

ACE for Development Impact (ACE Impact)

2023 Annual Workplan Narrative

(submitted along with the attached detailed work plan and budget)

Name of Center	ACEDHARS
Institution	UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS
Country	NIGERIA
Center Leader	DR. O. ADE-ADEMILUA
Annual Workplan (Month – Month Year)	January – December, 2023

Narrative

1. **Center highlights in 2023** (maximum of 3 Highlights, maximum 100 words each)
 - (i). Thirty-one (31) regional students completed their Masters programme and would be graduating on 18 January 2024.
 - (ii). Two milestones in DLI 4.3 (Infrastructure) have been completed with advance work on Center Building and equipment.
 - (iii). The Gap analysis for international accreditation both at Programme and Institution levels were completed with Quality Assurance Agency (QAA).
2. In a concise, descriptive statement suitable for public understanding, provide up to three Highlights from the Center accomplishments in the past year. You may attach: weblinks; press releases; photographs.

In the first of its kind in the history of University of Lagos, thirty-one regional students completed their Masters programme under the Center and will be graduating in January 2024, along with the first PhD student in the Center. The center building whose construction started in 2023 is near completion; this building will house the commercial hub of the Center, a gateway to the sustainability of the Center. The Gap analyses of the Masters in Pharmacognosy programme as well as University of Lagos as an institution have been completed and the process of attaining accreditation following suggestions from the gap analyses have commenced for both programme and institutional accreditation,

3. **Key Center achievements in 2023** (Maximum 500 words) Describe the Key Accomplishments of the Center in the preceding Calendar Year. Focus on: Teaching, Research, Center-level Operations. In addition, comment on how the Accomplishments align with the ACE Impact project Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) and the Center Implementation Plan.

The Center has closed admission of students into old programmes and will only run her new programmes from 2023/2024 session. The Center has attained 100% in its DLI 3.2 as it di DLI 3.3 in 2022. There is an increase in the admission into Ph.D. programme to ensure full achievement of 100% in the entire DLI 3.

The Center's investment in research has yielded five products which are currently being developed to enter the market soon. The Center Building is in progress with the accomplishment of two of the three milestones under DLI 4.3. The building is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2024. The Center has accomplished 70% of DLI 4.

The Center has making great strides at institutional impact. The Gap analysis for institutional accreditation has been completed. The Data Management Center for the University was established and working well with its own home-grown analytic software. The University has attained 76% of DLI 7.

Overall, the Center has at the last assessment has attained 64% of the implementation plan but by end of the 2023, over 75% of the task have been completed.

4. **Status/Progress on Implementation** (Maximum 250 words) Describe in what ways, if any, the Center is ahead of schedule with respect to the Implementation Plan.

The Center is ahead of schedule for the quantity of students to be trained especially for Masters and short courses.

5. **Plan for Acceleration** (Maximum 500 words) Describe in what ways, if any, the Center is behind schedule with respect to the Implementation Plan. How will the Center adjust to achieve the anticipated project deliverables by the conclusion of ACE Impact?

The Center is behind schedule in DLI 5 especially external revenue generation (DLI 5.1). The Center is investing in its building to incorporate the herbal manufacturing unit as well as the Herbal Medicine Shop as quick source of revenue through sales of research products and the use of manufacturing facility by herbal medicine practitioners.

6. **Key changes to approved IP, including Covid-19 Related Activities** (Maximum 500 words) Describe in what ways, if any, the Center proposes changes to its approved Implementation Plan. Focus on the reasons for the proposed changes, any impact on the proposed activities, and how the proposed changes will affect the anticipated projects deliverables.