

# Prof. Nebiyu Lera Alaro

Public Health Specialist | Humanitarian Health Programme Leadership | Research, Quality & Capacity Building

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Public-health and humanitarian health professional with more than 17 years of progressive experience across public, private and international NGO settings. Experience spans programme leadership and management, health-service management, clinical services (HIV, STI, reproductive health and family planning, TB and nutrition), referral and linkage, commodity supply chains and health-systems strengthening, with a record of planning, leading and managing programmes in several countries.

Known for building solutions-driven, cross-cultural teams; defining technical programme strategy and measurable benchmarks; and working with internal and external stakeholders to turn needs into practical action. Experience includes MSF, UNICEF, WHO, Rescue Life of Children (RLC), THESO, Doctors with Africa CUAMM and COSV.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Professor of Public Health

From November 2026

University of Central Nicaragua (UCN) / Texila American University

Academic appointment in public health, held alongside field and programme leadership.

### Project Medical Coordinator

March 2026 – present

MSF WaCA · Kano, Nigeria

- Works with the Project Coordinator, the Medical Coordinator and Ministry of Health partners to define, implement and monitor medical activities in line with MSF project plans, standards and protocols.
- Takes part in exploratory missions and situation assessments, and contributes to the project policy, annual plan, budget review, proposals and donor reports; keeps regular contact with the Ministry of Health and other local medical actors.
- Leads medical data collection, analysis and reporting to the capital-level Medical Coordination for programme monitoring.

### Project Medical Coordinator (SRH)

August 2025 – January 2026

MSF OCB · Abuja, Nigeria

- Led a health-needs assessment in Southeast Nigeria (Anambra State) to identify health and humanitarian gaps, set operational priorities and propose a medical strategy aligned with the MSF OCB strategic vision.
- Produced and validated a detailed assessment report (findings, needs and gap analysis) and a concept note with an implementation plan for the proposed medical package.
- Worked through a functional working group with the Country Medical Coordinator, the medical department and designated referents, so that data collection, analysis and validation were complete before the ARO 2026 presentation.

### Technical Medical Advisor (TMA)

June 2025 – July 2025

Rescue Life of Children (RLC) · Juba, South Sudan

- Provided clinical, technical and strategic guidance for the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health programmes, ensuring quality of care, adherence to medical protocols and evidence-based decisions.
- Developed and updated clinical guidelines and SOPs based on WHO, Ministry of Health and organisational standards.
- Supported outbreak preparedness and response (surveillance, case management, infection prevention and control) and gave rapid technical support during outbreaks and humanitarian crises, including triage, referral pathways and mass-casualty planning.

### Project Medical Referent (HIV/TB, NCD, ICCM)

May 2025 – June 2025

MSF OCG · Twic, South Sudan

- Provided day-to-day follow-up, oversight and supervision of medical activities at all sites: ICCM, Gomgoi health post, and Mayen Abun hospital (HIV/TB, paediatric and adult care).
- Focused on quality of care at the hospital, ICCMs and health post supported by MSF under the two-year COPRO.
- Assessed priorities in the medical departments and followed up improvements, while keeping the emergency and contingency plan for 2025 current with other departments.

## **Project Medical Referent / E-MEDCO (Nutrition & Paediatrics)**

February 2024 – April 2025

Médecins Sans Frontières OCP · Katsina, Nigeria

- Defined, monitored and updated the medical content of the MSF country policy, strategy, annual plan and budget, translating identified health needs into medical objectives, priorities and resources.
- Held overall responsibility for the appropriateness and quality of medical interventions, patient safety and patient-centred care across projects.
- Monitored medical and humanitarian needs through exploratory missions, health information systems and proposal review, and supervised technical and material aspects through regular field visits.

## **Project Medical Referent, E-pool (Paediatrics, Nutrition)**

February 2023 – December 2023

Médecins Sans Frontières OCB · Afar, Ethiopia

- Defined, implemented and monitored medical activities with the Medical Coordinator and Ministry of Health partners, in line with MSF plans, standards and protocols.
- Took part in exploratory missions, assessments, the project policy, annual plan, budget review and donor reporting, and kept regular contact with the Ministry of Health and local actors.
- Led medical data collection, analysis and reporting; gave technical support, coaching and performance evaluation to the medical team.

## **Medical Activity Manager, E-Pool (Paediatrics, Nutrition)**

June 2022 – January 2023

Médecins Sans Frontières OCB · Afar, Ethiopia

- Oversaw MSF emergency health, health-systems-strengthening and research projects, with technical oversight of all health projects and support to partners.
- Built quality-assurance methods and checks with staff and the M&E team, and supported programme design, proposals and reporting driven by data and learning.
- Ensured health activities followed Federal Ministry of Health and WHO standards and best practice.

