



Data-Driven Social Entrepreneurship: Lessons From Healthcare Trends



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Dr. Butali joined the UI College of Dentistry in 2013. His primary research area of interest is genetics and genomics studies of complex traits in Africa. Dr. Butali's research projects are funded by the NIH and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Butali has received many national and international awards, including being named as a recipient of the Dental Scientist Career Development Award from the NIH in 2012, the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Award in 2015 and notable junior researcher by the UI College of Dentistry from 2013-16. Dr. Butali directs the African Craniofacial Anomalies Network, a collaboration between scientists in Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and Rwanda. His passion for helping children in developing countries spans over a decade. From 2006-08 he played a surrogate role by helping to ensure free treatment for children with cleft lip and palate in Nigeria through funding from the Smile Train. He is also actively involved in human capacity building towards improving health care for children in Africa. Notably, in 2012 he co-founded the Virginia Iowa Nigeria Speech Initiative that trains speech screeners for children with cleft lip and palate in Nigeria.

As CEO of Healthcare Trends, Dr. Butali brings his passion, experience and network to bear because of his strong conviction that : "No child born alive deserves to die from preventable diseases or circumstances."

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