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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

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BY FOIA PORTAL

U.S. Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services
Freedom of Information Act Office
Submission: pal.foia.state.gov/app/Home.aspx

SUBJECT: FOIA request: U.S.-Nigeria health data-sharing and implementation records

Dear FOIA Officer,

Global Scenes Reports (GSR), an independent news organization based in Vienna, requests records under 5 U.S.C. § 552 concerning the health cooperation memorandum and separate specimen-sharing agreement signed by the United States and Nigeria on December 19, 2025. Copies of the main memorandum and specimen agreement are publicly available; this request focuses on referenced attachments and implementation records needed for accurate public reporting. Please search the Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy, Embassy Abuja, and other likely State Department custodians. The requested period is September 1, 2025, through October 1, 2026, unless a responsive operative agreement predates it.

Please provide: (1) the complete executed memorandum, its appendices and any amendments, side letters or successor instruments; (2) every executed, final, or current draft bilateral data-sharing arrangement referenced in section 2.5.2 and Appendix 5, with associated data dictionaries, privacy, hosting, access, onward-transfer and retention protocols; (3) the implementation plan contemplated by section 3.1 and any approved revisions; (4) the rules, membership and decision criteria of the data and specimen governance committee referenced in section 2.1.2; and (5) records sufficient to identify U.S. requests for Nigerian specimens or related data, approvals, actual transfers and any sharing with non-government U.S. recipients, including dates, categories, and recipients, without seeking identifiable patient records.

Please include any State Department records assessing Nigerian data protection law, NAFDAC's product evaluation and inspection powers under the programme, and records sufficient to show amounts of U.S. assistance obligated and disbursed pursuant to this memorandum. If an instrument is not yet concluded or a category of records does not exist, please identify that fact; no new analysis is requested.

GSR requests treatment as a representative of the news media and a public-interest fee waiver under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A). Disclosure will inform public reporting about health data, specimens, regulatory safeguards and public spending, not a commercial interest. Please notify us before incurring fees exceeding \$25. Release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions, identify the basis for any withholding, assign a tracking number and send electronic records to **office@gscreports.com**.

Yours faithfully,

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