

CHINASA U IMO

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.**
2027 (expected) **Crown Family School of Social Works, Policy and Practice, University of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA.**
Advisor: Alan Zarychta, Ph.D.
- MA**
June 2021 **Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA**
Master of Art in International Development and Policy
 - Major: Global Health Policy
- MA**
Dec 2015 **Dept of History and Strategic Studies, School of Post-graduate Studies, The University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria.**
Master of Art in Diplomacy and Strategic Studies
 - Majored in Inter and Intra State Conflict and Conflict Resolution in West Africa.
- BSc**
July 2009 **Faculty of Management Sciences, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra, Nigeria**
Public Administration (Honors)
 - Majored in Project and Human Resource Management.
- OND**
July 2005 **Department of Public Administration, Abia State Polytechnics, Aba, Abia, Nigeria**
National Diploma in Public Administration

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

How health system governance, reforms, and participatory processes impact healthcare delivery for underserved populations in low-resource and volatile settings

CERTIFICATES/LICENSES

- Dec 2020 **The University of Washington, Department of Global Health, Seattle, USA**
Certificate in Policy Development and Advocacy in Global Health
- Jan 2021 **CITI Program**
Social and Behavioral Research (credential ID: 40409338); Expiration date - 2026
- Feb 2021 **University of Chicago Medicine and Biomedical Services**
EPIC for Research Coordinators
- Sept 2023 **40 Hours Illinois Domestic Violence Certification Training.**

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Imo, C. U. (2022). Participatory Governance: How Nigeria Can Achieve Development Through Citizens Participation in Policymaking. *A Journal of Social Inclusion and Educational Advancement*, 420.

Other Publications and Briefs

Imo, C. U, Adejoh, A & Osunkwo, M (2018). Important Role Community Informant Plays in Integrated Disease Surveillance in Nigeria. *Afribary*. <https://afribary.com/works/important-role-community-informant-plays-in-integrated-disease-surveillance-in-nigeria>

Imo, C. U. (2021). *Women's Mental Health: The Impact of Covid-19 and the Need for Immediate Action*. (Policy Brief 5). University of Chicago Center for Global Health. Retrieved from <https://cgh.uchicago.edu/cgh-blog>

Imo, C. U. (2020). *How Data Can Save Someone's Mother, Partner, Friend or Child*. Packaging Evidence for Health Systems Strengthening. Options. Retrieved from <https://mamaye.org/blog/how-data-can-save-someones-mother-partner-friend-or-child>.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Imo, C. U., Bouris, A. (2024). "How Strengthening Social Health Welfare Policies and Services Can Help Nigeria Achieve Universal Health Coverage." Paper Presentation. Presented at the Work Works? Conference, Understanding Positive Performance and Improvement in Public Sector Organizations in the Global South. Mexico City, Mexico, June 11-13, 2024. *Accepted*.

Zarychta, A., **Imo, C.U.**, Grillos, T. (2024). "The Role of Implementing Actors in Decentralization and Participation: Evidence from Honduran Health Sector Reform." Paper presentation. Presentation at the 81st Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference April 4-7, 2024.

Zarychta, A. & **Imo, C.U.** (2024). "Decentralization and Community Participation in Primary Healthcare Service Delivery: Evidence from Honduras." Poster presentation. Presentation at the Consortium of Universities in Global Health 2024 Conference, Los Angeles, California, March 7-11, 2024. *Accepted*.

Imo, C. & Ogunbambi, T. (2023). "Empowering Vulnerable Communities: Fostering Psychosocial Support and Building Resilience for Healthier Communities" [Roundtable]. Presented at the 47th Annual Midwest Ecological Conference, November 2023, Chicago, IL. *Accepted*

Imo, C. U., Ajuma, J. K., Chikwendu, Q., & Stephen, E (2023). "Health Equity in Hard-to-Reach Communities in Nigeria's Abia State: An Asset-Based Community Development Intervention to Influence Community Norms and Address Social Determinants of Health." Poster presentation. 1st Amref International University Primary Healthcare Congress, Nairobi, Kenya, November 29th to 1st December 2023. *Accepted*

Imo, C. U., Chikwendu, Q., Ajuma, J. K & Stephen, E (2023). "Exploring Interventions that Use Asset-Based Community Development Models to Address Community Norms and Social Determinants of Health and Improve Health Equity in Basic Healthcare Delivery in Hard-to-Reach Rural Communities in Abia State." Oral Presentation. Social Norms Conference 2023, Abuja, Nigeria, *Accepted*.

