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Summary

I am a senior demographer and have been actively working in population health, policy and developmental issues in Nigeria and many other African countries since 1998. I bring 21 years of professional experience leading demographic and public health training, research and demographic models and analysis including political economy analysis, in Nigeria, ECOWAS and other Africa countries. I was a visiting researcher/Professor at different times with many institutions in Africa and beyond including as:

- i. Takemi Fellow, International Health, Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, USA (2018-2019).
- ii. Professor, Demography and Social Statistics Department, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria (2015-Date).
- iii. Visiting Researcher, University of Bristol, UK (2017).
- iv. African Centre for Migration and Society, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa (2011-2012).
- v. Visiting Researcher, African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC), Nairobi Kenya (2011);
- vi. Visiting Researcher, Johns' Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health (2004; 2006; 2010)
- vii. Visiting Researcher, The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) (2004);
- viii. Visiting Researcher, University of Malta, Msida (2002).

I have worked with Nigerian and international researchers to design and implement rigorous research and disseminate results to support the strengthening of government policies and programmes as well as enhance the efforts and outcome of other development partners. In that process, I have provided leadership for many of those initiatives and also played leadership role within the academia and civil society sector. I have worked in almost all states in Northern Nigeria and I currently support the Kaduna state bureau of statistics in capacity building.

I have established and sustained professional relationships, to manage and work collaboratively with government agencies, civil society and community-based organizations, and donors. Among others, I recently led the DFID diagnostic project on demographic data landscape in Nigeria (January-April 2020) which involves high level consultations with all federal ministries and parastatals and some selected states. I led the development of national migration data management framework in Nigeria (2014) and in Ghana (2017) both with support from European Union (EU) through International Organization for Migration (IOM). I also led the EU sponsored ECOWAS demographic data harmonization (2017). I was part of the team that developed the first national gender policy (2006) and the gender budgeting framework (2008) for Nigeria. I worked with UNFPA between 2015-2018 on the development and tracking of the Millenium

Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as to conduct demographic analyses in Nigeria. I have implemented research in collaboration with various public and private institutions including PATH/DFID, the Centre for Gender and Social Policy Issue, FHI 360, the Centre for Research Evaluation and Resources Development (CRERD), Centre for Development and Community Management (CEDCOM), Measure Evaluation, Tulane University, the Network of Migration Research in Africa (NOMRA), and the African Migration Alliance (AMA).

I have extensive skills in both quantitative and qualitative methods. I had trainings in demographic models, analysis of large and complex datasets with Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and DHS Macro International. My quantitative research work in the last ten years includes the Breakthrough Research in three states in Northern Nigeria (2019) led by Tulane University; SHUGA baseline and midline survey Project in Nigeria led by Tulane University (2018; 2019). I have served as Principal Investigator on several projects, including those focusing on sexual and reproductive health of young people in 2018/2019 (misoprostol use for medical abortion in Nigeria) supported by Guttmacher Institute, New York), study on OVC monitoring indicators in Nigeria in 2016 (in partnership with USAID and Palladium Group)). Other examples of my quantitative work include the USAID-Measure Evaluation survey of COMPASS Dataset (a large dataset collected in five states- Kano, Bauchi, Nasarawa, Lagos and FCT in 2009, 2007, and 2005); the National Tuberculosis Study in six states in Nigeria in 2013; the VISION project in three state in Nigeria in 2002 and 2005, and the DFID-PATH project on the uptake of immunization in Nigeria in 2005. My recent qualitative research include: Demand Generation of Family Planning in Urban Slums in Nigeria supported by USAID-Johns Hopkins University; the UNICEF funded project with the University of Columbia on Integrated school-based model of learning and delivery of essential services for children affected by HIV and AIDS; and Johns' Hopkins University Global health project in seven countries on contraceptive practice, unwanted pregnancies and induced abortion. Also, I played a lead researcher for the Trend Analysis of Disaggregated Family Planning, Fertility and Maternal Health Indicators in Nigeria's Demographic and Health Surveys 2003-2013 (Country Analysis submitted to UNFPA, Nigeria) in 2015, the Demographic and Health Survey Analysis and GIS Mapping of Family Planning Services in Nigeria. UNFPA, Abuja Nigeria in 2016, the Nigeria ICPD +25 Review Implementing and Monitoring of the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development Beyond 2014 in 2018 (funded by UNFPA and United Nation Economic Commission for Africa. In 2018), and was a member of the Technical Working Group of the Countdown to Maternal and Child Health (MCH) for UNFPA headquarters as well as served as a discussant for the high-level discourse on Family Planning and Demographic Dividends in Nigeria.

