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ACEPHAP E-MOTIVE BREAKTHROUGH: ... A New Dawn in the Global Fight Against Maternal Mortality



E-motive Research Team in a group photograph after the presentation

The news has spread all over the globe like rampaging bush fire, but was more celebrated in Africa being the major victim of the scourge of postpartum haemorrhage (PPH), a potentially life-threatening complication of childbirth. But the question is; what is the news about? The answer is simple. It is about a major breakthrough in the fight against postpartum haemorrhage (PPH). The exciting news was revealed on Tuesday May 9th, 2023, by the Director of Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Professor Hadiza Galadanci on behalf of all the e-motive research teams

to the World at the International Maternal Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC2023) in Cape Town, South Africa.

The result of the research is not only exciting, but also reassuring and gladdening. The result of the e-motive research work conducted by the Centre in collaboration with University of Birmingham, World Health Organization (WHO) and other Research Teams from Tanzania, Kenya and South Africa was unveiled by her. The e-motive research was to find solution to postpartum haemorrhage (PPH), which had been wrecking havoc on mothers as a result of



ACEPHAP Director, Prof. H. Galadanci presenting the E-motive Research Result

complication of childbirth. This is a major breakthrough recorded by the centre in the fight against postpartum haemorrhage (PPH).

It should be noted that every year, there are some 24 million women who experienced postpartum haemorrhage in the world, resulting in over 74,000 maternal deaths; i.e., a death in every 7 minutes. The vast majority of these deaths are preventable. To address this unfortunate situation ACEPHAP collaborated with University of Birmingham, World

Health Organization (WHO) and other Research Teams from Tanzania, Kenya and South Africa to conduct research with a view to finding solutions to postpartum haemorrhage (PPH), a life-threatening complication of childbirth.

It could be recalled that ACEPHAP had won a grant of \$1,928,504.59 from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to conduct E-MOTIVE Trial in collaboration with University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.

The E-MOTIVE trial which stands for “Early detection of postpartum haemorrhage and treatment using the World Health Organization MOTIVE First response bundle: a cluster randomised trial with health economic analysis and mixed methods evaluation, is aimed at preventing maternal deaths by implementing the World Health Organization (WHO) prevention and treatment guideline for Postpartum Haemorrhage. It was implemented in four countries of Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa, with World Health Organization and University of Birmingham as coordinators.

The result of the research was presented at the International Maternal Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC2023) in Cape Town, South Africa. It was presented by the Director of ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci on behalf of all the Emotive Research Teams.

According to the presentation, postpartum

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haemorrhage is a serious complication that affects millions of women worldwide, particularly in low- and middle-income countries where access to emergency obstetric care is limited. PPH causes significant maternal morbidity and mortality, making it a major public health concern.

The question is; how does the outcome of the e-motive research address the problem of Postpartum Haemorrhage? Professor Galadanci had succinctly answered the question during the presentation of the result of the research. She said E-MOTIVE intervention would overcome three challenges faced by facilities when addressing Postpartum Haemorrhage; the delay in the diagnosis of Postpartum Haemorrhage, the delay in the delivery of effective first-response treatment, and the delay in escalation for continued bleeding.

According to Prof Galadanci, e-motive intervention improved the diagnosis and bundled treatment resulting in an immense 60% (relative) reduction in severe PPH, defined as blood loss of ≥ 1000 mls. This means a reduction in the number of women having severe PPH from around 43/1000 women to about 16/1000 women. Shedding more light on the efficacy of the discovery, the ACEPHAP Director explained that the intervention also showed a 29% (relative) reduction in blood transfusion for postpartum bleeding. This means a reduction in the number of women needing blood transfusion for postpartum bleeding from 19/1000 women to about 12/1000 women. In addition there was also a reduction of PPH-related deaths with E-Motive Intervention.

