

2021 to 2022 activities on health and education for PACIEH website by Prof Chinyelu A. EKWUNIFE.

1. Coordinator of World NTD (Neglected Tropical Diseases) day January 2021

The WHO launched their 2030 roadmap to end NTDs and recommended official recognition of 30 January as World NTD Day.

The world NTD day was well celebrated in Anambra State, under the umbrella of Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria where I served as the coordinator. The campaign, rally and physical celebration started by 9.00am on 29th January 2021. All PPSN members, Nnamdi Azikiwe University (Unizik) chapter including final year students of Parasitology and Entomology department joined the celebration, well kitted in their T-shirts and cap (all thanks to Sightsavers). The campaign and Health Education was taken to College of Postgraduate Studies, Vice Chancellor of the University as well as the whole University Community. (See Pics)



World NTD Day March From Science Village Nnamdi Azikiwe University to Different parts of The University



World NTD Day Celebration at School of Postgraduate Studies Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka, Nigeria



A. Prof C.A. Ekwunife doing the enlightenment campaign while Nnamdi Azikiwe University Vice chancellor Prof. C.O Esimone and others listened



B. Vice Chancellor Nnamdi Azikiwe Prof. C.O. Esimone joined in the celebration (VC addressing the celebrants) stressing why we must observe good hygiene to end NTD's and other diseases



C. Interaction with Biosciences Faculty

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Students and staff of Nnamdi Azikiwe University for participating actively, they are now aware of NTDs and preventive measures. Final year students of Parasitology and Entomology also participated actively and in the process were reminded the preventive and control methods for the NTDs. Interestingly, First semester Examination in the school took place from 1st - 17th February 2021 and the experience and information from this activity was part of the examination questions.

2. Academic activities

Prof Ekwunife was involved in the following online courses and activities

- A. The Geneva Learning Foundation in collaboration with the WHO certificate on Scholar Level 1 workshop for Improved Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Female Genital Schistosomiasis (FGS) May 2021
- B. The African Regional training Centre (ARTC) in collaboration with WHO/TDR certificate on The Gender-Based Analysis for Vector Borne Diseases and Climatic Change Research (GBA) March 2021
- C. A reviewer to the book - Public Engagement and Crowdfunding in Health Research – A Practical Guide. WHO/TDR 2021
- D. Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria (PPSN) 45 Annual Conference, National Space Research Development Agency, FCT, Abuja Nigeria, 4th - 7th October, 2021
- E. Inducted as a Fellow of Parasitology and Public Health Society of Nigeria (fppsn) in October 2021.