

## Mosoka P. Fallah, PhD, MPH, MA President and CEO, Refuge Place International (RPI)

Dr. Mosoka P. Fallah runs an NGO providing health care for poor communities, in Liberia. Mosoka is the Founder and Executive Director of an NGO in Liberia (Refuge Place International) to address the issues of access to quality affordable health care that impacts maternal and infant mortality among poor urban and rural dwellers in Liberia. He and his team are currently working to rapidly scale up this successful model across the country. Community involvement and empowerment is central to the way they work. He was awarded the USAID Liberia Health Worker and the Development Person of the Year 2017 award for his work with Refuge Place.

He was the recent past Director General of the National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL) that he co-founded and was enacted by an Act of Legislature and approved by the then President, Her Excellency Madam Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf in 2017. NPHIL was developed as a consequence of the 2014/2015 ebola outbreak resulted in 11,400 infections and 4600 deaths in Liberia alone. It has been on the fore front of the COVID-19 response. He developed extensive skills and knowledge across a vast expanse of Public Health response, when he first served as the Deputy Director General for Technical Services. In this capacity, he oversaw the Divisions of Infectious Disease Epidemiology, National Public Health Laboratory, Medical and Public Health Research, Training and Capacity Building, and Environmental and Occupational Health.

Dr. Fallah completed his PhD in Immunology at the University of Kentucky. He subsequently studied Global Health, with a concentration in Infectious Disease Epidemiology, at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health. When the Ebola outbreak occurred, he leveraged his skills in epidemiology and program management to lead the Ebola response, launching an active case finding system that became a recognized model for epidemic control. For his work building community-level trust in the Ebola response, Dr. Fallah was named a Time Magazine Persons of the Year in 2014.

In addition, Dr. Fallah is currently the Principal Investigator in Liberia of several NIH-sponsored studies on Ebola, including a natural history study of the largest cohort of Ebola survivors in the world. These studies are part of the PREVAIL initiative, which he worked extensively with the Ministry of Health of Liberia, medical centers and other nonprofit organizations to jump start. In addition, Dr. Fallah serves as a part-time faculty member at Harvard Medical School's Department of Social Medicine. In June of 2019, he visited the Democratic Republic of Congo, as a part of a team of local NGO and York University in Canada, to evaluate and advise on the ebola response.

He lead the establishment of the first Master of Public Health (MPH) program in the College of Health Sciences at the history of the University of Liberia, where he once he served as chairman of the department of Biochemistry in the AM Dogliotti College of Medicine.

In total, Dr. Fallah's extensive experience includes more than ten years' experience in development work with consultancies to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Chemonics, the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Doctors without Borders, and Action Against Hunger. He has won several prestigious national and international awards.