Professor Galadanci added that the significance

of this new treatment has been acknowledged by several notable figures, including Bill Gates, who tweeted about it on May 9, 2023. He said; 'I'm very encourage by the E-Motive Trial results released today at IMNHC2023 to treat postpartum haemorrhage. This new approach led by University of Birmingham and World Health Organization (WHO) could drastically improve women's chances of surviving childbirth globally.' Bill Gates is a well-known philanthropist and has been a leading advocate for global health initiatives. The WHO Executive Director Dr Tedros Adhanom has also posted about the breakthrough on their website, recognising the importance of this development in the field of maternal health.

The ACEPHAP Director said this new intervention was a testament to the power of global collaboration and the importance of investing in research and innovation. It represent a major step in the fight against PPH and is expected to save many lives in the years to come. She believes that this life-saving solution marks a significant milestone in the ongoing battle to reduce maternal cleams resumption . It highlighted the importance of investing in research and innovation to improve global health outcomes. "With continued collaboration and investment, we can look forward to a brighter future for women and their families around the world," she concluded.

The result of the E-motive trial she added had been published in one of the highest impact journal; New England Journal of Medicine (<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2303966>)



2023 Heroine of Health Award: ...Professor Galadanci Wears the Crown



Prof. Hadiza Galadanci (1st left) receiving the award from Liberian Minister of Health, Dr. Wilheimina S. Jallah

When the news spread like a rampaging bush fire from Kigali, Rwanda at the end of 2023 Heroines of Health Award Gala Dinner with the theme: *Driving Change for Safe Maternity and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Africa*, that Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci, the Director of Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) was nominated by International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) for the prestigious HEROINE OF HEALTHAWARD 2023 by Women in Global Health for her extraordinary contribution to global health, majority of us working with her at ACEPHAP were not the least bit surprised.

This is because, apart from being a team player who involves everyone in the decision making process of the Centre, Professor Galadanci's passion for teaching, research and medical practice knows no bound as they were evidently clear in all her activities.

Despite the fact that, Professor Hadiza Galadanci became the first woman consultant gynaecologist, and Professor of medicine in the Kano region of Nigeria, she never allowed such an extraordinary feat to deter her from being humble. Instead, it served as a great opportunity for her to dedicate her life to reducing

maternal and child mortality rates. She worked to combat gender disparities in health and played a pivotal role in shaping policies relating to critical maternal health challenges worldwide.

She has also been involved in global research that has the potential to change policies addressing key maternal health challenges, such as the WHO Labour Care Guide and most recently, the E-Motive Trial to reduce deaths from childbirth, related bleeding. This research is one of the major breakthroughs Professor Galadanci achieved in the fight to reduce maternal mortality.

It could be recalled that Galadanci's Centre won a grant of \$1,928,504.59 from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to conduct E-MOTIVE Trial in collaboration with University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. Speaking on the E-Motive Research, Professor Galadanci stated the new intervention is a testament of the power of global collaboration and the importance of investing in research and innovation. This marks a major step in the fight against postpartum haemorrhage (excessive bleeding during childbirth) and is expected to save many lives in the years to come. She believes that this life-saving solution represents a significant milestone in the ongoing fight against reducing maternal deaths due to PPH. It highlighted the importance of investing in research and innovation to improve global health outcomes. "With continued collaboration and investment, we can look forward to a brighter future for women and their families around the world," she remarked.

The significance of the new treatment has been acknowledged by several notable figures, including Bill Gates, who tweeted about it on May 9, 2023. He said; 'I'm very encourage by the E-Motive Trial results released today at IMNHC2023 to treat postpartum haemorrhage. This new approach led by University of Birmingham and World Health Organization (WHO) could drastically improve women's chances of surviving childbirth globally.' Bill Gates is a well-known philanthropist and has been a leading advocate for global health initiatives. The WHO

Executive Director, Dr Tedros Adhanom also posted about the breakthrough on their website, recognising the importance of this development in the field of maternal health. This and many more are some of the major contributions of Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci to reducing global maternal mortality to which she was being recognized by the Women in Global Health for Heroine of Health Award 2023.

