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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A Public Health professional specializing in Medical demography, with over seven years experience in the design, implementation and evaluation of public health programmes; provision of technical assistance in the areas of Population and Development, Primary healthcare, Health promotion and Education, Nutrition, Reproductive Health and Health Systems Research (quantitative and qualitative) in different geographical areas of Nigeria; also serving as an independent consultant to indigenous and international organizations.

INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED AND QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED:

- **Doctor of Philosophy** (PhD) in Public Health: Medical Demography (**In view**) University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- **Master of Public Health** (MPH: M.phil) in **Medical Demography** with a specialty in Population and Reproductive Health (2011) University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.
- **B.Sc. Biochemistry** (2005) , Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2015- date Assistant Lecturer, **Department of Public Health, Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences, University of Calabar**

- Teach Public Health and demography to undergraduate students of Public Health
- Supervise undergraduate research projects and thesis
- Secretary, Departmental Research committee
- Assistant coordinator for the Bachelor of Public Health Programme

August 2012 to July 2015 Consultant, **SHE-ELVES Research & Data Consult / Cooper and Williams Consulting**

- Provide professional Public Health Consulting services
- Provide technical assistance for Public Health Research- Data management and analysis
- Plan, implement and evaluate Public health projects
- Build the capacity of health workers and professionals

February- August 2012 **Programme Officer (Regional), Catholic Medical Association of Nigeria ,Calabar**

- Overall Head of Administration of regional office
- Carried out day to day activities of CMAN regional office and Personal Assistant to the CMAN National President
- Initiated and developed programmes based on guidelines and expectations from the National office
- Represented CMAN at Governmental and NGO levels
- Developed working relationships and collaborative programmes with other organizations
- Advised management on programming opportunities through on-going environmental scan and opportunity mapping
- Produced monthly and annual reports (narrative and financial)
- Undertook fund raising and other functions delegated by the CMAN officials

June 2010 to November 2011: **Regional representative (Abuja), Action Family Foundation**

- Oversaw and monitored regional projects and reported directly to the CEO;
- Coordinated the office activities; supervision and training of staff and volunteers;
- Report writing; Dissemination of project outcomes to stakeholders and development partners;
- Fostered collaborative relationships between the organization and health facilities, ministries, CSO's and other public and private sector organizations;

- Organized workshops, conferences and other forums for consultations with key stakeholders.

January 2009 - June 2010: Program Officer, **Action family foundation**

- Proposal and report writing;
- Monitoring and evaluation of projects;
- Supervision and training of volunteers and medical waste management team;
- Research, Collection, collation and analysis of data;
- Coordinating of Advocacy and sensitization campaigns

Sept 2006- August 2007 **Federal Medical Centre, Azare, Bauchi State.** (NYSC)

- Worked in the Pathology Department/**PEPFAR** /immunology laboratory)
- Phlebotomy, Chemical Pathology Laboratory Analysis, CD₄ count for PLWHA ;
- Daily maintenance and Quality assurance of Cyflow machine.

2006- 2007: Peer Educator, **NYSC/ UNICEF Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Project**

- Training and mentoring of secondary school students' Anti- AIDS clubs- peer educators;
- Advocacy and Sensitization Campaigns in Public and Private sector and Civil Society Organizations and other Community Based Organizations;
- Organising and coordinating support Group Meetings for PLWHA and PABAs, collaborating with SACA's and LACA.

August -December 2004 Student Trainee, **N.N.P.C Clinic**, (Laboratory Division)

- Phlebotomy, Haematology, Chemical Pathology and Microbiology Units,

CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE

March – October 2016: Consultant to **Endocrine and Metabolism Society of Nigeria (EMSON)**, Cross River state Chapter

- Organized the Annual scientific conference and general meeting of the association (**EMSON CALABAR 2016**)

July – October 2015 Consultant, **The World Bank Group, Abuja Nigeria**

- Led the state team in undertaking a diagnostic research on Institutional Assessment and stakeholder analysis on resource tracking at the local level of PHC delivery in Niger state, including Qualitative research in four Local Government Areas in Niger state
- Led the fieldwork research for Niger state as well as Led the authoring and co-authoring the state report and synthesis report, respectively

November 2014- Feb 015: Consultant to **Nigerian Association of Nephrology (NAN)**, Cross River state Chapter

- Organized the Annual scientific conference and general meeting of the association (**NANCONF 2015**)

November to December 2014: Consultant to Cross River State, Ministry of Health

- Provided technical assistance to the working committee on CRS health Policy review in conjunction with the lead consultant.

August to November 2014: Consultant to **Save the Children International (SCI)** (savethechildren.org.uk)

(In conjunction with Cooper and Williams Consulting) on Working to Improve Nutrition in Northern Nigeria (WINNN) Infant and Young Child feeding Practices (IYCF) **coverage survey**

- Conducted a population based coverage survey to determine the IYCF Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices in 3 target LGAs in Katsina State (Jibia, Mai'adua and Bakori).
- Provided technical assistance to the SCI team on survey design, sample size determination, mapping and selection of communities and target households using stratified and proportional based sampling methodology
- Worked with the SCI WINN team to develop and adapt research tools for the Coverage Survey to in order determine the service delivery coverage and geographical coverage of IYCF services in WINNN supported LGAs; Entered and Analyzed survey data using SPSS and presented findings.

