

CITATION FOR THE CONFERMENT OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE NUTRITION SOCIETY OF NIGERIA

DR. VICTOR EFFIONG BASSEY

Dr. Victor Effiong Bassey is a distinguished Nutritionist, Public Health Practitioner, Researcher, Administrator and Development Professional whose career has been defined by an enduring commitment to the advancement of nutrition, public health and human development in Nigeria.

An indigene of **Ikot Idaha, Ikono Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State**, Dr. Victor Effiong Bassey is a graduate of the prestigious University of Ibadan, where he obtained his B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Human Nutrition and Ph.D. in Public Health Nutrition. He is also a Registered Nurse, combining expertise in nutrition, nursing and public health in a distinguished career spanning several decades.

Dr. Bassey has rendered meritorious service to the nutrition profession through the **Akwa Ibom State Ministry of Health**, the **Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRiN) Project**, and other national and international development initiatives. As **ANRiN Project Coordinator in Akwa Ibom State**, he provided strategic leadership in programme planning, implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation, working with government institutions, development partners and the World Bank. His leadership contributed to strengthening nutrition systems, building the capacity of health workers and delivering essential maternal and child nutrition interventions to vulnerable populations.

His professional contributions extend beyond programme implementation. He has participated in the development of nutrition policies, costed multi-sectoral nutrition plans and social and behaviour change strategies across several Nigerian states. He has served as a **Master Trainer in Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition**, facilitator and technical resource person for professional and postgraduate training programmes, and consultant on numerous nutrition and public health interventions.

As a scholar, Dr. Bassey has contributed to the advancement of nutrition knowledge through research and peer-reviewed publications, particularly in the areas of maternal and child nutrition, acute malnutrition and nutrition service uptake.

He currently serves as **State Coordinator of the Civil Society-Scaling Up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN) Alliance in Akwa Ibom State** and **Executive Director of Mervicsons Resources Limited**, where he continues to promote nutrition, maternal and child health, agriculture and community development.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Dr. Bassey is a **Senior Pastor in Livingspring Chapel International**, where he provides spiritual leadership, mentorship and service to the church and wider community. He is a devoted family man, married to **Mercy**, and blessed with three sons—**Favour, Faith and Fortress**.

A committed member of the **Nutrition Society of Nigeria**, the Association of Community Nutrition Practitioners and the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives, Dr. Bassey has distinguished himself through **professional excellence, scholarship, leadership, integrity and service**.

For his outstanding and sustained contributions to the nutrition profession, exemplary leadership, scholarly accomplishments, pastoral and community service, and unwavering commitment to improving the nutritional wellbeing of Nigerians,

the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, with great honour and profound appreciation, hereby confers upon

DR. VICTOR EFFIONG BASSEY

THE DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP OF THE NUTRITION SOCIETY OF NIGERIA (FNSN)

In recognition of a life dedicated to excellence, service and impact.

Congratulations and welcome to the Fellowship of the Society.