Professor Galadanci has authored over 100



Participants at the Kigali Heroine of Health Award Gala Dinner

publications in peer reviewed journals and played a leading role in more than 20 studies with WHO, MacArthur Foundation, FIGO, USAID, UNFPA and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Professor Galadanci also serves on the Steering Committee of the West Africa Health Organization for Reduction of Maternal Mortality, Align MNH a global initiative towards accelerated efforts to achieve SDG 3, and TETFund National Research Fund. She is also on the Board of Trustees of the Nigerian Medical Women's Association, Engender Health Nigeria and chair of the National Reproductive Health Working Group.

She has also trained and mentored over 2000 medical students, residents, and postgraduate students including regional African students, enabling them to take on leadership roles across Nigeria and the Africa region.

The heroine has these to say; 'I love to share whatever I know, passing it on to others. If I keep it to myself, it is useless. I know they utilize it to save more lives and subsequently train others,' she said. Despite all this, Professor Galadanci knows that there is much more to be done to achieve equitable healthcare and reduce maternal mortality rates. She said 'I come from a country that has the highest numbers of women dying bringing children into this world. It is time we bring this issue to the forefront of the health agenda and address the inequities that surround women's health.'

Professor Galadanci in the course of her medical career has received numerous awards, including FIGO's Women Award, the Paul Harrison's Fellow Award, the KAMSA Merit Award, the Red Ribbon Award for Dedication and Outstanding Commitment to Combat HIV/AIDS in Nigeria, and the Kano State Government Merit Award.

But the question in the lips of many is; who are those behind this Heroines of Health Award? What are the motives of the initiators of this Award?

The heroines of Health Awards were established by women in Global Health in 2017 as a powerful platform to amplify the exceptional work done by women, who are the majority of the health workforce. Women drive and deliver health but their contributions often remain invincible and under-recognized.

These Women in Global Health took inspiration from the immense talent of women in the health sector and launched Heroines of Health Award to celebrate their work. It honours women from diverse backgrounds, health professions and walks of life, providing them with a platform to voice their perspectives directly to global leaders. Together, 'we work to transform health system delivery by prioritizing gender equity in health.'

With pride, women in Global Health have honoured 70 remarkable leaders as Heroines of Health to date, representing every region of the world. In 2023, Heroines from the African region were selected to mark the first time that the Heroines of Health Awards event has been held in Africa. Each Heroines honoured has made an extraordinary contribution to global health and tirelessly championed the cause of women's rights and health as a right for all.

Her colleagues at ACEPHAP and Bayero University, Kano join numerous well wishers to congratulate Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci over this well deserved accolade and wished her more wisdom, good health and Allah's guidance and protection.



DVC Management Services,
Prof. Mahmud Umar Sani



Mrs. Dare Omotseye
Guest Lecturer



Prof. Hadiza Galadanci
Director ACEPHAP

ACEPHAP holds 1st Healthcare Innovation Week

Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) held its maiden edition of Healthcare Innovation Week with the theme: **The Imperative of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Driving a Sustainable Future of Healthcare in Sub-Saharan Africa.**

Speaking at the opening ceremony which took place on Tuesday 23rd May, 2023 at Mahmud Tukur Theatre, Old Campus, BUK, the Director of ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Galadanci said the Healthcare Innovation Week would witness a series of activities which include Healthcare Entrepreneurship Bootcamp where health personnel would receive training on entrepreneurship as part of the mandate of the centre to build the capacity of professionals.

Professor Galadanci also

explained some of the modest achievements recorded by the centre in the areas of postgraduate training, capacity building training, research and collaborations both national and international. She informed the audience that one of the ground breaking achievements recorded by the centre was the presentation of the result of the E-Motive Research on Postpartum Haemorrhage and its publication in the New England Journal of Medicine. She said the research result showed that postpartum haemorrhage among mothers could be reduced by 60 per cent.

