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Programme Manager | Researcher | Policy Analyst | Ph.D. Peace, Conflict & Development Studies

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Location: Abuja, Nigeria | Open to International & Remote Positions Worldwide

8+ Years experience	1,700+ Women businesses surveyed	4,753 New voters registered	3,400+ Citizens engaged	1,200+ Programme beneficiaries	3 Scopus publications
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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven Programme Manager, Researcher, and Lecturer with a Ph.D. in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies and over 8 years of demonstrated experience designing and delivering donor-funded development, governance, and research programmes across Nigeria. Proven track record managing multi-stakeholder projects funded by the World Bank, FCDO, UN Women, and UNDP, with consistent compliance across donor, financial, and reporting requirements. Led large-scale mixed-method research covering 1,700+ women-owned businesses, produced Scopus-indexed publications, and designed civic programmes achieving measurable registration of 4,753 new voters. Expertise spans Results-Based Management (RBM), Theory of Change (ToC), M&E, SPSS, and R. Actively seeking international and remote positions in programme management, policy research, governance, and sustainable development.

CORE COMPETENCIES & KEYWORDS

Programme Management | Results-Based Management (RBM) | Theory of Change (ToC) | Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) | Grant Management | Donor Compliance | Policy Analysis & Brief Writing | Women's Economic Empowerment | Affirmative Procurement | Governance & Electoral Reform | Peace & Conflict Resolution | Stakeholder Engagement | Quantitative Research | Qualitative Research | Mixed-Method Research | SPSS | R (Statistical Computing) | KII & FGD Facilitation | Needs Assessment | Community Development | Civic Education | Human Security | Microsoft Office Suite | Google Workspace

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Programme / Policy Manager | Haven of Victory Development Foundation

2026 – Present | Abuja, Nigeria

- Designed and executed the National University Student Drug Advocacy Club (NU-SDAC) across 7 universities, engaging 470 students in drug and crime prevention with a 70% measurable positive impact rate.
- Designed and executed the Moto Park Initiative in partnership with NAPTIP, NDLEA, and National Road Safety Corps, training 510 commercial drivers and 37 logistics companies in detection and curbing of illegal drug logistics.
- Designed and executed the Safe School Project with 17 schools and the FCTA Education Secretariat, delivering drug prevention education to 275 children.

Research / Programme Manager — Elections & Governance | Mandate4 / Civil Society Election Monitoring

March 2021 – 2026 | Abuja, Nigeria

- Represented the organisation at 15 strategic meetings with INEC, the Nigeria Civil Society Situation Room, and civil society platforms, strengthening inter-agency policy coordination.
- Launched and supervised a voter registration drive (August–September 2026) resulting in the verified registration of 4,753 new voters.
- Organised grassroots sensitisation activities and town halls across Paipe Village, University of Abuja, and Lugbe, directly engaging 3,410 citizens.
- Observed and reported on local council elections during the 2026 Abuja Area Council Elections, contributing to credible electoral reporting.
- Advocated for electoral reforms through policy briefs, stakeholder dialogues, and legislative engagement; built partnerships with civil society, media, donors, and community leaders.

Research Manager | [Do Take Action](#)

November 2018 – 2025 | Abuja, Nigeria | World Bank SWEEP · UN Women WEEAP · Chevening/FCDO SWEEAP

- Delivered 3 policy briefs on public and private sector roles in affirmative procurement under the World Bank SWEEP programme.
- Led a quantitative survey of 320 women-led businesses in Abuja and 320 in Kano and Rivers States (640+ total), generating evidence for national procurement reform.
- Conducted comprehensive needs assessments on affirmative procurement policy gaps across 3 geopolitical zones.
- Delivered keynote papers on public/private sector roles in affirmative procurement at multi-stakeholder national forums.
- Produced and published 8 post-event reports across World Bank and UN Women programmes, informing donor reporting and policy dialogue.
- Led a survey of 419 women-led businesses in Abuja for UN Women WEEAP, producing 1 policy brief and 5 post-event reports.

