

# Susan O.E.A. Ekuri

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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I am a qualified medical doctor with experience in public health, health management and international development. My core competence is providing technical support in the planning, implementation & monitoring of health and development projects aimed at improving access to quality healthcare services.

I am dedicated to delivering project outcomes through strategy development, planning, research and analysis; while drawing from my past experience with several organizations, programmes & initiatives including prior experience in health financing (health insurance/managed care).

An avid reader and continuous learner, I am keen on working on projects focused on expanding healthcare access to the poor and under-served, particularly women and children.

## SKILLS

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- Technical and academic writing – reports, proposals, concept notes, briefs & articles
- Research – qualitative and quantitative; literature search, data collection and analyses
- Project technical support – strategic planning and management
- Oral presentation skills
- Microsoft Office (Word, Power point and Excel)
- Languages: English (Full professional proficiency)  
French (Limited working proficiency)

## EDUCATION

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### Qualifications:

- **2019 - 2020:** Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), Amsterdam | VU, Amsterdam  
Degree: Master of Public Health (MPH)
- **2017 - 2019:** University of Derby, United Kingdom  
Degree: Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health (PG Dip PH)
- **1999 - 2007:** College of Medicine, University of Lagos  
Degree: Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)

### Additional Certifications:

- Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) short course at Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), Netherlands (April 2018)
- Fundamentals of Implementation Research [Online] (Nov. 2015)
- Monitoring and Evaluation Fundamentals [Online] ( August 2014 )

- Human Resources for Health [Online] (August 2014)
- Certificate in Project Management for Development. PM4DEV [Online] (June 2012)

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **Max Foundation Netherlands**

*A Dutch NGO dedicated to improving child health through water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programmes.*

Position: ***Programme Development Officer*** (Sept. 2020- Feb. 2021)

- Support development and implementation of country programmes (Ethiopia)
- Provide technical support in reviewing, writing and modifying global (Netherlands) and country office policies, guidelines and manuals
- Support country offices in co-developing country-specific policies and processes

### **Anadach Consulting Group**

*A Nigerian health consulting firm focused on improving health systems in developing economies.*

Position: ***Senior Consultant*** (July 2014- Sept. 2019)

- Provided technical support in planning, implementation & monitoring of health & development projects such as scoping survey of PPMVs for Gates Foundation, private sector strategy for malaria elimination and impact assessment of tablet-based maternal and child health (MCH) training for front line health workers (FLHWs)
- Responsible for improved project outcomes and achieving deliverables through strategic planning, research, analysis & documentation
- Prepared high quality and professional reports, proposals and articles
- Contributed to business development & initiation of people-centred health programs through stakeholder engagement

### **Hygeia HMO Limited**

*A Nigerian health maintenance organization (HMO) providing private health insurance & managed health services*

Position: ***Care Coordinator*** (Feb. 2013 – April 2014)

- Provided oversight for Lagos regional team in the administration and documentation of case management activities
- Monitored and coordinated health care for clients, ensuring appropriate and necessary care at all times with registered providers
- Conducted patient utilization reviews & analysis; quality assurance
- Conducted provider due diligence visits & subsequent accreditation and contracting; provider education, re-credentialing and audit

## **FHI 360- Achieving Health Nigeria Initiative (AHNi)**

*An NGO consortium focused on preventing and reducing the impact of infectious diseases through health and development research*

**Position: Volunteer Technical Officer**

*(July 2012 –Oct. 2012)*

- Provided technical support in the implementation of USAID funded HIV projects
- Provided technical assistance in clinical management of HIV/AIDS, Antiretroviral therapy (ART), TB and integrated medical services in selected health facilities
- Assisted in the facilitation of capacity building for health workers

## **Salus Trust Limited (HMO)**

*A Nigerian health maintenance organization (HMO) providing private health insurance & managed health services*

**Position: Provider Relations Executive/ HMO physician**

*(Jan. 2011 – May 2012)*

- Provided clinical services: history taking, diagnosis, treatment and referral
- Conducted periodic monitoring visits to on-site client clinics and provider facilities
- Managed & supervised staff and operations of 4 on-site clinics in South west Nigeria
- Conducted analysis & review of medical policy, tariff and medical data
- Conducted hospital credentialing and quality assurance; pre-authorization of medical procedures
- Organized and facilitated health education and promotion sessions for clients

## **PERSONAL QUALITIES**

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Intelligent, reliable, organized, highly motivated and keen on self- development.

## **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

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Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP) Fellowship Award to study Master of Public Health (MPH)/ International Course in Health Development (ICHHD) at Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), Amsterdam  
Sept. 2019 – Sept..2020

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Osifo-Dawodu E., Ekuri S., Alade E. (2016). “*Leveraging Technology in Effective Management of Epidemics in Developing Countries: Lessons from the Ebola Outbreak in West Africa*”. World Hospitals and Health Services Journal October 2016, Vol. 52 No. 3: 17-20.

International Hospital Federation <http://files.constantcontact.com/0d2e53b5101/9f4ccae9-aef1-4a83-9a5e-d7cf8a973436.pdf?ver=1481076223000>

-Ekuri S., Osifo-Dawodu E., Alade E. (2017). “*Pharmaceutical Retail in Nigeria: Market Dynamics, Business Practices, Challenges and Opportunities in PPMV Practice*”. Conference paper for the 8<sup>th</sup> Africa Business and Entrepreneurship Conference, October 4-7, 2017. Richmond, Virginia, USA. [http://africabusiness.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/21\\_Osifo-DawoduEkuriAlade\\_Anadach-Submission-Africa-Business-Entrepreneurship-Conference-Paper-2.pdf](http://africabusiness.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/21_Osifo-DawoduEkuriAlade_Anadach-Submission-Africa-Business-Entrepreneurship-Conference-Paper-2.pdf)

- Otu A.; Ameh S.; Osifo-Dawodu E.; Alade E.; Ekuri S.; Idris J. (2018). “*An account of the Ebola virus disease outbreak in Nigeria: implications and lessons learnt*”. Otu et al. BMC Public Health (2018) 18:3 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-017-4535-x>

## **MASTERS THESIS**

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Ekuri S. (2020) “Implementing Digital Health for Maternal Health in Nigeria: a literature review”. A thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirement for the degree of Master of Science in Public Health. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/9awk5igg311aa07/THESIS%20-%20SUSAN%20O.E.A.%20EKURI.pdf?dl=0>