She said the research was a collaborative effort with University of Birmingham, World Health Organization (WHO) and other teams from Tanzania, Kenya and South Africa. The result she said was

presented at the International Maternal Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC 2023) in Cape Town, South Africa.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani said the ACEPHAP Healthcare Innovation Week was part of the effort to improve healthcare delivery. He commended ACEPHAP for organizing the event and such other breakthrough recorded by the two centres – ACEPHAP and CDA. He said their exploits in research had contributed towards the University's national and global ranking.

'With the outcome of the E-Motive research result which reduces postpartum haemorrhage by

60 per cent, is actually ground breaking. BUK is proud of ACEPHAP,' he remarked.

Also Speaking, the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Hamisu Salihu, the DG/CEO of Kano Independent Research Centre Trust said, it was not news to say that the health sector in Nigeria was facing a lot of challenges of shortages of health personnel, lack of standard health facilities at most of the nation's hospitals as well as government negligence. He said the effort of ACEPHAP in the area of training health personnel as well as identification of young innovators who would use their ideas to proffer solution to health challenges affecting humanity was highly commendable.

He said entrepreneurship and innovation often played key role in healthcare development, adding that government should seriously intervene to improve healthcare delivery in the country.

The guest lecturer, Mrs. Clare Omotseye, MD/CEO of JNC International, Lagos and the President of the West Africa Private Healthcare Federation delivered a paper on 'The Imperatives of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in driving a sustainable future of Healthcare in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Shedding more light on the Healthcare Entrepreneurship Bootcamp training which started on Monday 22nd May and ended on Friday 26th May 2023 at the ACEPHAP Conference Room, Dr. Ahmad Jameel Ismail, Chairman of the event's Local Organizing Committee, said the training which had more than 120 participants was designed on issues ranging from Entrepreneurship Mindset, Entrepreneurship journey, strategy for healthcare innovation, Idea generation, Product development, marketing, soft and hard business skills, business ethics and etiquettes, healthcare innovation, business Formalisation, Business finance and writing a winning Business plan. He said it was hoped to make the

programme an annual event with collaboration with investors and foundations.



Professor H. Salihu (1st right) presenting an award to Mrs. Omotseye (middle) while, Professor Hadiza Galadanci assists



The pitch competition winners displaying their prizes



Health innovation week LOC in a group photograph

Maryam Aliyu Wins ACEPHAP Maiden Pitch Competition ... Carts Home N3.5million

Maryam Nasiru Aliyu, a medical doctor has emerged the overall winner of Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) organized pitching competition and won a cash prize of N3.5million.

The event took place on Tuesday 23rd May, 2023 at the Mahmud Tukur Theatre, Old Campus, BUK. A total of 14 talented healthcare innovators to pitch their ideas and at the end four teams emerged winners of the competition.

The ideas that won the competition are: OncoBiometrics: An AI-Powered breast cancer screening tool that uses finger printing dermatoglyphics for cancer screening. It was presented by Maryam Nasiru Aliyu, a medical Doctor. For this feat, she emerged the overall best and won a cash prize of N3.5million. By that feat, Maryam became ACEPHAP INNOVATOR of the year.

The second prize went to the team that presented on Eco-friendly Reusable Menstrual Pad led by Amina Suleiman Rajah, a nurse. She won N2.5million. The third position was captured by the team that made presentation on Digital Heart by Digital twin technology. It was anchored by Olugbenga Abejirin, an Information and Technology specialist. He won a prize of N2million. KADSMED, a safe medicines disposal project presented by Basira Kankia Lawal, a pharmacist earned the 4th position and a cash prize of N1.5million.

Apart from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions, all the remaining 10 contestants took home consolation prizes of N250, 000 cash each making a total of N12million cash distributed as prizes.

Speaking earlier, the Director of the Centre, Professor Hadiza Galadanci said the essence of the competition was to identify young innovators and entrepreneurs with ideas on how to address the myriads of challenges facing the health sector and empower them to enable them convert their ideas into products that would benefit humanity.