Adibeli, J. O, **Imo, C. U.** "Climate Change and Its Implication on Cancer Rate: The Women's Perspective." Co-presenter. Women of Color Advancing Peace and Security (WCAPS), Nigerian Chapter, December 2022.

Imo, C. U. "Assessment of Healthcare Needs of Three Communities in Mid-West Ghana: Using a Community Participatory Approach." Poster Presentation. Global Health Conference Midwest 2022, February 2022, Omaha, USA, *Accepted*.

Imo, C. U. "Participatory Governance: How Nigeria Can Achieve Development Through Citizens participation in Policymaking." Speaker and Lead Paper Presentation. 7th International Interdisciplinary Conference on Raising Girls' Ambition (RAGA 2021), Lead City University, October 2021, Ibadan, Nigeria. *Accepted*.

Imo, C. U. "Political Participation and Community Development." Guest Speaker and Presentation. Nkporo National Youth Summit, September 2021, Lagos/Abia State, Nigeria.

Imo, C. U. "Politics and Public Health; Navigating Governance to Deliver Healthcare." Presentation. West African Academy of Public Health, June 2021, Virtual.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

2023-2025 University of Chicago Center for Health Administration – CHAS (\$3,000+3000)

2023-2024 Albert Schweitzer Chicago Area Fellowship (\$2,750)
 2020-2021 The University of Chicago Graduate Program in Health Administration and Policy (\$1,500)
 2022-2027 The University of Chicago Doctoral Scholarship (\$88,896 per annum)
 2020-2021 Harris Alumni Scholarship Award (\$32,750)
 2021 Kiphart Summer Research Fellowship (\$6000 + \$10,000)
 2017 Young African Leadership Training (YALI), GIMPA, Ghana
 2016 The Future of works in Africa: Innovation for Youth Employment; MasterCard Ashoka Fellowship

WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

July 2024 Causal Inference Workshop.
 Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, USA

June 2024 Summer Workshop on Public Sector Organizational Effectiveness
 The Kellogg Institute of International Studies, University of Notre Dame

MENTORED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sept 2024 - Co-Instructor: SSAD 69455 1: Migration Services in Chicago (Fall Quarter)
 Dec 2024 The University of Chicago Crown family School of Social Works, Policy and Practice

Sept 2024 - Teaching Assistant: SSAD 300 – Social Interventions: Policies and Programs 1 (Fall Quarter)
 Dec 2024 The University of Chicago Crown family School of Social Works, Policy and Practice

ACADEMIC SERVICE

March 2023 – Doctoral Studies Committee – Student Representative
 Present Crown School of Social Works, Policy and Practice, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Dec 2022 Exam Proctor
 Present University of Chicago Law School

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

July 2024 - Peer Review, Journal of Public Health in Africa
 Present

Oct 2023 - **Research Assistant: The Nexus of Poverty, Place, Race, and Bureacracy in Child Walfare; A Multi-Method, Multi-Level Examination of Child Walfare Investigation in the United States.**
 Present Principal Investigator: Melanie Nadon
 Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy and Practice, The University of Chicago
 Responsibilities: support the review and coding of qualitative interviews using the Dadoose software

Sept 2022 - **Doctoral Research Assistant: Health Systems Reform and Decentralization in Honduras**
 Present Principal Investigator: Alan Zarychta, Ph.D.
 Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy and Practice, The University of Chicago
 Responsibilities: participate in an ongoing research in Honduras to analyze and co-write an article on Assessment of Community Participation in Primary Healthcare Planning and Management in Honduras

2020 – **Graduate Research Assistant: Center for Global Health-UCGH, The University of Chicago Medicine and Biological Sciences, Chicago, USA**
 2022 Responsibilities: Design and conducted Community health needs assessment in Ghana (The Ashanti and Central Regions) and in Nigeria (Ondo and Ekiti state) using mixed methods to identify critical health needs bothering rural and hard to reach communities in West Africa. Findings from the research contributes to learnings on community health, and as program improvement resources for UCGH local and international affiliates.

