

## **Curriculum Vitae of Judith-Ann Walker**

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**Profile:** Dr. Walker, originally from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, has 25 years of experience as a development practitioner in northern Nigeria, where she co-founded the development Research and Projects Centre (dRPC). As the dRPC's Executive Director, she has secured competitive research and implementation grants for innovative girls' education and public health interventions from a host of development partners, including the Ford Foundation, USAID Nigeria, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the World Bank, the Bernard Van Leer Foundation and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, to implement and research girls' education and public health interventions. Dr. Walker is the recipient of an Ashoka Innovators Fellowship (2004) and a published author. She holds a Ph.D. in Development Studies with a specialization in gender, education and industrial policy development as well as a M.A. in Development Studies with specialization in education policy and administration from the Institute of Social Studies at Erasmus University in Rotterdam in the Netherlands. Additionally, she holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Decentralization, rural planning and administration in the developing world from the Department of Development Co-operation in Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Berlin, Germany, and a BSc in Government and Public Administration from the University of the West Indies in St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. While at Brookings, Dr. Walker's research focused on the effectiveness of keeping girls in school as a strategy for reducing high rates of early marriage in West Africa. Her study built on her prior research and on data she had collected on the status of education and child marriage in the West African region, as well as reviews of programs and policies to promote girls' education and laws related to girls' rights.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- PhD**                      **Development Studies**, with specialization in Public Policy and Development Programming, The International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 1995. Thesis published as hard cover text book in political economy series by Palgrave, Macmillan University Press, UK.
- Ma**                        **Development Studies**, Public Policy and Administration, 1989, Institute of Social Studies, Institute of Social Studies, ISS, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, **with Higher Distinction in Thesis - Government to Government Foreign Technical Assistance**. Thesis published as a working paper N0 75 by the ISS
- PG Diploma**            **Decentralization, Rural Planning and Administration in the Developing World**, Post Graduate Diploma, 1988, DSE, Department of Development Co-operation, German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin.
- BSc**                        **Government**, (Public Administration) Upper Second Class, Honours, 1984, with Distinction in thesis, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad.

### **Affiliations**

Brookings Institution, Fellow (Non-Resident) Nigeria 2014-2017 and Echidna Global Scholar, Brookings Institution 2013. ASHOKA Innovator Fellow recognized for her

work building capacity of civil society organizations for good governance and the integration of women into development interventions.

## **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

### **EXPERIENCE**

2000- to date                      Founding Member and Managing Director, development Research and Projects Centre, dRPC, 63 B Sultan Rd, Nassarawa GRA, Kano State, Nigeria

## **PROJECT LEAD ON - DEVELOPMENT MANAGED BY THE dRPC**

2012-2018                      **Advisor**, Partnership to Strengthen Innovation and Practice in Secondary Education (PSIPSE), MacArthur Foundation

2014-2022                      **Country Director**, Partnership for Advocacy in Child and Family Health (PACFaH) and PACFaH@Scale (PAS), Project Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

2015-2020                      **Advisor**, Conjugal Slavery in War Research project, Funded by the Social Science Research Council of Canada, University of York

2013-2015                      **Coordinator**, NGO Consortium to End Child Marriage in Nigeria, Ford Foundation West Africa Office

2011-2013                      **Principal Researcher and Coordinator**, Early Marriage in West Africa Research Project. The Ford Foundation, West Africa Office

2011-2013                      **National Coordinator**, Beyond Irregularity: Towards a sustainable approach to dealing with irregular migration from Sub-Saharan Africa to Europe, European Union funded project implemented by the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) UK and the dRPC

2011-2012                      **Consultant to the World Bank**, Dissemination of the National Gender Strategy of World Bank and DFID to Executive Governor, CSOs and stakeholders, Nigeria

2009-2012                      **Chief of Party**: Leadership Development Project for Traditional and Religious Leaders/State Political Office Holders (Executives, Legislators, Judiciary and Local Government Chairmen) to build capacity for improved reproductive health/family planning outcomes, 2009-2011, under a grant from USAID, Nigeria through World Learning, USA

2002-2011                      **Country Manager, Nigeria**: Leadership Development for the Mobilization of Reproductive Health and Family Planning

Institute of International Education, (IIE), West Coast Centre, California. The LDM is a leadership program for reproductive health leaders including Islamic scholars, and women & youth activists to build their capacity through international training for health systems strengthening.