- Led the field work team for data collection in 3 LGAs in Katsina states; including training of enumerators and supervisors, translation and back translation of research tool (questionnaires)

June to Sept 2104: Consultant to **Save the Children International (SCI)** (savethechildren.org.uk)

(In conjunction with Cooper and Williams Consulting) on Child Development Grant Programme (CDGP)

- Conducted a formative research to inform CDGP strategies including : development of an efficient E-Payment mechanism; Mobilization, Sensitization & effective communication , targeting (confirmation of pregnancy, residency and registration) and enrollment; Qualitative research to inform the development of the Behavior change communication strategy for the promotion and adoption of priority nutrition practices
- Worked with the SC team to develop and adapt research tools (translation of all research tools to Hausa language ; translation /transcription of field notes and interviews from Hausa language to English)
- Led the field work team for data collection in 5 LGAs in Jigawa and Zamfara states

September 2013- January 2014: Consultant, **The World Bank Group, Abuja Nigeria**

- Field facilitator on case study on the Nigeria States Health Investment Project (NSHIP) Performance based financing (PBF) research in Nasarawa state to conduct interviews and FGDs in Hausa language, transcription , translation and coding of data
- Local researcher for NSHIP case study on key determinants of performance and impact evaluation of management interventions in PBF primary health care facilities in Wamba LGA of Nasarawa state

Dec 2012- Jan 2013: **Consultant, Cooper and Williams Consulting, Lagos, Nigeria**

- Documentation/ Report Development and Program development and Evaluation - Demand Side Health Financing in Nigeria

October- December 2012: **The MDGs/RM Secretariat, Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja**

- Developed a National Consensus Strategy on Mortality Estimation for Nigeria

August 2012 **Mater Care International, Canada/ CMAN Nigeria**

- Developed and evaluated health related interventions
- Conducted and Supervised tour of Health facilities in Anua, Uru Akpan and Itam, AkwaIbom State.
- Presented a needs assessment report on the provision of Maternal and Child health services in selected facilities.

CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS ATTENDED

April 25- May 11	USAID/ Intrahealth Capacity Plus Training And Survey (Lagos) On The Discrete Choice Experimnetusing The Rapid Retention Survey Toolkit In Designing Evidence-Based Incentives For Health Workers
July 2015	Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, University of Miami, West African Bioethics online`Training Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic course in Human Research (Group 2- Investigators) update course
August 2015- date	The Chartered Institute of Project Management, Accra Ghana Project Management Professional (in view)
November 2014	USAID/MEASURE Evaluation Online course on M and E fundamentals
November 2014	USAID/MEASURE Evaluation Online course on Geographic approaches to global health
November 2014	USAID/MEASURE Evaluation Online course on Data Demand and Use

September 2013	<p>Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, University of Miami, West African Bioethics Training Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nigerian National code for Health Research Ethics course • Basic course in Human Research (Group 2- Investigators)
November 2012	<p>Poster Presentation (presenting author) 2nd Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Beijing, China</p>
October 2012	<p>Certificate of Participation Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium/ Peking University Health Science Centre: Emerging voices pre-conference training for the 2nd Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Beijing, China</p>
July 2012	<p>Organizing Committee Association of Catholic Medical Practitioners of Nigeria 7th Annual International conference, Lagos, Nigeria</p>
November 2010	<p>Program coordinator 4TH National Malaria Summit (organized by a coalition of Civil Society organizations: The Malaria Consortium)</p>
May 2009	<p>Certificate of Participation World Health Org. Workshop on Scientific Writing, University of Ibadan</p>
July 2008	<p>Certificate of Participation UI/ OAU Bill Gates Partnership National Public Health Conference, Ib</p>
April 2008	<p>Certificate of Participation Centre for Population and Reproductive Health, College Of Medicine, UI, Ibadan, Postgraduate Workshop/ Training on Proposal and Report Writing</p>
September 2006	<p>Certificate of Participation UNICEF/ NYSC Peer Education Training Course under the NYSC Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Project</p>

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Chiezey O.M, Ayeni O, Isiugo-Abanihe U. (2012), Do Men Really Count in Family Planning? A Stakeholder Analysis Approach in The Understanding of Reproductive Health in Nigeria, Poster presentation at the 2nd Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (31st October - 3rd November) Beijing, China. www.hsr-symposium.org/abstracts

Chiezey O.M(2011) Indices of Male Fertility from the 2003 Nigeria Demographic and Health survey: MPH Research Dissertation.

Inuwa H. M, Afolabi. S.O, Nok A.J, Balogun E.O, **Chiezey O.M(2007)**, Fractionation of genomic DNA from cotton, *Gossypium Hirsutum*.L using Eco R1 and Hind 111, Biotechnology Poster presentation at the World Cotton Research Conference (September 10-14 2007) Lubbock, Texas ,USA.

Chiezey O.M (2005) Isolation and fractionation of plant genomic DNA from onion *Alium cepa* and cotton *Gossypium Hirsutum*.L: unpublished B.Sc. project report

SKILLS

Computer Proficiency: Data Management and Processing & Statistical analysis –Epi-Info, SPSS, and STATA Statistical software packages, Population Analysis Software (PAS); Word processing- Microsoft Word, Spreadsheet - Excel, PowerPoint

Language Proficiency: English, Hausa and Igbo -Very Fluent (oral and written), Yoruba -Fairly fluent (oral).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

2016 till date: American Public Health Association (APHA)

2012 till date: Health Systems Global

2011 till date: International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)

2010 till date: Nigerian Society for Health Systems Research

REFEREES

Prof. Olusola Ayeni (visiting professor, London school of Hygiene and tropical medicine) MPH and PhD supervisor
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