Throughout my career, I have led technical assistance and capacity-building efforts for Nigerian researchers to strengthen their skills to conduct demographic and political economy analyses and to disseminate this information effectively to stakeholders. I have worked for over 19 years in the academia and currently a Professor of Demography and Social Statistics at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife and have played leadership role in the establishment of the Ife Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS) that is devoted to research capacity building. Nationally, I am currently providing capacity strengthening activities to the Kaduna State Statistical Office and have led many capacity development training activities in population/health data analysis to major government agencies in Nigeria. I have also worked with Statistical offices across ECOWAS countries with support from EU in capacity building. Besides, I have also been intensely involved in capacity development across other African countries: I have trained over 10 Ph.D students in Africa and have played leading role in the Consortium of Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA).

I am widely published with many contributions to books, journal articles and reports. I have also presented research findings at national and international conferences, including Population Association of Nigeria

(PAN), Union of African Population Studies (UAPS), Population Association of America (PAA), and International Union of Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP). Also, I have served as a keynote speaker at several national and international fora including the First Global Conference on the Girls' Child (SDG3) organized by the Harvard Chan School of Public Health in Ghana (November 12-13, 2019); Willow Lecture Series at Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University on experiences of women on misoprostol use in Nigeria (March, 2019) and 3rd Population Lecture Series, at Sheraton Hotel Abuja, Nigeria, in 2014 sponsored by Planned Parenthood Federation of Nigeria (PPFN).

Leadership

I was Head of Department 2015-2016 at the Department of Demography and Social Statistics at the Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria. I served as the Director of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer office at the Obafemi Awolowo University where I interfaced between the University administration, inventors, companies and Government Ministries and agencies. I have also served as the Director of Research with the Centre for Research, Evaluation and Resources Development (CRERD) – an indigenous Nigerian non-governmental organization focusing on research and evaluation - since 2008. I also serve on governing board of many research and non-for-profit organizations in Nigeria, where I bring my strong administrative and intellectual skills.

I have led many donor funded projects in Nigeria and provided leadership in project implementation. I have led many government initiatives in Nigeria including as a Convener of National Technical Working Group meetings, high level dialogue with federal and state ministries, and coordination of national thematic groups. I have also led many international projects including as UNFPA census monitor in Sudan, EU Census monitor in Nigeria, EU-DG Home ECOWAS project.

Editorial activities

I serve on the editorial board of many reputable journals in social sciences including *PLOS ONE*, *BMC Series*, *Union for African Population Studies [UAPS]*, *African Studies Review*, *Journal of Child Health Care*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *African Journal of Reproductive Health*, *Gates Open Research-Johns Hopkins University*, *Population, Space and Place*, *SAGE Open*, *Ife Social Science Review*.

Skills

Excellent writing and analytical skills well versed in both qualitative and quantitative methods. I have implemented several surveys on population issues, particularly on reproductive health and development issues.

Professional Membership

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, 1998 to present
 Population Association of America, 2002 to present
 Union for African Population Studies, 2000 to present
 Population Association of Nigeria, 2000 to present.