She said ACEPHAP's main objectives was to address health concerns of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 3) which, according to her, are; promoting good nutrition in pregnant women and

children, reducing maternal mortality, reducing child mortality and reducing maternal and child infectious diseases (malaria, Tuberculosis and HIV) with particular emphasis on increasing human resources for health and Turning Research into Practice (TRP). Professor Galadanci also said postgraduate training, capacity building training and research and some of the major focus of the centre.

She said part of the reasons why the Centre organized the Healthcare Innovation Week was to build the capacity of health personnel on entrepreneurship and innovation by imparting on them the knowledge of not only doing business but also succeeding in the ventures. It also organized Pitch competition among prospective young innovators. Pitching, she said, was to give the contestants a level playing ground to present their different innovative ideas in healthcare and at the end, a team of judges would listen to them and select the contestants with the best idea and rewards them with cash prizes to enable them to use the cash to convert their ideas into product to the benefit of the society.

In his address earlier, the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee of the Healthcare Innovation Week, Dr. Ahmad Jameel Ismail had told the audience that the committee gave a level playing ground to all interested to participate in the pitch competition. The Committee invited applications from prospective innovators, saying that a total of 52 candidates applied and that after screening, only 14 applicants scaled through and are eligible to participate in the contest.

The pitching competition is the presentation of innovative ideas in healthcare by contestants, with a view to selecting contestants with the best idea and rewards them with cash prizes to enable them to convert their ideas into product to benefit humanity.



The overall pitch competition winner, Dr. Maryam (middle) displaying her prize

4TH ACE COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP IN (ABIDJAN 2023)



2023 HEROINES OF HEALTH AWARD GALA WINNER IN PICTURES



TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO POLICY (TRIP) WORKSHOP PICTURES



ACEPHAP Director, Prof. Hadiza Galadanci presenting her address at the international Women's celebration

ACEPHAP Celebrates 2023 International Women's Day with Pomp and Pageantry

Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Initiative for Community Development Focus (I4C) and High-Level Women Advocates (HiLWA) have partnered with other stakeholders to commemorate this year's International Women's Day.

This year's celebration was marked by creating awareness to communities, family and education stakeholders and specifically school leaders and guidance and counseling teachers on menstrual hygiene and the need to establish pad banks in schools across Kano State.

Speaking at the well attended occasion which took place on Tuesday 16th May, 2023 at SBMC Hall, State Basic Education Board (SUBEB), Audu Bako Secretariat, Kano, the ACEPHAP Director, Professor Hadiza Galadanci, said ACEPHAP supported HiLWA and other partners to celebrate International Women's

Day 2023 in order to create awareness on the dangers inherent in lack of menstrual hygiene, which she said was the major cause of reproductive health challenge among adolescent girls. She added that this menstrual poverty in schools in Kano State was seriously affecting participation in school activities and the learning outcomes of girls.

Professor Galadanci added that in order to address the challenge of girls' menstrual hygiene, 'we are supporting the establishment of Pad Banks in 100 schools. I believe that this endeavour will increase access, attendance, retention and participation in learning for adolescent girls in 100 focus junior secondary schools in Kano State.' She also added that it would ensure healthy menstrual hygiene, which could prevent the potential risks of reproductive health, such as gynecological infection and later infertility. 'We are pleased to collaborate with all partners to ensure that we retain our girls in schools and in turn ensure they leave a healthy reproductive health,' she remarked.

In her address, the President of High-Level Women Advocates (HiLWA), Professor Aisha Ismail, of the Department of Political Science, Bayero University, Kano, shed more lights on why it was necessary to establish School Pad Banks in a paper, titled: 'Why



Participants at the International Women's Day celebration

School Pad Banks'. She said reducing the number of out of school children had been a strategic agenda of the Nigerian Government and her partners, including UNICEF. According to her, the focus on girls' education was based on the understanding of the enormous challenges girls faced, as well as the opportunities education created for them, their families, communities and the nation.

