



CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME MURTALA ABDULLAHI
NATIONALITY Nigerian
LANGUAGES English

EXPERTISE

Murtala Abdullahi is a researcher and analyst specializing in climate-related security risks, violent extremism, and conflict dynamics in Nigeria and the West African region. He works at the intersection of early warning, preparedness, and response, contributing to high-impact reports, policy briefs, and investigative analyses that shape policy and decision-making.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Climate Security and Conflict Analyst, Strategic Preparedness and Resilience (National Early Warning Center of Nigeria). **October 2024 -Present**

- Conducts research and analysis on climate, security, and conflict risk trends in Nigeria and West Africa.
- Supports the prevention and long-term resolution of conflicts and human security threats .
- Contributes to early warning, preparedness, and response efforts through data-driven insights and policy recommendations.

Climate Security Associate, Surge Africa Organisation. **May 2023 - September 2024**

- Worked alongside the team to develop Surge Africa's Climate Security stream of work
- Supported the development of policy briefs on climate security, migration and energy security

Research Country Advisor, Citizen-Security Relations (CSR) Project, NULAI Nigeria. **March-June 2023**

- Identified and facilitated key informant connections across government, civil society, and security institutions.
- Advised research team on safety protocols and participated in data collection across multiple locations.

Reporter, Assistant Editor, HumAngle. **April 2020 - May 2023**

- Conducted investigative reporting on conflict, humanitarian crises, and climate-security.
- Awarded HumAngle Journalist of the Year (2021) for outstanding reporting.
- Led reporting on military budget transparency, contributing to HumAngle securing an \$850,000 MacArthur Foundation grant.
- Served as Head of Mentorship, coaching new journalists and supporting colleagues in investigative reporting.
- Assisted in editorial oversight, ensuring accuracy, depth, and quality of published stories.
- Co-anchored "The Crisis Room" Podcast.

Subcontractor, Control Risks. February 2021- May 2021

- Provided briefings on security risks and trends in Northern Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin region
- Responded to queries from Control Risks analysts regarding ongoing developments in the region

Consultant, International Crisis Group.**December 2020- February 2021**

- Conducted fieldwork and interviews in Plateau State for the Crisis Group report on Nigeria's National Livestock Transformation Plan.

Consultant, International Crisis Group.**August 2019 - April 2020**

- Provided regular situation and incident updates on banditry in Northwestern Nigeria, particularly in Katsina state.
- Conducting interviews with local sources.

National Youth Service.**May 2017- April 2018**

- Taught Agriculture at Iqra Secondary School in Jos, Plateau State.
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NON-PROFIT WORK**Founder Goro Initiative****2019- Present**

- Founded the Goro Initiative in 2019 to curate a space for young people to discuss climate, peace and security.
- In 2024, the non-profit transitioned into a platform finding innovative ways to promote climate security, environmental peacebuilding and resilience.

Abuja Hub of the Global Shapers Community, an initiative of the World Economic Forum initiative.**2020 - Present**

- Manages the hub's Climate and Environment projects, driving sustainability and advocacy efforts.
- Led the hub's 5,000-tree planting initiative, promoting reforestation and climate resilience.
- Monitors crisis trends for the African Shapers Emergency Response Group, providing insights for early action and intervention.

Nigerian Red Cross, Jos North Detachment.**2017 - 2018**

- Volunteered and learned about First Aid and disaster preparedness, responses and victim support.
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FELLOWSHIPS

- Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders 2024
- Oxford Climate Journalism Network (OCJN) 2022
- The Centre for Journalism Innovation and Development(CJID) Climate Change Media Fellowship-2022

AWARDS

- 2023 Active Citizen Award- BudgIT Foundation
 - 2021 Reporter of the Year- HumAngle
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EDUCATION**2012-2017**

Bachelor of Science Education (Environment), University of Abuja

- Thesis on "Influence of climate change on the rise of insecurity in Northern Nigeria".