kills 268 people in the country every day. Yet TB cases are under-reported, increasing the high risk of transmission. It is estimated that one missed case can transmit TB to 15 people in a year. The gap in case detection is mostly among children, due to some health workers at facility and community level not sufficiently skilled to detect childhood TB, as well as a lack of awareness among families and communities. TB services are also not fully integrated into routine children’s health services, such as nutrition and immunization programmes.”¹⁴

An article published in *Development and Change* in January 2024 states that: “Nigeria’s healthcare system is amongst the worst performing in the world...”¹⁵

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⁷ World Bank (24 June 2024) Human Capital Public Expenditure and Institutional Review, An analysis of financing and governance constraints for the delivery of basic education and primary health care in Nigeria, p.6

⁸ *ibid*, p.7

⁹ *ibid*, p.8

¹⁰ Business Day (23 June 2024) As treatment cost rises to N34m per patient: Over 33% of Nigeria's workforce under threat of tuberculosis epidemic, p.1

¹¹ *ibid*, p.2

¹² United States Agency for International Development (21 June 2024) Nigeria – Complex Emergency Fact Sheet #3 2024 [Key Developments], p.2

¹³ Environmental Health Insights (1 May 2024) Navigating Nigeria’s Health Landscape: Population Growth and Its Health Implications, p.1

¹⁴ WHO (23 March 2024) Intensifying new initiatives for TB case-finding in Nigeria

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