Conducted a 6 years Kiphart Foundation/Center for Global Health Ghana Project Impact assessment to document the impact of their community intervention projects such as water and sanitation, primary health facilities support, community school's computer laboratory installations and school farm support projects in Ghana and Nigeria.

2021 **Summer Research Fellowship: International Rescue Committee– IRC**
Responsibilities: Designed a problem-driven iteration protocol to evaluate the PDIA process in Northern Nigeria and a Political Economy Analysis adoption strategy for implementing a multiyear program to improve maternal and newborn healthcare delivery in conflict/emergency settings in five countries of Somalia, Nigeria, South Sudan, Niger and Cameroon.

2020 – 2021 **Graduate Research Assistant: Advancing Health Equity- leading Care, Payment, and Systems Transformation (AHE)**
Responsibilities: Conducted a case study on how the AHE Delaware team is using health equity approach to improve access to care for the black pediatric population in Delaware.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017 – 2020 **Niger State Technical Advisor:** Options Consultancy Services; Evidence for Action-MamaYe Program, *Niger, Nigeria*

- Led the strategic design and delivery of the Evidence for Action-MamaYe plans, and overall program management in Niger State. These include setting up a state-led advocacy and accountability coalition for maternal newborn, child health and rights in the state, identifying and collaborating with partners to provide technical assistance to the state ministry of health governance system, interacting with key stakeholders, and managing the state team.
- Coordinated the management of E4A-MamaYe 3 years sub-grant to civil society coalitions in 9 states in Nigeria. The funding was provided by the Gates Foundation and PAI international organization, for CSO coalition to engage policy stakeholders in advocacy to implement the Primary Health Care Under One Roof-PHCUOR, domesticate family planning services in focal PHCs, and roll out the Basic Health Care Provision Funds at different state levels.

Communications Officer, Country Office, Abuja, *Nigeria*

- Developed E4A-MamaYe country overall communications and advocacy strategy/operational plans.
- Oversee all communications activities of the program, including the development of creative assets, contents for blogs and website, branding, IEC materials, graphics, etc.

2017 **Risk Communication Consultant,** Nigeria Center for Disease Control-NCDC, *Abuja, Nigeria*

- Developed press releases and behavioral and social change communication materials such as posters, fact sheets, guidelines and communications tool for the social mobilization team during hepatitis E outbreak in Borno state as a member of the technical preparedness team.
- Developed training manuals and contents on Risk/ Emergency Communication during health emergencies.

2017 **Research Consultant,** USAID/John Hopkins University Health Communication Collaborative (HC3), *Ebonyi State, Nigeria.*

- Conducted Baseline Evaluation of Contraceptives and family planning ideation and behaviors in Ebonyi state, including facilitating focus group discussions among women of reproductive age in

different communities. Used the analysis to design appropriate SBCC strategy and messages for the promotion of uptake of contraceptive services in Ebonyi state.

- Conducted End-line Evaluation of the Improved Community Case Management (ICCM) program for Under-5 Illnesses by Patent Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVs) in Ebonyi State

2015 – 2016 **ONE Champion:** ONE Campaign International

- Participated in the design and execution of advocacy campaigns such as #StrongGirl, which focused on raising awareness on issues of gender inequality women and children's rights, and girl child empowerment. And #MakeNaijaStronger Campaign, a health budget advocacy to meet the 15% Abuja declaration and the 1% Consolidated Revenue Fund-CRF of the National Health Act for the implementation of the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund-BHCPF, the advocacy resulted in the improvement of the 2017 budget allocation to health, and the allocation of the 1% CRF in the 2018 Budget, it also widened the scope for health budget advocacies in Nigeria.
- Represented Nigeria/Africa during the 2016 ONE International summit in France. Advocated to the OECD for the replenishment of the Global Funds for Malaria, HIV, and tuberculosis in Paris, 2016. Also part of the US ONE Activist Advocating for the Reauthorization of the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS relief (PEPFAR).