## **Medical Activity Manager (Health, Nutrition, CeMoC)**

January 2021 – June 2022

Médecins Sans Frontières OCB · Maiduguri, Nigeria

- Defined, coordinated and monitored care and medical activities, including day-to-day management of human resources according to MSF nursing protocols, standards and procedures.
- Gave technical support to the infection prevention and control nursing activity manager and nurse supervisors.
- Oversaw emergency health, health-systems-strengthening and operational-research programmes of MSF Nigeria, and supervised projects and implementing partners.

## **Medical Director**

May 2019 – December 2020

The Health Support Organization (THESO) · Juba, South Sudan

- Provided vision and guidance in developing the country programme's multi-year strategic and annual plans, including narrative, action plans and budgets.
- Contributed to national and international organisational strategic planning, and directed and supported direct reports in delivering annual plans.
- Ensured programme and research activities met organisational standards, best practice and commitments, and that THESO remained accountable to beneficiaries, the Ministry of Health and partners.

## **Medical Coordinator**

January 2016 – February 2019

Doctors with Africa CUAMM · Juba, South Sudan

- Contributed to national and international strategic planning, and ensured PHCC and PHCU reporting to CUAMM and the Ministry of Health information system.
- Gave technical support to health departments on programme design, proposals, reporting, and monitoring and evaluation; provided supportive supervision to county officers and programme staff.
- Oversaw community health activities, including monitoring Boma Health Worker selection criteria and maintaining GIS maps of service coverage.

## **Deputy Medical Coordinator**

March 2015 – December 2015

Doctors with Africa CUAMM · Juba, South Sudan

- Held overall responsibility for developing and implementing the community health work plan, ensuring quality outputs; oversaw outreach and community-based activities and supported county management.
- Led and line-managed the community health team through weekly stream meetings and monthly and quarterly performance reviews.
- Strengthened referral from community to PHCC, PHCU, county and state hospitals; trained nurses and midwives; ensured essential drug supply, infection prevention and nursing standards; supported analysis of routine data and reports.

## Advisor (Consultant), Medical Proposal

February 2012 – March 2012

Hold the Child · Juba, South Sudan

- Gave technical assistance to the head of programmes on proposals, donor-funding applications and project budgets; advised on malnutrition solutions; managed the project team and liaised with government departments.

## Health Project Coordinator

October 2010 – February 2012

UNICEF · Juba, South Sudan

- Oversaw planning, coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health projects, and managed six clinical-services network coordinators and field-based officers.
- Prepared health service guidelines, manuals and training materials and high-quality donor reports; strengthened the capacity of regional UNICEF and government health bureau staff.
- Led and developed local and international health staff, supervised resource allocation within approved spending levels, and aligned organisational objectives with the Sudanese context.

## EDUCATION

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### PhD in Public Health

March 2016 – December 2018

Texila American University · Guyana · Honours

### MSc Tropical Medicine

February 2019 – December 2021

Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp · Honours

### MSc Medical-Surgical Nursing

March 2013 – January 2015

The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University · Chennai · Honours

### BSc

Hawassa University · Ethiopia

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

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- Healthcare Providers in Africa Face HIV and AIDS Challenges in Providing Services to a Key Population: Infant and Young Child Feeding — *Texila International Journal of Public Health*, 9(4), 2021. DOI: 10.21522/TIJPH.2013.09.04.Art005.
- Assessment of Patient Satisfaction in an Out Patient Department of Rumbek East County, South Sudan — *Texila International Journal of Public Health*, 7(3), 2019. DOI: 10.21522/TIJPH.2013.07.03.Art002.
- Measles Immunization Research, Western Lake State, South Sudan — *Texila International Journal of Public Health*, 7(2), 2019. DOI: 10.21522/TIJPH.2013.07.02.Art007.
- Brave Hero: His Excellency Former Prime Minister Haile Mariam Dessalegn — opinion article listed on public profile, 2 August 2018.
- Research on acute and moderate malnutrition among under-five children in Western Lakes State, South Sudan.

## BOOKS

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Author of **From Gondar to the World** (a memoir of resilience, purpose and global healing) and **Ethiopia Rising** (a journey through progress and promise). Copies are available by enquiry; see the [Books](#) page.

## CORE AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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Public health · Humanitarian response · Health-systems strengthening · Nutrition · MNCH · HIV/TB · SRH/family planning · EPI/immunisation · Clinical quality & audit · Monitoring & evaluation · Operational research · Programme & project management · Partnerships & donor management · People management · Budget oversight · Strategic planning · Supply-chain coordination · Capacity building · Emergency preparedness

## LANGUAGES

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**English** (Fluent) · **Arabic** (Elementary) · **French** (Beginner)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International public health; maternal, newborn and child health; reproductive health; nutrition and infant feeding; vaccine-preventable diseases and immunisation; HIV prevention and service access; evaluation of humanitarian health interventions; health-system performance; programme quality; and disaster and emergency management.