Assistant Lecturer — Political Science | [University of Abuja](#)

April 2016 – December 2018 | Abuja, Nigeria

- Delivered lectures, tutorials, and practicals to undergraduate and postgraduate students, achieving an average 90% student satisfaction and engagement rate.
- Contributed to course content and lesson plan development, achieving 95% curriculum coverage and compliance with institutional standards.
- Maintained an 85% class participation rate through inclusive and engaging pedagogy; supported student progression, contributing to a 90% completion rate.
- Achieved a 75% publication and conference dissemination rate from completed independent research projects.

Research Assistant | [Social Science Research Group](#)

2014–April 2016 | Nigeria

- Conducted 23 Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) with government officials, community leaders, and sector experts.
- Produced and contributed to 13 research and technical reports across governance, development, security, and public policy.
- Participated in 7 multidisciplinary research projects; delivered 100% of assigned research deliverables within project timelines and quality standards.

KEY DONOR-FUNDED PROJECTS

Chevening / FCDO — SWEEAP Project (Kano & Rivers States) | 2025–2026

- Delivered 2 policy briefs on affirmative procurement for Kano and Rivers States; conducted a survey of 320 women-led businesses.

World Bank / Do Take Action — SWEEP Project | July 2024 – April 2025

- Delivered 2 policy briefs; surveyed 320 women-led businesses in Abuja; produced 3 post-event reports; led needs assessment.

UN Women / Do Take Action — WEEAP Programme | March 2023 – November 2024

- Delivered 1 policy brief; surveyed 419 women-led businesses in Abuja; produced 5 post-event reports.

UNDP — Nationwide Vigilante & Community Policing Survey | March–September 2024

- Conducted 34 KIIs and 13 FGDs across all 6 area councils of Abuja; authored the KII report accepted by UNDP.

PUBLICATIONS (SCOPUS-INDEXED)

1. Gaps in the 2022 Electoral Act and Challenges Confronting the Administration of the 2023 General Elections in Nigeria

Authors: Sunday Ogbanje, Ndubuisi Isaac, Damian Uzochukwu Attah et al. | Journal of Xi'an Shiyou University, Vol. 21, Issue 02 | Scopus Indexed

URL: <https://www.xisdjxsu.asia/V21I02-06.pdf>

2. Structural Burden: Endogenous and Exogenous Obstacles to Women's Political Participation in Nigeria

Authors: Damian U. Attah, Makinde Emmanuel Tunde, Ngozi Obeta Anadi | Mixed-method survey design, n=1,000 | Scopus Indexed

3. Influence of Hate Speech on Nigeria's Political Environment and Voters' Choice in the 2023 Presidential Election

Authors: Ndubuisi Isaac, Francis Chidozie Umendiego, Damian Uzochukwu Attah et al. | Quantitative, n=392, 98% response rate, SPSS v23 | Scopus Indexed

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Peace, Conflict and Development Studies | [Enugu State University of Science and Technology \(ESUT\)](#)

2024 | *Enugu, Nigeria*

Master of Science (M.Sc.) Political Science (Human Security & Counter-Terrorism) | [University of Nigeria, Nsukka \(UNN\)](#)

2019 | *Nsukka, Nigeria*

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Political Science / Psychology | [University of Nigeria, Nsukka \(UNN\)](#)

2014 | *Nsukka, Nigeria*

SKILLS & TOOLS

Programme Management: Results-Based Management (RBM), Theory of Change (ToC), M&E, Grant Management, Donor Compliance, Multi-Stakeholder Coordination, Programme Design & Implementation

Research Methods: Quantitative, Qualitative & Mixed-Method Research; KII & FGD Facilitation; Needs Assessment; Survey Design; Content Analysis; Policy Brief Writing

Data & Statistics: SPSS (v23+), R (Statistical Computing), Microsoft Excel

Technology: Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Google Workspace, Academic Publishing Platforms

Languages: English (Full Professional Proficiency), Igbo (Native)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Prof. Michael Aloysius Okolie - Vice Chancellor, ESUT

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"Dr Damian is a highly skilled and dedicated professional... I can confidently recommend him for any research or academic position, given his exceptional qualifications and proven expertise."

Prof. Freedom Onuoha - Senior Lecturer, Political Science

Email: chufreedom@gmail.com

"Dr Damian Attah possesses advanced skills in data collection, stakeholder mapping, and the development of data collection instruments... proficient in analyzing complex datasets using SPSS and R, ensuring accurate, reliable, and meaningful results."