

Dr. Mrs Amelia Da Trindade Gomes Lagunju (December 22, 1959 – August 18, 2025)
A brief Biography

Dr. Mrs Amelia Da Trindade Gomes Lagunju was born in Mé-Zóchi in Sao Tome on December 22, 1959. After primary school years in Trindade, she attended *Liceu Nacional de São Tomé e Príncipe* (a secondary school) which she completed in 1979. In the same year, she was given a scholarship to study medicine in Soviet Union. She attended the First Medical Institute of Leningrad (named after Professor I.P. Pavlov) in St. Petersburg for her degree after the mandatory one-year Russian language training in Rostov-on-Don. In 1987, she completed her studies and earned her MD (Doctor of Medicine) degree. She returned back to Sao Tome. She got an appointment as a medical officer in Hospital Dr. Ayres de Menezes where she worked for a few months before coming to Nigeria to settle down. She passed the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) Assessment Examination in 1988.

Amelia began her working career as a medical doctor in Nigeria in 1989, when she got an appointment with the Oyo State Hospitals Management Board as an intern, and later as a Medical Officer. She rose gradually through the ranks. In 1996, she got a University of Basel (Switzerland) scholarship to undergo a Diploma Course on Health Care and Management in Tropical Countries (HCMTC). She returned back to Nigeria after completing the course. She gradually rose through ranks in Oyo State Health Care until her retirement in 2010 as a Principal Medical Officer.

In the same year, she became the CEO and Managing partner of Bersario Nursery and Primary School and Akobo Private School (later in 2012).

She served as the President of Nigerwives Ibadan Branch for a period of four years (two terms of two years) from 2020 – 2023.

She was appointed the Superintendent of Children's Church of the Anglican Church of the Ascension, Akobo Ibadan in 2021, a post which she held until her death.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Abimbola Lagunju, three children – Dr (Mrs) Abiola Adegbite, Mr. Afolabi Gomes Lagunju and Mrs. Anjola Adewusi; and six grandchildren - Adedamola and Aderinsola Adegbite; Ayomide Chimamanda and Jayden Obinna Lagunju; Ademide and Adejare Adewusi.