- 2006-2007 **Gender Consultant** to the EU to carry out gender capacity assessment of the Centre for Management Development (CMD) and the National Planning Commission (NPC) Supported by the European Union, Support for Reforming Institution Program (EU/SRIP) 2006-2007
- 2006-2007 **Gender Consultant** to the EU to designed and conducted Gender Analysis Training of trainers (TOT) workshops for 50s staff of the Centre for Management Development (CMD) and the National Planning Commission (NPC) Supported by the European Union, Support for Reforming Institution Program (EU/SRIP) 2006-2007
- March 2003 **Team Leader**, Northern Social Sector Assessment Team, to review USAID social sector interventions RH/FP, Child Survival, Education an HIV/AIDS, in Northern Nigeria, towards the USAID Strategic Plan, 2004-2009, USAID Nigeria
- 2003-2004 **Coordinator**, World Bank Capacity Building Program, World Bank/NACA World Bank Assisted Project /National Project Team (IDA Credit No. 3556 UNI)
- 2002-2004 **Knowledge Manager and Research Coordinator, Nigeria** Women's Reproductive Health Networks Multi-Country Documentation Study, NGO Networks for Health, USAID, Washington DC
- 2003 **Gender Adviser**, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Canada, Niger-Delta Development Program.
- Oct-Nov 2002 **Gender Adviser**, CIDA, Canada, Intuitional Strengthening of Women's Machinery in Cross River State, Nigeria with assessments of NGOs (GADA, GPI) for engagement
- 2001 **Member**, National Technical Committee on Reproductive Health, Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Federal Ministry of Health, Abuja.

**AID EFFECTIVENESS ASSIGNMENTS IMPLEMENTED AS PROGRAM  
MANAGER OF THE dRPC**

2018	Lead Researcher, End of project prospective and retrospective evaluation, RTI, Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy and Development, (LEAD) project 2009-2018
August 2011	Designed, Facilitated and produced the final report of the Second Annual Chiefs of Party Workshop of the USAID Mission Director, Theme – Coordination and Collaboration, Transcorp Hilton, 24-25 <sup>th</sup> August 2011
July 2010	Designed, Facilitated and produced the final report of the First Annual Chiefs of Party Workshop of the USAID Mission Director, Theme – Coordination and Collaboration, Transcorp Hilton, July 2010
Nov – Dec 2009	Design and coordinated the Dissemination workshop and Feedback link to Senior Public Servants from Northern Nigeria. Country Partnership Strategy II, (CPS II), Mainstreaming Gender and Development, African Development Bank, DFID, World Bank and USAID
May- June 2008	End of Project evaluation of the Coalition for Change (C4C) governance program implemented by DFID
August 2000	Researcher to DFID, to Review and update the National Non-Farms Incomes Policy, National Planning Commission under the supervision of Engineer Okeke 2004
Nov-Dec 1998	Adviser to Action Aid Country Appraisal for the Establishment of a Country Office in Nigeria
May 2000	Adviser to the National Centre for Mass Literacy to design and undertake needs assessment and training program for Supervisors and Directors in Agencies for Mass Literacy in Nigeria

**VOLUNTEER WORK**

2000- to date	External Adviser, Masters in Development Studies, Department of History, Bayero University Kano, Nigeria
2002 to date	Facilitator at the Early Childhood Development Teacher Training Program
12/1989-5/2000	Personal Assistant to Professor Ernst Halperin (now late) former Professor of Political Science at Boston University and Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy Tufts, Brookline, USA.

## ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT RECORD

- 1996-1998            **Lecturer** (Public Policy and Administration) in Department of Political Sciences, Post-Graduate Program on Public Policy, Bayero University Kano, Nigeria
- 1986-1988            **Lecturer (Part-time)**, Caribbean Economic Problems, Public Policy Management and Administration, Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Diploma in Caribbean Economic Management, Department of Social Sciences, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Mona, Jamaica.
- 1986-1988            **Senior Research Officer**, The Parliament, Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Chepstow House, Port-of-Spain, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- 1984-1986            **Administrator**, German Government Technical Assistance Development Program to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Implementing and Coordinating Unit, implementing agency - the Gesellschaft fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

### Trainings

- 2012                    Counseling and interviewing techniques for irregular migrants, IPPR, 3-day training in Abuja, Nigeria
- 2005                    Mentoring and Coaching, Institute of International Education, IIE, 2-week training in Bohol Island, the Philippines,
- 2007                    Participatory methods in Leadership development, 1-week training at the IIE Office, California
- 2001                    Ethnographic Mapping Techniques, 2-month training at the FHI office, Abuja and Lagos

## PUBLICATIONS

1.. Impact of Muslim opinion leaders' training of healthcare providers on the uptake of MNCH services in Northern Nigeria, Judith-Ann Walker, Yahaya Hashim & Nelson Oranye, Received 05 Oct 2017, Accepted 22 Apr 2018, Published online: 15 May 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2018.1473889>

