

THE ROUX PRIZE

FOR TURNING EVIDENCE INTO HEALTH IMPACT

Devising data-driven solutions to prevent and treat infectious diseases in Nigeria and beyond.

As a physician and epidemiologist, **Prof. Abubakar** has devoted his career to addressing health disparities at the population level and finding solutions that directly improve health for many people.

HIS GOAL

Reduce inequities and improve opportunities for health care.

ACTION

- Acted as **Scientific and Technical Adviser** to the Nigeria Presidential Taskforce on COVID-19 and to the UK's COVID monitoring efforts
- Conducted **tuberculosis studies** on control and treatment, including new vaccine trials which shortened treatment time; served as chair of WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Tuberculosis
- Investigated **emerging infections** and their causes, with new insights into vectors and animal reservoirs
- Led **University College London-Lancet Commission** on Migration and Health
- Led the **Lancet Nigeria Commission** to produce a custom Burden of Disease analysis of Nigeria's health system



IMPACT



Guided national response and vaccination policy during the COVID-19 pandemic by gathering evidence



Improved diagnosis of drug-resistant tuberculosis and access to TB treatment, contributing to a **2% annual decrease** in new cases of tuberculosis



Revealed new insights into the spread of Mpox, Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever, and Lassa fever



Influenced national, regional, and global policy concerning health care for migrant populations



Law passed in Nigeria mandating basic health insurance and creating a fund to cover the **83 million** poorest Nigerians

2023 WINNER



PROF. IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR

Pro-Provost (Health) and Dean,
Faculty of Population Health Sciences
University College London

Improved access to health care
for underserved populations
in Nigeria and beyond

I believe that if we work collectively together, one chip at a time, it is possible to make a difference to health inequalities and improve health coverage."

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