

CALABAR CANCER REGISTRY



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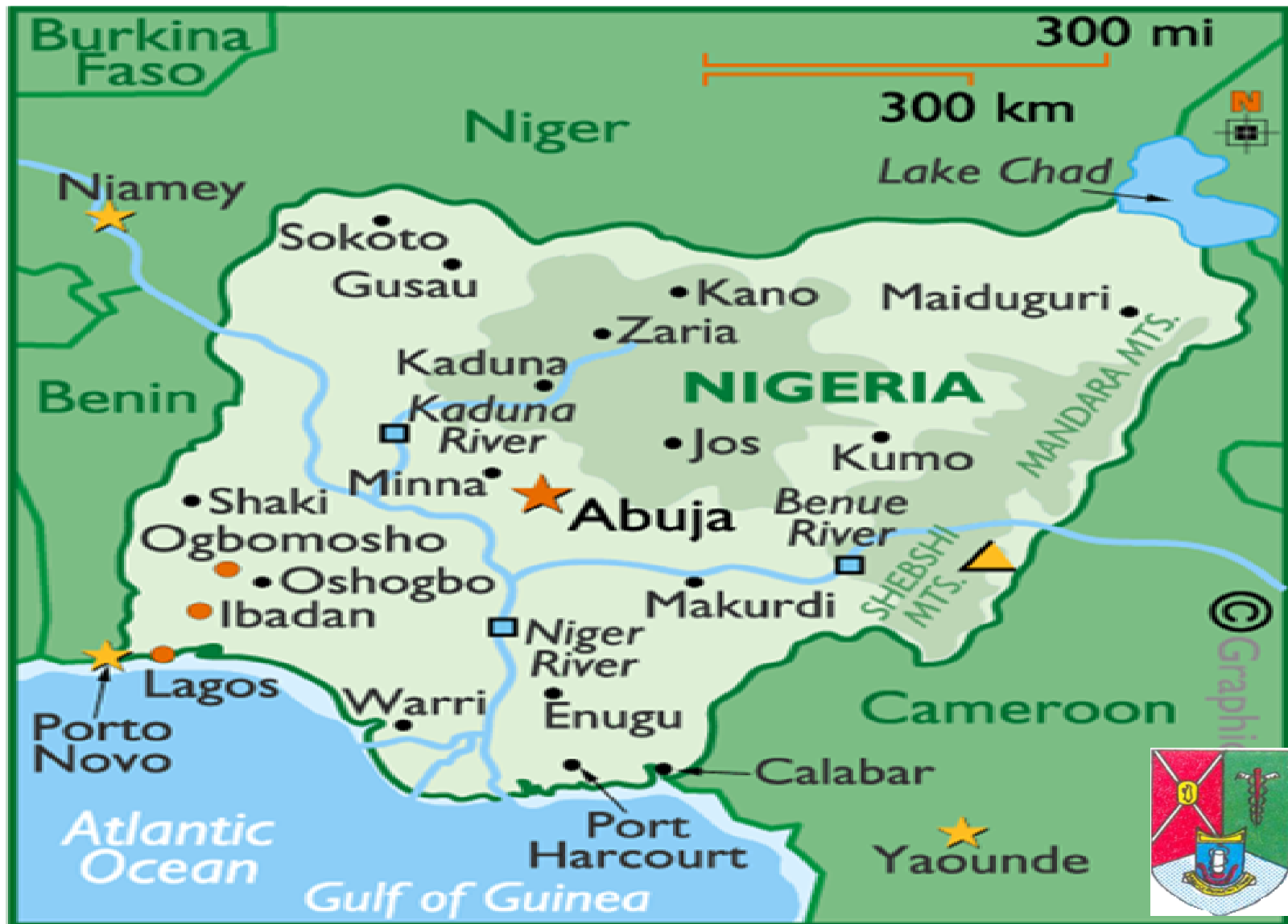
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NIGERIA

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MAP OF NIGERIA



POPULATION SIZE: 140 Million(2006 Census)

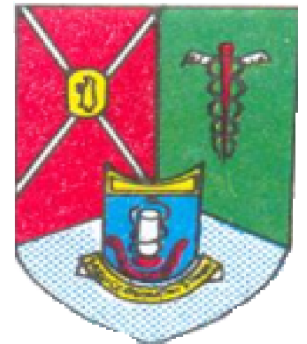
BACKGROUND

- **LOCATION:** Department of Pathology
- **PIONEER DIRECTOR:** Prof. Ed' B Attah a Pathologist
- **YEAR REGISTRY STARTED:** 1983 as Hospital Based.
- **TYPE:** Population - Based Registry since 2004
- **POPULATION COVERAGE:** Six local governments; Akamkpa, Akpabuyo, Biase, Calabar Municipality, Calabar South, and Odukpani local government areas.
- **POPULATION SIZE:** 1,155,169(Source: National Population Commission 2006 census)
- **STAFF:** Director, Consultant Pathologist, Acting Registrar(SAS) Clerical Officer, Youth Corper (Data entry clerk)
- **DATA COLLECTION:** Active case finding by registry staff



OBJECTIVES

- To engage in active data collection on all new cancer cases
- To provide counselling services to cancer patients and their families
- To create awareness on the warning signs and causes of cancer
- To facilitate the formation of a cancer patient support group



ACTIVITIES

- To engage in active data collection on all cancer cases
- To provide counselling services to cancer patients and their families
- To create public awareness on the warning signs and causes of cancer
- To facilitate the formation of a cancer patient support group
- To store, analyse and disseminate information on common cancers in the community



CHALLENGES

- Accomodation inadequate
- Personnel not adequate
- Transportation nil
- Manpower development occassional
- Funding irregular
- Advisory committee newly formed
- Lack of vital statistics
- Patients' addresses inaccurate
- Age of patients often unknown or inaccurate, birth certificates not available for verification
- Death certification not compulsory
- Population census data difficult to obtain
- Lack of political will to support cancer registration by Govt



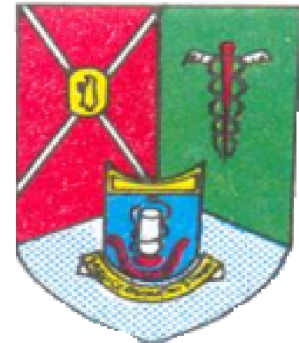
NEEDS

- Space for office accomodation
- Additional staff viz:
epidemiologist, Nurse,
computer operator/secretary
- Transportation e.g. field
vehicle
- Communication facilities
including internet access
- Financial support for office
maintainance and staff
emolument
- Manpower training in cancer
registration and epidemiology
- Annual budgetary allocation by
Government



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