

Dr Ogechi Akalonu is an accomplished Public Health Nutritionist, Deputy Director and Head of Division Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition at the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) Abuja Nigeria, with over 20 years' experience in a mixture of community nutrition, public health and effective healthcare service delivery. Confident, resourceful, self-motivated, and passionate about delivering exceptional services. Results-oriented – with proven success in designing and implementing effective nutrition and healthcare service delivery strategies, meeting targets, and where possible, exceeding them. Some of her responsibilities are:

- Provides support for the development and alignment of Nutrition policies, guidelines, programmes, and plans in the context of the National Health Sector Strategic plan and national development frameworks.
- Provides support to FMOH&SW, and key MDAs on Policy formulation and Guidelines on Nutrition interventions at PHC.
- Provides technical and programmatic support to States, LGAs, Communities, and other stakeholders in the functioning, planning, management, implementation, supervision, and monitoring of Nutrition interventions at PHC.
- Promotes and supports Nutrition implementation research to guide improvement of service protocols.
- Promotes and supports technical collaboration with key MDAs, Academia, Professional bodies, Development Partners, NGOs, and International Agencies, among other key stakeholders.
- Provides support for the design and implementation of Nutrition-based interventions of NPHCDA, map and engage diverse stakeholders to support Nutrition interventions.

An active and financial member of the following organizations: NSN, NIFST, FANUS, American Society for Nutrition, The Nutrition Society UK and International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS). A Pioneer National Secretary, Association of Women Nutritionist Nigeria an affiliate of National Council for Women Societies Nigeria.

Alumna of Harvard Professional Development Programs, Division of Continuing Education. Member Harvard T. H Chan School of Public Health Department of Nutrition Monday Nutrition and Global Health Seminar Series. Member Harvard T. H Chan School of Public Health Department of Nutrition Obesity Working Group.

Dr Ogechi Akalonu is the Focal Person for the National Integrated Mother and Child Health Handbook (MCH HB). Focal Person for the World Bank Funded Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRiN) Project and have been presenting her research papers in National and International Conferences.

The 2023 World Breastfeeding Week National Model.

Dr Ogechi Akalonu is a Center for Management Development (CMD) Accredited Professional Trainer under the Presidency of Nigeria, a regulatory body for training and management consultants that certifies professional trainers who deliver capacity building and management education to Nigerian public and civil servants.

Member of the Analytical Advisory Group (AAG) on National Human Capital Development (HCD) Early Years Agenda.

She likes travelling, reading, dancing and meeting people.