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PRESS RELEASE

The Minister of Public Health, Dr. MANAOUDA Malachie, hereby announces the commencement of the data collection phase for the Cameroon Population-Based HIV Impact Assessment (CAMPHIA). This is an initiative of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, conducted through the Ministry of Public Health from August 2024 to February 2025 with the aim to comprehensively evaluate HIV infection within the population aged 15 years and above through a nationally representative sample.

In 2017, Cameroon and many other African countries conducted the first CAMPHIA survey which provided key findings leading to strategic and programmatic decisions in HIV/AIDS control.

The primary objective of CAMPHIA 2024 is to estimate national and regional prevalence of HIV viral load suppression (VLS), while secondary objectives include estimating national HIV incidence and prevalence, examining HIV-related behaviours and attitudes, identifying demographic determinants of HIV prevalence. Hence, the evaluation of progress made towards reaching the 95-95-95 targets in terms of HIV screening, treatment initiation and viral load suppression among the targeted age groups in the surveyed regions. Therefore, CAMPHIA 2024 stands as an element of guidance in eliminating the HIV infection by 2030.

This survey underscores Cameroon's commitment to thoroughly understand the dynamics of the HIV epidemic and provide adapted response, document the best public health interventions, and strengthen our healthcare systems.

The survey will cover 512 enumeration areas (EAs) nationally, including 15,360 randomly selected households (HHs) totaling approximately 28,405 individuals. Trained CAMPHIA 2024 medical teams and survyors identifiable through their MOH-labelled t-shirts and vests will visit selected households. HIV testing and counseling with same-day result return shall be offered.

While highlighting the survey's significance in improving thealth services and combatting HIV/AIDS nationwide, the Minister of Public Health arges selected quiseholds to participate in this survey.

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