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He is currently leading the implementation of innovative approaches to bridge immunization equity and coverage gaps in the African Region. He has coordinated the rollout of several new and under-utilized vaccines including Rota, Human Papilloma Virus, and Malaria vaccines in West Africa.

He currently coordinates the COVID-19 vaccine introduction and immunization program management for West Africa. In this role, he provides technical support to 17 West African countries on immunization, surveillance, outbreak response and the implementation of strategies to strengthen the existing health systems in these countries.

In preceding roles, he worked with WHO Nigeria as Technical Adviser to Nigeria’s National Emergency Routine Immunization Coordination Centre (NERICC) where he facilitated the implementation of system-wide reforms in the national immunization program. Before joining WHO, he worked with UNICEF and with the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) where he led the introduction of new and under-utilized vaccines into Nigeria’s Expanded Program on Immunization.

He has also functioned in several roles and at different levels including the design and implementation of maternal and child health interventions through the UKaid-implemented Partnership for Transforming Health Systems II (PATHS2) and as Monitoring and Evaluation officer in FHI360 through Nigeria’s Niger Delta Aids Response Plus (NiDARPlus) Program.

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