2014-2015 **Humanitarian Affairs/Communications Officer (AU-Pillar Head):** African Union - Support to Ebola Outbreak in West Africa, Sierra Leone

- Collaborated in partnership with local and international government and non-governmental organizations to plan, design and implement humanitarian emergency relief assisted programs such as Quick impact projects like setting up community WASH projects, distribution of relief materials to families in quarantine homes and interim care centers, providing psychosocial support to patients undergoing treatments. Monitor welfare of families under quarantine, carry out community sensitization, and conduct monitoring and evaluation.
- Coordinated Psychosocial activities such as community mobilization, counseling of survivors and families, collection and reunification of survivors from the Treatment centers, family tracing and reunification for displaced children, provided child protection services and SGBV support, follow-up with survivor for post treatment support.

2014 **Communications and Social Mobilization Officer:** Nigeria Center for Disease Control – Ebola Emergency Operations Center, Lagos, Nigeria

- Coordinated with all the local media houses on EVD reporting to ensure conformity to best practices on accurate reporting of the outbreak to reduce the spread of false information, panic, and stigmatization. I also reviewed and compiled daily newspapers to identify reports or any publication that may trigger negative alerts or panic. I prepared daily, weekly, and monthly Sit-reps for the EOC.
- Worked with EOC partners (WHO, CDC, UNICEF) to develop Communication Materials for Community Sensitization programs, Training, Workshops, and Advocacy. We also identified and documented best practices and lessons learned.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

2024 **2024 Change Collective** Civic Nation

2024 **Guardian Nigeria Newspaper** Cover Feature as a "Guardian Woman," Saturday 6th, 2024 Issue.

- 2014-2015** **United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER)** A lead player in the eradication of Ebola Virus Disease in West Africa.
- 2015** **President Ernest Bai Koroma** (President, Sierra Leone) Meritorious Service Award for the dedication and commitment to service as an Ebola Responder during the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak in Sierra Leone
- 2015** **African Union** Medal of Honor/ Certificate of Recognition for outstanding contribution to the fight against Ebola Virus Disease in West Africa
- 2017** **ONE Campaign International** Award of Appreciation for the Commitment in the Fight Against Extreme Poverty in Africa
- 2021** **7th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference on Raising Girls' Ambition (RAGA 2021)**, Award of Recognition as Lead Speaker – Gender and Power: A Driving Force or Hindrance for Progress and Social Change

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Since Founder:** Innovation Hub for Inclusiveness, Empowerment and Social Development (SieDi-Hub)
- 2022 Lead a vibrant team of expert Board of Advisors, Technical and Management staff who oversee the design and implementation of innovative and inclusive social justice programs to improve the quality of life for youths and women living in low resourced communities in Nigeria through evidence-based policy engagement, and direct program intervention.
- 2022 **Board Committee member:** Keeta's Place Inc, Chicago, IL, USA, Support the Board and Strategic Committee members with advice on strategic positioning and communication of the organization's goals, plans and activities.
- 2022 **Mentor:** World Economic Forum Global Shapers, Dusseldorf, Germany Mentor school student from Germany, India and Nigeria in Inter-continental Global Shapers Community Development junior bootcamp initiative.
- Since Co-Founder:** African Youth Employment Initiatives-AYEI, Ghana.
- 2016 Provide strategic program direction to all the leads in the countries AYEI have presence in (Ghana, Central Africa Republic-CAR, Uganda, Burundi, Ivory Coast, Malawi, and Tanzania) to design community sustainable agricultural intervention programs.
- 2016 - **Program Officer (Voluntary):** Stand to End Rape Initiative Lagos, Nigeria
- 2017 Designed and implemented community awareness campaigns on reducing the incidence of rape and HIV prevalence in communities, also coordinated a HIV counseling and testing drive in 8 local governments in Lagos, the campaign reached over 3000 families and directly reached more than 300 youths. The program received support funding from AHF grant.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Women in Global Health (USA & Nigeria Chapter)
- Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation
- United Nations Economic and Social Council Consultative Forum
- World Bank Civil Society Organization Forum
- Global Health Systems Strengthening Network