Professor Ismail explained that available data in Nigeria showed that girl education, especially retention, was affected by challenges related to the management of menstruation, which occurred at the onset of puberty in girls and the prevalence of school related Gender Based Violence. She said that according to the estimates of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), about one in ten school-age African girls didn't attend school during menstruation or dropped out at puberty due to lack of cleanliness, the absence of sanitary pads and separate toilet facilities for female students at school. She said several studies documented that menstruation related problems had affected more than a third of students' class concentration, participation, socializing with friends, test-taking skills and homework task performance.

The HiLWA President explained that the objective of the school Pad Banks was to increase access, attendance and participation in learning for adolescent girls in the 100 focus junior secondary schools. The pad bank is to be distributed to the focused 100 schools free. She said the dignity packs would be distributed to 100 schools across Kano State, adding that each content pack contained 10 Sanitary Pads, one dozen of Panties, 20 Soaps, 10 Sponges and 10 Sanitizers.

She said a special space would be created in the school where the Bank items would be stored and marked 'School Pad Banks.' The Bank items would

consist of: Sanitary Pads, First Aid Box comprising analgesics, etc, Washing Soap, Hand wash, Disposable Pants, Pant Liners, etc. She added that a stock inventory would be opened and maintained with (quantification).

She called on the school leaders to effectively maintain the pad banks while the SBMC and community would all contribute and support its sustainability to ensure uninterrupted attendance, retention and the completion and transition of girls to the next level of education.

Some of the partners that collaborated with HiLWA to organize the event sent in goodwill messages. Among them were the UNICEF representative, AGILE Project and Hajiya Amina Umar from SUBEB among many others.

At the end of the event, the Principals of the 100 benefiting Junior Girls Secondary Schools were presented with the dignitary packs.



President of HiLWA, Prof. Aisha Isma'il (1st right) and ACEPHAP Director, Prof. Hadiza Galadanci



ACEPHAP Communication officer, Bala G. Abdullahi presenting copies of ACEPHAP Newsletter to ACE Impact AAU Communication officer Ms Milicent, while ACE Impact AAU Director of ICT, Ms Nodumo displaying copies

Over 50 Africa Centers of Excellence Communication Officers Converge on Abidjan for the 4th ACE Communication Officers Workshop

Abidjan, the headquarters of Cote d'Ivoire played host to over 50 Africa Centre of Excellence (ACE) Communication Officers across Africa to participate in the 4th ACE Communication Officers Workshop which took place at Capitol Hotel, Abidjan from 26th to 28th April, 2023.

ACEPHAP Communication Officer, Malam Bala G. Abdullahi was among the 49 others who attended the highly educative and comprehensive training on Communication Skills and Strategies for High Education Institutions. It was organized by the Association of Africa Universities (AAU) in collaboration with the World Bank and French

National Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD).

The training covered critical topics in Effective Communications such as Research Communications and Scientific Writing, leveraging social media for Enhanced Visibility, Implementing Communication Strategies, Website content Management and Media Relations.

Some of the facilitators of the workshop include World Bank's Development and Communications Specialist, Amani Osman, Africa Centers of Excellence for Development Impact Communication Officer, Millicent Afrikiye, Director ICT of AAU, Nodumo Dhlamini, and AAU Web Developer, Frank Asefua among others.



ACE communication officer in a group photograph

ACEPHAP holds 5-Day Translating Research into Policy (TRIP) Workshop in Kano



Participant of the TRIP workshop in a group photograph

One of the major challenges of Researchers in Africa had been how to translate research findings into policy to benefit humanity. This challenge had made it almost impossible Africa to drive the maximum benefit of research findings. For this reason most research findings had been left to rot on the shelves.

As part of ACEPHAP efforts to take up the challenge, it decided to organize a 5-Day workshop titled; Translating Research into Policy in collaboration with Kenya Nutritionists and Dieticians Institute (KNDI and Agenga Training Institute (ATRI) and six partner Kenyan universities. The workshop took place from Monday 10th to Friday 14th July, 2023.

