

Lagos HPV Vaccination Factsheet (2025)

Protecting Every Girl. Sustaining the Gains. Financing the Future.

Why Lagos Matters

Lagos, home to over **2 million girls** aged 9–14 (1+ million aged 9), holds one of Nigeria's largest pre-adolescent and adolescent populations. As an urban, economically advanced state with mixed public–private health delivery, Lagos offers both the scale and systems maturity to effectively deliver sustained HPV vaccination and protect our girls from cervical cancer, the second deadliest cancer among women in Nigeria. But to protect our girls, Lagos must prioritize HPV vaccination and act now to sustain campaign gains.

What's Working

- ✔ Strong PHC system with immunization as its foundation.
- ✔ Consistent mapping, microplanning, and monitoring at state and LGA levels.
- ✔ Strong collaboration across multiple levels of governance, ministries, and partners.
- ✔ Robust monitoring supported by digital tools.
- ✔ Dedicated PHC workforce sustaining delivery.
- ✔ Reliable cold chain and logistics systems.
- ✔ Inclusion of digital tools, improving accountability and tracking.

Where the Gaps Are

- ⚠ No dedicated budget line for routine immunization, including HPV vaccination
- ⚠ Insufficient mass media campaigns during routinization allow misinformation to spread unchecked.
- ⚠ Shortage of personnel specialized in immunization, school health and adolescent care
- ⚠ Decline in community led engagement and demand generation for the routinized HPV vaccine
- ⚠ Suboptimal transition to fully digital and automated systems for data tracking and monitoring

Why We Must Act Now

Cost of Inaction - HPV Vaccination in Lagos



Human Toll

~800 - 1000 preventable deaths in Lagos annually



Household Burden

Families face ₦7.5 million+ in treatment bills, plus transport and lost income



Health System Strain

Oncology centers in Lagos overstretched with limited chemo/radiotherapy slots



Productivity Loss

Women in their 30s-50s lost during prime working and caregiving years



Missed Savings

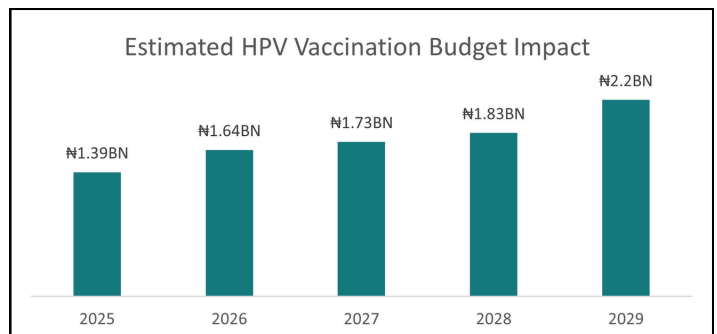
Skipping a ₦9,381 vaccine today = millions in future treatment costs



Lifetime Risk

Girls who miss HPV vaccination face a 20–30x higher lifetime risk of cervical cancer

HPV Vaccination Costing Analysis (2025 - 2029)



The financial impact of HPV vaccine delivery varies considerably across states influenced by factors such as population size, delivery strategy, and inflation assumptions. The projected 5-year cost to vaccinate the target population of 936,941 9-year-old girls by 2029 is **₦8.8 billion**. For 2025, this cost is estimated at **₦1.39 billion**, representing **0.6% of the ₦221.4 billion approved state health budget**.

To meet its target population, Lagos requires a steady increase in health expenditure. The state must pair sustained budget allocations with bold public–private partnerships and innovative resource mobilization to close the HPV financing gap and protect future generations of women and girls from cervical cancer.

What Stakeholders Can Do

State Policymakers & Legislators: Create and ring-fence a dedicated Routine Immunization budget line under the Medium-Term Sector Strategy; increase Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) allocation for health to ensure sustainable HPV vaccination funding; drive pro-vaccine messaging; amend Lagos' School Health Policy to legally anchor HPV vaccination.

Ministry of Health & LSPHCB: Launch a HPV dashboard for real-time coverage and financing data.

Education & School Authorities: Embed HPV vaccination in school calendars, train teachers, and ensure PHC access into schools.

Development Partners & NGOs: Align support with the ₦8.8BN target, fund digital tools, and support outreach.

Private Sector & Philanthropies: Co-finance logistics and amplify HPV messaging through CSR platforms.

Community Leaders & Mobilizers: Use grassroots channels to mobilize, counter misinformation, and secure consent.

Civil Society & Grassroots Networks: Track refusals, dispel myths, and ensure hard-to-reach girls are included.



"Every girl missed today is a woman at risk tomorrow."