Professional Experience

2018	Takemi Fellow, Department of Global Health and Population, Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, U.S.A
2015	Professor, Demography and Social Statistics Department, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria
2009 – 2015	Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor, Demography and Social Statistics Department, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria

2006 - 2009	Lecturer I, Demography and Social Statistics Department, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria
2004 - 2006	Lecturer II, Demography and Social Statistics Department, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria
2002 - 2004	Assistant Lecturer, Department of Demography and Social Statistics, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria
2001 - 2002	Research Assistant, Centre for Gender and Social Policy, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria

Consultancies

01-27-03-30/2020	<p>GBP13,500: 30 days consultancy with Oxford Project Management and DFID, UK on Enhancing Diagnostics for African Demographic Data Mapping. I was National Consultant.</p> <p>Contact person: Taofeek Oyeyemi: Project Administrator (SEAP Programme) Project Services, OPM UK. Email: taofeek.oyeyemi@opml.co.uk Tel. +44 (0) 1865 207300 Fax. +44 (0) 1865 207301</p>
Oct-Dec 2019	<p>\$92,176.94: Contract award with TCI/NURHI on the Assessment of Contraceptive Use amongst Youths and Exposure to TCI Mass Media Campaigns</p> <p>I was the Co-PI on the project.</p>
Oct-Dec 2019	<p>\$ 314,174.00: Contract Award with Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine on the evaluation of the impact of SHUGA project in Nigeria. I was the Co-PI on the project.</p>
Sep-Dec 2019	<p>\$458,231.15: Contract Award with Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine on the Breakthrough project in Nigeria. I was the Co-PI on the project.</p>
01/18-06/18	<p>Euro 20,000: Contract project with IBF International Consulting Brussel, Belgium with European Union DG Home: I led the research on Needs assessment on smuggling of migrants covering The Gambia and ECOWAS.</p> <p>Contact person: Marion Le Boulch, Senior Project Manager: Tel: +32 2 237 09 11 Fax: + 32 2 230 46 49. www.ibf.be</p>
06/17-05/18	<p>USD250,739.68: Contract project with Allan Guttmacher Institute, U.S.A for the study on the Understanding the use of misoprostol in Nigeria within the context of Sexual and Reproductive Health. I was the Principal Investigator on the project.</p> <p>Contact person: Ms. Melissa Stillman- mstillman@guttmacher.org</p>
02/18-06/18	<p>USD325,186: Contract Award with Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine on the evaluation of the impact of SHUGA project in Nigeria. I was the Co-PI on the project.</p>

02/17-06/17	<p>USD699,972.57: Contract Award with USAID-Measure Evaluation-Palladium Group on the development of Monitoring Outcomes of PEPFAR Orphans and Vulnerable Children Programs in Nigeria. I was the Co-PI on the project.</p> <p>Contact person: Dr. Walter Obiero, Technical Monitor 919-240-4973 / walter.obiero@thepalladiumgroup.com</p>
2017-Date	<p>70,000,000.00: TETFUND grant for Vulnerability Indicator & Health of Young People in Skipped generation Households in Nigeria. I was Co-PI</p>
04/16-12/16	<p>N16,000,000.00 Contract with USAID Northern Education Initiative for the qualitative study on challenges towards uptake of education in Northern Nigeria. I was the Principal Investigator</p>
2016	<p>N15,000,000.00: Osun State Poverty Alleviation Program sponsored by the State Governmet I was the principal Investigator</p>
01/15-12/18	<p>He led different consultancies with UNFPA as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2018: Review of Nigeria ICPD +25 Review Implementing and Monitoring of The Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development Beyond 2014: Submitted to UNFPA and United Nation Economic Commission for Africa. b) 2016: Demographic and Health Survey Analysis and GIS Mapping of Family Planning Services in Nigeria. UNFPA, Abuja Nigeria. c) Technical Working Group of the COUNTDOWN to MCH, UNFPA New York. d) 2015: Trend Analysis of Disaggregated Family Planning, Fertility and Maternal Health Indicators in Nigeria's Demographic and Health Surveys 2003-2013. Country Analysis submitted to UNFPA, Nigeria. e) 2015: Served as Discussant during the high level discourse on Family Planning and Demographic Dividends in Nigeria.
02/08-12/08	<p>Network Of Migration Researcher in Africa, Nigeria Translating Research into Action on the Determinants of Migration Decision among Highly Skilled Female Health Workers in Nigeria – Principal Investigator.</p>
05/12-07/12	<p>FHI 360, Nigeria Conducted a study on the uptake of intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnancy (Cross River and Nasarawa States). Qualitative and quantitative research based on 37 focus group discussions, 60 in-depth interviews and 120 household interviews.</p>
06/10-12/10	<p>JHU-CCP and Nigeria Urban Reproductive Health Initiatives, Nigeria Conducted a qualitative survey on demand generation for family planning in urban slums in Nigeria. Using FGDs, IDIs, picture, story-telling and social mapping. Presented key results at national conferences to inform programming and policies.</p>
2009	<p>Johns Hopkins University, Nigeria</p>

