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Dr Justina Nkechi Okoli obtained her B.Sc. degree in Nutrition and Dietetics, M.Sc in Public Health Nutrition and Ph.D in Public Health Nutrition all from University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Justina is also a Registered Dietitian with Nigeria Dietetic Association, Dietitians Association of Nigeria and Registered Nutritionist with Nutrition Society of Nigeria. She is the current Chairman, Nutrition Society of Nigeria, Anambra chapter and Chairman Catholic Nurses Guild of Nigeria, Nnewi Diocese and former Editor in Chief of the Voice of the Catholic Nurses Guild of Nigeria for eight years.

 Justina Okoli is a lecturer and current Head of Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics, Faculty of Health Sciences and Technology, College of Health Sciences, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nnewi Campus, Anambra State, Nigeria. She is the Pioneer Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist of the department.

Her deep passion for good health through adequate nutrition and nutrition education, stimulated her interest to single handedly written the current approved Programme for Human Nutrition and Dietetics for Nnamdi Azikiwe University,Awka. As a Public health Nutritionist and Nurse, She serves in many community projects, NGOs and Faith Based Organizations at different settings to prevent malnutrition among folks in primary health care and community settings. Justina is very innovative and a calculative individual that is always ready and assist in Nutrition Information, assessment and Surveillance System. She has excellent experience in conducting situation analysis for programme sector activities. As a consolidated author and editor, She has the ability to prepare regular reports as at when due. Her wealth of experience in team work enables her create a very conducive environment necessary for high output needed in promoting interdisciplinary technical and operational support that is essential in multidisciplinary environment.

Dr. Justina Okoli was a lecturer at the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics, College of Applied Food Sciences and Tourism (CAFST), Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Umuahia (MOUAU), Nigeria. Her area of specialty is Clinical, Dietetics and Public Health Nutrition. While at MOUAU, She was the College Representative to College of Management Sciences and also the Departmental Coordinator of both Undergraduate Project and Seminar. She was the departmental Associate Coordinator of students’ clinical/hospital practice external posting at the Human Nutrition and Dietetics department, Federal Medical Centre, (FMC), Umuahia. She is an author of two best selling textbooks in Nutrition/Dietetics and Research Methodology. Justina has also briefly lectured at the Department of Home Science, Nutrition and Management in Nasarawa State University, Lafia Campus.

In addition to her educational background, She has postgraduate registeration as a Nurse Educator, Public health Nurse and Midwife with Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria. She started her nursing work experience as a clinical Nurse and her teaching experience as Clinical Instructor at School of Nursing and Midwifery, Bishop Shanahan Hospital Nsukka before furthering her studies to be a Nurse Educator. Justina lectured at School of Public Health Nursing, Nsukka. In 2012, She relocated to Anambra state when Nutrition, Dietetics and nursing courses at the School of Nursing. While at the school, She organized the Maiden Convocation Ceremony of the institution as the Chairman, Planning committee with a huge success. Justina also served at one time as Ag. HOD/Vice Principal of School of Nursing, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Ihiala, VP at SON/SOM, BSH, Nsukka. Dr. Okoli has also assisted in many Nursing programmes at Iyienu, Amichi and still at Millenium College of Nursing Sciences, Awka on Part time bases to the glory of God. She has a wide range of knowledge and experience in Nursing care, Nursing education, nursing management, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programme activities. Justina is skilled in scientific investigation of nursing and health issues of development.

Dr. Okoli is a member of various professional associations namely; Nutrition Society of Nigeria, Dietitians Association of Nigeria, SHEN, National Association of Nigeria Nurses & Midwives and Public Health Nurses Association of Nigeria.  Justina is a member and Fellow of African Institute of Public Health Professionals and Professional Association of Public Health Nurses of Nigeria. She has presented papers at many conferences and workshops and has earned various awards to her credit from reputable organizations, Churches and communities. Justina has and is still serving as a member of Editorial Boards of Journal of Dietitians Association of Nigeria and Journal of Nursing respectively. Dr. Okoli Justina is happily married to Chief Sonni Okoli of Ufuma in Anambra state and the marriage is blessed with five lovely children and grand children. She is also a title holder in her community as **Chief Dr Justina Okoli also known as Mmutabugwu 1 of Ufuma.** Other titles include **Ugosimba 1 and Nneoma di Ugwu 1.**

**CREATIVE OUTPUT**

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 Development edited by Azuoma etc Nnamdi Azikiwe University Book series First Edition, Nnamdi

 Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State.

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 biochemical and anthropometric indices of PLHIV attending NAUTH, Nnewi J. of Dietitians

 Association of Nigeria 10(45-48).

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12. Nweneka, Chidi, Nzeribe, S. O.and Okoli, J. N. (2021). Data Science for Decision Making in

 Healthcare Service Delivery. A book chapter contribution in Leadership and Management for

 Health Workers Concept. Theories. Practices edited by Obinna O. Oleribe, Fredrick Nwosu and

 Simon D. Taylor – Robinson.

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 in Leadership and Management for Health Workers Concepts.

 Theories. Practices edited by Obinna O. Oleribe, Fredrick Nwosu and Simon

 D. Taylor – Robinson.

14. Okoli, J. N. and Makata N. (2021). Training and development of leaders in Africa. A book

 chapter contribution in Leadership and Management for Health Workers

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University of Nigeria Press.

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 Urban, Enugu State, Nigeria. Nigeria Journal of Nursing 1(45-48).

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 by Ndubest Productions, Enugu.

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University of Nigeria Press.

**CAPACITY ENHANCING TRAINING CONDUCTED**

1. State Facilitator on Maternal Nutrition for Anambra State 2023 MODULE
2. Nutrition Society of Nigeria /Engaging Nutrition Academia in Nigeria, 2021 NSN Leaders Conference on Nutrition organized at Lagos.
3. Inauguration of Nutrition Society of Nigeria, Anambra Chapter.
4. Maternal Nutrition Training of Training of Trainers for Nurses and Midwife Tutors in Abuja,
5. State Facilitator on Maternal Nutrition for Anambra and Ebonyi States
6. Early initiation of exclusive breastfeeding by mothers to scale up the practice of exclusive breastfeeding.
7. Training on community awareness around the prevalence, prevention, mitigation and seriousness of undernutrition, particularly stunting and anaemia and recognition that their causes go beyond food alone
8. Stakeholders’ round table discussion on the job competencies for public health nutritionists along with those needed for supportive supervisors
9. Multi- sectoral coordination and collaboration among involved sectors through a mandate from highest authority
10. Academic and other institutional support for public health nutrition
11. Accreditation in public nutrition: certification of public health nutritionist through formal licensure process
12. Easy cross-border of nutrition professionals
13. TOT of Nursing Research
14. TOT on iodine deficiency programmes for Secondary School teachers and mothers
15. TOT of Nutrition for Nurses
16. TOT on MYICN 2024