The workshop was a follow-up to an earlier one held in Kenya by ACEPHAP team on Research Grant Writing. About 22 academics drawn from six universities in Kenya and the Agenga Training and Research Institute as well as Kenya Nutritionists and Dieticians Institute (ATRI-KNDI) participated as part of the implementation of Memorandum of Agreement with the Centre signed in June, 2022.

The Kenyan workshop took place virtually on 21st and 22nd September and face-to-face between 16th and 21st October, 2022 at the KNDI office, Nairobi, Kenya.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Director of ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci represented by Deputy Centre leader, Dr. Taiwo Amole said the aim of the workshop was to trained

the participants about the knotty gritty of policy, power and policy process so that they would be in a position to articulate their positions and be able to convince those in authority to support their agitation for translating research outcome into policy for the benefit of humanity.

She expressed concern that in the past most research findings in Africa universities have always been left to rot at the shelves, saying that part of the mandate of the centre was translating research into policy, which was why this workshop was being held to spearhead the TRIP initiative.

Professor Galadanci commended the Kenyan team for making the collaboration work, adding that a team of facilitators from Bayero University and Kenya have been lined up to do justice to all the papers. She hoped that at the end of the 5-Day training, participants would be better educated on the knotty gritty of policy, power and policy process.

The Director also took time to explain the modest achievements recorded by the Centre including the recent breakthrough achieved in the e-motive research project.

In his brief remarks, the Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer of Kenya Nutritionists and Dietitians Institute (KNDI), Dr. David Omondi Okeyo who spoke further on the collaboration stated

that in addition to teaching, research and community outreach the collaboration was also geared towards training in nutrition and dietetics and other African universities to find long-lasting solution for African health workforce strengthening with a hope to influence population health and matters of policy.

He said the importance of the workshop on Translating Research into Policy could not be overemphasized, saying that it would go a long way to educate the participants on the procedure and processes to follow when the attention of policy makers were needed in translating research into policy.

A total of 15 papers were dissected by the resource persons at the workshop including six different group work discussions and presentations.

Some of the participants expressed sincere appreciation to ACEPHAP and the Facilitators for opening their eyes and equipping them with the necessary information to improve their knowledge on policy, governance and policy processes, assuring that they would make the best use of the knowledge to achieve the desired objectives.

A total of 30 academics, 10 from Kenya and 20 from Nigeria participated in the 5-Day workshop.



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Abbas presenting a copy of the 2022 Annual Report to KNDI CEO, Dr. David Omondi Okeyo

Facts About ACEPHAP Postgraduate Programmes

ACEPHAP stands for Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy. It is a World Bank supported center of Bayero University, Kano established since 2019.

The Center conducts its own research and collaborates with institutions/ centers to conduct cutting edge research. It supports its staff and students to conduct research, disseminate findings and facilitate necessary policy change or formulation. One of its just concluded researches (EMOTIVE Trial) will change the policy on management of postpartum haemorrhage and is set to reduce maternal deaths from postpartum haemorrhage globally.

The Center runs five MSc programs - Global Health and Policy, Public Mental Health and Policy, Public Health Nutrition and Policy, Public Health Nursing and Policy, and Maternal Child Health and Policy. We have scores of foreign students from 10 African countries. The Center is also about to start two PhD programs; PhD Public Health and PhD Human Reproduction.

Why Choose ACEPHAP?

1. The Center offers a variety of degrees that many people from different backgrounds can fit in. All these degrees emphasize on getting skills of translating research into policy. These degrees can only be obtained from ACEPHAP. No identical degrees exist anywhere in Nigeria, much less Bayero University, the parent institution of ACEPHAP
2. Being a World Bank supported center, students are entitled to be supported for their dissertation, including laboratory work. There is also a mandatory one month internship that is fully sponsored (on merit it may be outside Nigeria) in a place chosen by students.
3. If you are a regional student (non-Nigerian), your tuition and accommodation fees will be paid by ACEPHAP. In addition, you will be entitled to air ticket to and from Nigeria as well as a monthly stipend throughout the duration of your study in Nigeria