	Used qualitative instruments to understand linkages between unsafe abortion and family planning. It was a multi-country study in Nigeria, Colombia, India, and USA. Published results in Global health journal, 2011.
09/08	Human Resource and Development Centre, Nigeria commissioned to write two articles for two books by HRDC and the Embassy of Netherland: 1. Migration Profile in Nigeria-Patterns, trends and dynamics of emigration of health workers. 2. Feminization of Migration in Nigeria
04/08-06/08	UNFPA, Eastern Region, Sudan Successfully completed the Sudan 2008 census. Served as regional monitor to Eastern Region covering three states (Red Sea, Gaderef and Kassala States). Supervised six other monitors.
2008	Federal Ministry of Women Affairs in conjunction with MDG office, Nigeria Study on Gender budgeting in Nigeria. Conducted data collection, analysis and developed a report on the assessment of gender budgeting.
2008	International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), The Netherlands Conducted secondary data collection with Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency on key indicators in Nigeria.
03/-6-04/06	EU, ECORYS-Netherlands Served as an external monitor on the Nigeria 2006 Census. Wrote the report on the conduct of the census in Akwa Ibom state.
2005	Bill and Melinda Gates, John Hopkins, and Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria Proposal development, editing of survey instrument, fieldwork supervision, data editing and analysis, and report writing.
2005	COMPASS-Measure, Nigeria, Tulane University, USA and Centre for Research, Evaluation and Resource Development, Nigeria (CRERD) Proposal development, editing of survey instrument, fieldwork supervision, data editing and analysis, and report writing.
2004	DFID-PATHS Project in conjunction with John Hopkin's University, USA and CRERD, Nigeria Proposal development, editing of survey instrument, fieldwork supervision, data editing and analysis, and report writing.
2004	VISION-Measure Evaluation Follow-on Survey, Tulane University and CRERD Proposal development, editing of survey instrument, fieldwork supervision, data editing and analysis, and report writing.
2004	CORDESRIA, Senegal won a grant (US\$15,000) to carry out a study on Migration Dynamics and rural-urban linkages in Nigeria.
2003	CEDPA, Nigeria

	Faith-based initiative of HIV/AIDs awareness and VCT project
2002	VISION-Measure Evaluation Baseline Survey, Tulane University, USA and CRERD Proposal development, editing of survey instrument, fieldwork supervision, data editing and analysis, and report writing.
2002	Family Health International, Taraba State, Nigeria Supported HIV/AIDS Formative Research Project. Participated in the instrument design, fieldwork and report writing.

Education

PhD, Demography and Social Statistics, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria 2006
MSc, Demography, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria, 2001
BSc, Demography, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria 1997

Languages: English (5/5), Yoruba (5/5)

Country Experience

Nigeria, Ghana, Gambia, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, U.S.A

Publications

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