

# Amos Abba

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## EXPERIENCE

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**International Centre for Investigative Reporting, Abuja, Nigeria, member of Global Investigative Journalism Network** September 2018 – July 2022

Investigative and data reporter. Generating story ideas for the editorial team. Reporting general enterprise investigative stories from human rights, health, education and environment to public procurement, business and security. Covered Lassa Fever International Conference in Abuja in 2019. Awarded a reporting fellowship, by the Global Reporting Center and the University of British Columbia, Canada with grant to investigate algorithmic abuses and financial exploitation by Chinese-owned loan apps in Nigeria.

**The Nation Newspaper, Nigeria, Lagos**

March 2016 – July 2018

Freelance reporter. Reporting features and news stories on children's development, health, education, environment and solutions-driven stories. Wrote underreported health stories in rural communities in North Central Nigeria.

## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York**

*Master of Science in Data Journalism*

August 2022 – August 2023

Hands-on training in data acquisition, extraction, analysis and visualization to tell deeply reported data-driven stories. Coding-intensive classes in Python, D3 JavaScript and machine learning.

**Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Nigeria**

*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics/Computer Science*

January 2012 – March 2016

Coursework on Mathematics research methodologies and educational theories. Thesis examined the problems Mathematics teachers in Nigeria face in communicating theoretical mathematical concepts.

## HONORS

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- **Won Best Story on ICT and Telecoms Category**, 2022, by West Africa Media Excellence Awards, WAMECA, for the best report on cyberbullying by loan fintech in Nigeria, October, 2022.
- **Awarded Six - Month reporting fellowship**, 2022, by JournalismFund.Eu with grants for a collaborative cross-border investigation of environmental abuses by sugar refineries owned by multinational companies, October, 2022.
- **Won First Runner-up for PwC Media Excellence Awards**, 2021, for best tax report of the year in Nigeria.
- **Won Second Runner-up Excellence in Environmental Journalism Category**, 2019 Fetisov Journalism Awards for Excellence in Environmental Reporting, Fetisov Journalism Awards, Luzern, Switzerland. January 2019.
- **Won Runner-up Kurt Schork Memorial Awards**, 2019 Kurt Schork Memorial Awards for International Journalism, New York, US.
- **Shortlisted, Finalist for Thomson Foundation Journalists Awards**, 2019 Thomson Foundation Young Journalist Awards, nominated among the 12 finalists for the award, London, United Kingdom. September 2019.
- **Won Second Runner-up Nigeria Academy of Science Media Awards**, 2018, Nigeria Academy of Science Media Awards for outstanding science report of the year, November, 2018.

## COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

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**Data collection and analysis:** Python, API, Microsoft Excel

**Visualisation:** Data Wrapper, Matplotlib, HTML, CSS, D3.js, QGIS

## REFERENCES

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