2. Engaging Islamic Opinion Leaders on Child Marriage: Preliminary Results from Pilot Projects in Nigeria Judith-Ann Walker To cite this article: Judith-Ann Walker (2015) Engaging Islamic Opinion Leaders on Child Marriage: Preliminary Results from Pilot Projects in Nigeria, The Review of Faith & International Affairs, 13:3, 48-58, DOI: 10.1080/15570274.2015.1075760 To link to this article: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15570274.2015.1075760>

3. Marriage by force? : contestation over consent and coercion in Africa, edited by Annie Bunting, Benjamin N. Lawrance, and Richard L. Roberts ; foreword by Doris Buss ; afterword by Emily S. Burrill. Athens, Ohio : Ohio University Press,

[2016] Chapter: Between global standards and local realities: Shari'a and mass marriage programs in northern Nigeria / Judith-Ann Walker

4. Why Ending Child Marriage Needs to be an Education Goal in West Africa. Center for Universal Education, Brookings Institution, December 2013

5. Scan of Early Marriage in West Africa 1990-2012. Study Published by the Ford Foundation

6. The 2011 Nigeria Annual Health Review, Section leader, Girl Child education, prevention of early marriage in Nigeria. Health Reform Foundation of Nigeria, DFID funded program

7. Early Marriage in Africa- trends, harmful effects and interventions. African Journal of Reproductive Health, Vol. 16, No.2 June 2012 Special Edition

8. Community Appraisals of HIV/AIDS preparedness in Lagos State, Family Health International, FHI, Nigeria Office, 2007

9. Community Appraisals of HIV/AIDS preparedness in Edo State, Family Health International, FHI, Nigeria Office, 2007

10. Community Appraisals of HIV/AIDS preparedness in Bauchi State, Family Health International, FHI, Nigeria Office, 2007

11. Community Appraisals of HIV/AIDS preparedness in Kano State, Family Health International, FHI, Nigeria Office, 2007

12. Community Appraisals of HIV/AIDS preparedness in Anambra State, Family Health International, FHI, Nigeria Office, 2007

13. Ethnographic Mapping of At risk populations and risk settings for HIV/AIDS in 14 junction towns in Nigeria, Canadian International Development Agency, (CIDA) Ottawa, 2006

14. 'Nigerian Women's Reproductive Health Networks – Utilization of Donor Support, Strategies and Effective Models'. Paper presented to the 28 Annual Conference of the Global Health Council Conference, May 29 to June 1st 2001, Washington DC.

15. Yahaya Hashim & Judith Ann Walker (2004) "Religion, Politics, Poverty Knowledge and Policy in Jigawa State of Nigeria" in Brock, K., McGee, R. and Gaventa, J. (2004)

Unpacking Policy: Knowledge, Actors and Spaces in Poverty Reduction in Uganda and Nigeria, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, Fountain Press, Africa Book Collective

16. Public Administration in small island states, 2000. Mimeograph published by the ISTR, UWI, St. Augustine with introduction by Professor Selwyn Ryan

17. Development Administration in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago since independence. A study of the bureaucracy for Gender, Education and Economic Development 2001, Palgrave University Text books Series, Macmillan Press, UK.

18. HIV/AIDS Emergency Action Plan for Nigeria, HEAP, 2001, National Agency for the Control of HIV/AIDS, Abuja, Nigeria

19. Gender, Regional Integration and Administrative Reform of Nigerian Customs and border administration. Working Paper, the African Training and Research Centre in Public Administration for Development (CAFRAD), Tangier, Morocco, 1999

20. From Riggs to the World Bank: Recurring Themes in the study of Development Administration. The Indian Journal of Public Administration. Vol. 2. June, 1996.

21. A comparative Study of Efficacy of Export Promotion Agencies in Nigeria and Jamaica. Conference paper presented at the International Institute of Administrative Sciences Annual Conference, Quebec, Canada, August 1996.

22. Civil Society in the North of Nigeria, The ISSUES, (1) 1999, Journal of the American African Studies Association

23. Women's rights and Leadership in a NGDO. A case study of WIN in Nigeria. Paper presented at the Second Bi-Annual Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), Johns Hopkins University, College of Mexico, 18-21 July 1996.

24. Management and Administration of Technical Assistance Development Programmes. Working paper No. 75, Institute of Social Studies, 1990, Erasmus University, The Netherlands.

**RECOGNITION:** Dr. Walker is an ASHOKA Innovator Fellow working capacity building of civil society organizations for good governance and the integration of women into development interventions

**Referees**

**Available upon request**