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Born 55 years ago in Adamawa State, Prof. Zubairu Iliyasu completed his secondary education at General Murtala Muhammad College, Yola in 1983 and proceeded to the University of Maiduguri, where he obtained the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degrees in 1990. Prof. Iliyasu was the recipient of Provost's Prize for the Best Preclinical Student, George Edington Prize in Pathology, Nigeria Paediatrics Association Prize, Wakilin Adamawa Prize in Internal Medicine, Matco Clinic Prize in Public Health and Provost Prize for Overall Best Medical Graduate.

After his housemanship at Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital, Kano. He trained as an Obstetric Fistula Surgeon operating over 1,000 women with Vesicovaginal Fistula at the Laure Fistula during his National Service. He was the National Coordinator and Volunteer Fistula Surgeon for UNFPA's Fistula Fortnight during which over 500 women had free Vesicovaginal Fistula (VVF) surgical operations in the high burden states of Kano, Katsina, Sokoto, and Kebbi.

Prof. Iliyasu was awarded the prestigious British Chevening Scholarship for a Master's degree in Public Health, at the University of Glasgow, which he completed in 1999. He received the M P Shah Prize in International Public Health at the University of Glasgow. He completed his postgraduate residency training in Community Medicine and Public Health at Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital Zaria. He bagged the Fellowships of the West African College of Physicians in 2004 and the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria in Public Health in 2011. He won the Adetokunbo O. Lucas and Dr. O.P Sogbetun Prizes for the best part II candidate.

Prof. Iliyasu as Head of Department of Community Medicine (2010-2014) initiated the Master of Public Health program and the Bayero University-University of Sheffield collaboration in Public Health supported by the British Council, which resulted in staff capacity building producing several PhDs, staff exchanges collaborative research between the two institutions. As part of this collaboration, Prof. Iliyasu completed his PhD at the School of Health and Related Studies (SchARR). As Chair, SERVICOM committee at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Prof Iliyasu's leadership placed the Hospital as the most compliant among federal tertiary health institutions.

Prof Iliyasu also received Postgraduate Diplomas in Vaccinology from Institut Pasteur, Paris and Paris 7 University, France and Université de Genève, Switzerland.

Prof. Iliyasu was appointed as Chair, National Health Research Ethics committee by the Honorable Minister of Health in February 2017 and Chair, National Certification Committee for Polio Eradication in 2018. He successfully defended Nigeria's complete documentation on polio-free status to the African Regional Certification Committee leading to Nigeria's certification as polio-free in 2020. He was the Founding Director, Centre for Infectious Diseases Research, Bayero University, Kano (2016-2020)

A researcher par excellence, Prof. Iliyasu has been a Principal Investigator for ORIE project (DFID), a series of WHO Polio seroprevalence studies in Kano, and Co-Principal Investigator on NIH (BRIDGE Epilepsy), NIH G11 (V-RAMP), and NIH D34 (Training) grants.

He is on the Editorial Boards of the International Journal of Translational Medical Research and Public Health, Public Health Practice, Nigerian Journal of Community Medicine and Primary Health Care, BMC Public Health, and is a Lancet Nigeria Commissioner. Prof. Iliyasu has published over 100 articles in reputable journals.

Member, Bayero University Press Governing Board, Bayero University Inaugural Lecture Committee, Team member, UNFPA Evaluation Team, National Fistula Program, Uganda, Member WHO Expert Committee on COVID-19 Ethical Issues and Member Steering Committee on Global Conference on Bioethics, Portugal 2022. He is an External Examiner and Professorial Assessor to the Universities of Nigeria, Ibadan, Ahmadu Bello University, University of Maiduguri, Usmanu Danfodiyo, University of Abuja, and Bingham University and Northeastern University, USA. He is an Examiner in the West African College of Physicians and the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria. He has supervised several undergraduates, Masters, PhD, and Fellowship candidates.

He is a Member, Nigerian Medical Association, Association of Public Health Physicians of Nigeria, and Medical and Dental Consultants' Association of Nigeria. Prof. Iliyasu is Married with Children.