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My name is Agatha Kapatuka Bula. I am a Director of Nursing at UNC Project Malawi and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at UNC School of Nursing in Chapel Hill. I am a qualified Malawian Nurse Midwife with a PhD in Midwifery obtained in 2015 at City University, London. I also

hold a Master's Degree in Public Health (MPH) from Sheffield University, UK and MPH in Advanced Public Health methods from University of Copenhagen, Denmark. I have over 15 years of experience conducting research on HIV, sexual and reproductive health, and public health in developing countries. I have over 15 years of experience in conducting research on HIV, sexual and reproductive health, and public health in developing countries. I have a consulting background in healthcare and have previously been involved in research proposal writing with researchers at City, University London and Kamuzu College of Nursing.

My work as the Director of Nursing involves overseeing all nursing activities including nurse led research and collaborations with other stakeholders. My work also involves hiring qualified nursing staff and ensuring that the nursing personnel deliver excellent care to study participants and general patients. I am also involved in coordination of study activities for a prospective cohort evaluating the pregnancy rates and pharmacokinetic interactions among HIV-infected Malawian women on "Efavirenz initiating the Levonorgestrel Implant or the Depot Medroxyprogesterone Acetate Injectable". I have experience coordinating qualitative studies at UNC Project-Malawi. As part of Collaboration with the Malawi Ministry of Health, I am the Co-Investigator of the 2019-2020 Malawi Biological Behavioral Survey with Action AID and Malawi National AIDS Commission. Previously, I worked as

a Co-Principal Investigator for the Mapping exercise for key populations under LINKAGES program.

As a current adjunct faculty, I serve as a guest lecturer annually to UNC-CH nursing students across nursing programs and my first visit as a guest Lecture was in June 2019 where I cofacilitated a lecture on Global cancer with Dr Ashley Leak Bryant, Assistant Professor at the UNC School of Nursing. Jointly with the faculty members from the UNC School of Nursing, we have managed to secure funding for two proposals both focusing on Oncology nursing in Malawi. As part of partnership, I mentor undergraduate and postgraduate students in Malawi as well as in the United Kingdom. I intend to continue mentoring and co-mentoring students with an interest in global health, women's health, and nursing research at UNC-CH School of Nursing and Kamuzu College of Nursing in Malawi.

If successful for this position, I am intending to use my skills to mentor nurses not only in Malawi but across Africa. My wish is also to promote networking among nurses globally so that we can do collaborative research and share nursing related evidence that would help to improve nursing and Midwifery care within our countries.