

PERSONAL DATA**NAMES****DR KURFI ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD****DATE OF BIRTH****15th JULY 1976****ADDRESS****A4 IMO COURT GADUWA ESTATE; ABUJA****PHONE NUMBER****+2348034534498****EMAIL****abukurfi@gmail.com****KEY QUALIFICATIONS**

Kurfi Abubakar is a medical doctor with a master's degree in Public Health and an MBA in International Health Care Management. He is presently an Assistant General Manager and Head of the International Collaboration Division in the Nigerian National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS). His major responsibility is to coordinate and implement interventions with donors and implementing partners to advance the course of universal health coverage (UHC) in Nigeria. In addition, Kurfi also convenes health and social science research under the NHIS with a focus on strengthening the health financing system to improve the functioning of the health system

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. *Head International Collaborations Division: National Health Insurance Scheme. Aug 2019 -Date*
2. *Principal Manager, Standards and Quality Assurance Division, National Health Insurance Scheme. Northwest Zonal Office, Kaduna. March 2013- Aug 2019*
3. *Technical Advisor (Program to build leadership and accountability in health PLAN Health Project USAID/Management Sciences for health (Dec 2010-March 4, 2013)*
4. *Assistant Manager, Global Fund Malaria Programme, Society for family health, Gombe State. (Jun 2009- Nov 2010)*
5. *Poliomyelitis Eradication Consultant, USAID/Community Participation for Action in the social sector project. (10/2008-04/2009)*
6. *Medical Officer, National Youth Service Corps NYSC (2007-2008), (General Hospital Ogori Magongo)*

EDUCATION

- **MEDICINE BACHELORS, BACHELOR OF SURGERY, Ahmadu Bello University; Zaria Nigeria**
- **MASTER'S IN PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH); Ahmadu Bello University; Zaria Nigeria**
- **MASTER'S IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT, Frankfurt School of finance and Management, Germany**

COURSES ATTENDED

1. *World Health Organization (WHO) Advanced course on health care financing for Universal Health Coverage in low- and middle-income countries. 8-12 June 2015, Barcelona Spain*
2. *Advanced certificate in sexual and reproductive health research (Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research./WHO (Distance learning)*
3. *Management in Different Healthcare Systems; TATA Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai India (30.01.– 05.02.2014)*
4. *Innovation, Strategic and Project Management in Health Care; Carey Business School, John Hopkins University (29.05.– 04.06.2014)*
5. *Strategic Management and Marketing; Frankfurt School of Finance & Management (27.03.– 02.04.2014)*
6. *Quality, Process and Value Chain Management; Copthorne King's Hotel, Singapore; 11 – 17 September 2014*
7. *Organization, Change Management, and IT; HEC Montreal, Canada (12.2.– 18.02.2015)*
8. *HR, Leadership, Intercultural Management, Ethics; Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, May 1st to 9th 2015.*
9. *5th Annual African course on Vaccinology, towards developing Vaccinology expertise for sub Saharan Africa, 7th -11th September 2009. University of Cape town South Africa*
10. *Certificate, Advanced Course of Vaccinology –Towards facilitating critical decision making in vaccinology. ADVAC 13, Veyrier-du-Lac, France, 2012.*

11. *Systems approach to organizational development; organized by management sciences for health ; September 15th to 20th 2011*
12. *Business planning for health workshop; organized by management sciences for health; July 25-29th 2011.*
13. *Consulting for result; A workshop for result based provision of technical assistance to clients in developing countries; organized by Management sciences for health; August 1st to 3rd 2011.*
14. *Training on performance-based financing and community based social health insurance program; Organized by Management sciences for health; 27th August to 5th September 2012.*

SCHOLARHIP/HONOURS AND AWARD

1. 2020, *Global Health Policy Fellow, Center of Policy Impact in Global Health: Duke Global Health Institute: Project Title: Achieving Universal Health Coverage in Nigeria: Does Quality of Care Matter Under the National Health Insurance Scheme?* <http://centerforpolicyimpact.org/policy-fellows-profiles/>
2. *Management sciences for health (PLAN Health) special recognition award as the best performing technical advisor (2012)*
3. *The Lancet New Voices In Global Health (World health summit 2012),*
[http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/vol382nonull/PIIS0140-6736\(13\)X6049-0](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/vol382nonull/PIIS0140-6736(13)X6049-0)
4. *Emerging voice in global public health 2013 Institute of tropical medicine Antwerp Belgium and the University of Western Cape, South Africa. 25th November to 15th December;2013*
(<http://mo.ev4gh.net/user/profile.php?id=129>)

ABSTRACTS

1. *Barriers to use of primary health care in a low-income setting in Nigeria: a cross-sectional descriptive study; The Lancet, Volume 382, Issue, Page 19, 20 October 2013 Available at* [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(13\)62180-7/abstract](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(13)62180-7/abstract)
2. *Costs and Patterns of Financing Maternal Health Care Services in Rural Communities in Northern Nigeria: The Challenge of Equity in the pursuit of Universal Health Coverage.; Abstract presentation at the IHEA Conference Milan, July, 2015* <https://ihe2015.abstractsubmit.org/presentations/13961/>

PUBLICATIONS

1. *Cost of maternal health care in a semi-rural community in Nigeria; contributing evidence in designing fee exemption policy; Published in the international Journal of MCH and AIDS ;* <http://internationalmchjournal.org/?p=2070>
2. *Understanding the barriers to the utilization of primary health services in low income settings; Implications for health policy and planning. Published by the journal of public health in Africa; Vol 4 No 1 available at* <https://www.publichealthinafrica.org/index.php/jphia/article/view/jphia.2013.e13>

BLOGS

1. *Why Primary Health Care is key to make progress towards Universal Health Coverage – perspectives from Asia and Africa* <https://www.internationalhealthpolicies.org/blogs/why-primary-health-care-is-key-to-make-progress-towards-universal-health-coverage-perspectives-from-asia-and-africa/>
2. *Expanding the fiscal space in Africa through innovative PPP mechanisms to improve the delivery of HIV/AIDS services.* (<http://e.itg.be/ihp/archives/expanding-fiscal-space-africa-innovative-ppp-mechanisms-improve-delivery-hiv-aids-services/>)
3. *Donor coordination in Nigeria, a critical step towards getting to zero* (<http://e.itg.be/ihp/archives/donor-coordination-nigeria-critical-step/>)
4. *When will the global health community confront the political economy of country ownership?* (<http://e.itg.be/ihp/archives/global-health-community-confront-political-economy-country-ownership/>)
5. *Nigeria's long walk to Universal Health Coverage;* (<http://e.itg.be/ihp/archives/nigerias-long-walk-universal-health-coverage/>)
6. *More than Just Polio. Why the International Community Should Pay More Attention to the General Health care in northern Nigeria.* <http://e.itg.be/ihp/archives/more-than-just-polio-nigeria/>
7. *Is Community Health Insurance, the shortest path towards Universal Health Coverage in Africa?* <http://www.internationalhealthpolicies.org/is-community-health-insurance-the-shortest-path-towards-universal-health-coverage-in-africa/>