

Prof. Nebiyu Lera Alaro

Public health & humanitarian health specialist · Professor of Public Health (from November 2026)

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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 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

University of Central Nicaragua (UCN) / Texila American University | From November 2026

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

Project Medical Coordinator

MSF WaCA · Kano, Nigeria | March 2026 – present

- 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.

Project Medical Coordinator (SRH)

MSF OCB · Abuja, Nigeria | August 2025 – January 2026

- 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.

Technical Medical Advisor (TMA)

Rescue Life of Children (RLC) · Juba, South Sudan | June 2025 – July 2025

- 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.

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

MSF OCG · Twic, South Sudan | May 2025 – June 2025

- 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.

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

Médecins Sans Frontières OCP · Katsina, Nigeria | February 2024 – April 2025

- 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.

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

Médecins Sans Frontières OCB · Afar, Ethiopia | February 2023 – December 2023

- Defined, implemented and monitored medical activities with the Medical Coordinator and Ministry of Health partners, in line with MSF plans, standards and protocols.

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

Médecins Sans Frontières OCB · Afar, Ethiopia | June 2022 – January 2023

- Oversaw MSF emergency health, health-systems-strengthening and research projects, with technical oversight of all health projects and support to partners.

Medical Activity Manager (Health, Nutrition, CeMoC)

Médecins Sans Frontières OCB · Maiduguri, Nigeria | January 2021 – June 2022

- Defined, coordinated and monitored care and medical activities, including day-to-day management of human resources according to MSF nursing protocols, standards and procedures.

Medical Director

The Health Support Organization (THESO) · Juba, South Sudan | May 2019 – December 2020

- Provided vision and guidance in developing the country programme's multi-year strategic and annual plans, including narrative, action plans and budgets.

Medical Coordinator

Doctors with Africa CUAMM · Juba, South Sudan | January 2016 – February 2019

- Contributed to national and international strategic planning, and ensured PHCC and PHCU reporting to CUAMM and the Ministry of Health information system.

Deputy Medical Coordinator

Doctors with Africa CUAMM · Juba, South Sudan | March 2015 – December 2015

- 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.

Advisor (Consultant), Medical Proposal

Hold the Child · Juba, South Sudan | February 2012 – March 2012

- 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

UNICEF · Juba, South Sudan | October 2010 – February 2012

- Oversaw planning, coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health projects, and managed six clinical-services network coordinators and field-based officers.

EDUCATION

PhD in Public Health

Texila American University, Guyana (Honours) | March 2016 – December 2018

MSc Tropical Medicine

Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp (Honours) | February 2019 – December 2021

MSc Medical-Surgical Nursing

The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai (Honours) | March 2013 – January 2015

BSc

Hawassa University, Ethiopia

PEER REVIEW & PUBLICATIONS

- Peer reviewer, AS Nutritional Health (Acta Scientific Publications); formal reviewer letter dated 15 October 2019.
- Texila International Journal of Public Health (ISSN 2520-3134): Healthcare Providers in Africa Face HIV and AIDS Challenges in Providing Services to a Key Population: Infant and Young Child Feeding, 9(4), 2021, DOI 10.21522/TIJPH.2013.09.04.Art005.
- Texila International Journal of Public Health: Assessment of Patient Satisfaction in an Out Patient Department of Rumbek East County, South Sudan, 7(3), 2019, DOI 10.21522/TIJPH.2013.07.03.Art002.
- Texila International Journal of Public Health: Measles Immunization Research, Western Lake State, South Sudan, 7(2), 2019, DOI 10.21522/TIJPH.2013.07.02.Art007.

SKILLS

Partnerships and donor management · Project and programme management · People management · Monitoring and evaluation · Health-care management · Health systems · Leadership · Quality assurance · Communication · HR

policies and procedures · Stakeholder management · Resource allocation · Budget oversight · Strategic planning ·
Inventory control and supply-chain coordination · Healthcare services referrals · Project problem-solving

LANGUAGES

English (fluent) · Arabic (elementary) · French (beginner)