

Biography



Born in Cameroon, Peter Fonkwo is a public health physician, is married and father of five children.

He studied first at the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Yaounde, Cameroon, and then at the University Centre for Health Science in Yaounde, from September 1980 to June 1986, where he received a Doctorate in Medicine. In June 1986 he was appointed as Sub-Divisional Chief Of Service for Public Health and Medical Officer of Bangem Sub-divisional Hospital until June 1990.

From September 1990 to September 1991, he attended the University of Heidelberg Germany, and earned a Masters degree in Community Health and Health Management. Back in Cameroon, he worked for the Ministry of Health until August 1999, first as Divisional Chief of Service for Public Health and District Medical Officer for Nkam Division, and then as Provincial Chief of Service for Community Health in the Southwest Province of Cameroon. From August 1999 to October 2003, he was recruited by JHPIEGO (an international health organization affiliated with The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, USA) as Resident Advisor in charge of the in-country management of a USAID-funded "Projet Santé Familiale et Prevention du SIDA en Afrique de l'Ouest et Centrale".

Between 2003 and 2004 he served the Ministry of Public Health of Cameroon as sub-director in charge of international partnership and JHPIEGO Corporation Baltimore as Country Representative on a 50 to 50% basis. Since June 2004 to date, he has worked mostly in African countries for international organisations like WHO, GTZ (German Society for Technical Co-operation), CARE, UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund), OCCEAC/KFW (Common Organization for Economic Cooperation in Central Africa), and EPOS Germany as freelance international consultant in public health.