



HEAL NEXUS Impact Report

2025

HEAL Society

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Executive Summary

HEAL Nexus 2025, held from September 5–6, 2025 at the KAAF Auditorium, University of Ibadan, with the theme “Bold Moves, Big Impact”, was more than just a conference. It was a national convergence of young leaders, health advocates, researchers, and policymakers who came together to reimagine health equity in Nigeria and Africa.

The event marked a historic milestone for HEAL Society (Health Equity Accelerator Leadership Society) under SRHIN. For the first time, the fellowship, societies, and broader network of youth leaders convened in one place to share knowledge, showcase innovations, and amplify advocacy.

Despite significant financial limitations, HEAL Nexus successfully delivered:

- High-quality programming with over 15 speakers and facilitators across research, advocacy, and technology.
- 100+ delegates from 10+ universities, reflecting the fellowship’s reach and national footprint.
- Strategic opportunities for fellows to transition into alumni, ensuring continuity of impact.

This conference reaffirmed SRHIN’s leadership as the convener of health equity conversations on the continent and demonstrated the capacity of youth to lead, innovate, and sustain transformative health movements. HEAL Nexus is not the end, it is the foundation of a movement that will scale across Africa.

Infographic Highlights

Days & Venue	2 days, 1 venue (KAAF Auditorium, UI)
Delegates	100+ delegates from across Nigeria
Universities Represented	10+ universities
Speakers & Facilitators	15+
HealthHack'25	14 teams, 40+ participants
Abstract/Poster Presentations	10
Awards/Certificates	10+
Social Media Impressions	500,000+

Testimonies & Stories

One question struck me deeply:
What is the problem, and why?
That simple thought has
broadened my interest in
research and reshaped how I see
health equity.

– Lawal Adebola, Delegate

This was my first poster
presentation and I was nervous,
but HEAL Society gave me a
platform to share, learn, and
connect. I left proud of what I
delivered.

**– Rukoyah Adedeji, Poster
Presenter (Miracle Adesina
Abstract Competition)**

“From social media to social
change, from leadership to
research writing, HEAL Nexus
delivered beyond my
expectations. It wasn’t just a
conference; it was
transformation.”

– Anyanwu Chidinma, Delegate

“We dived into manuscript writing,
abstracts, and even how to win
grants. Beyond the learning, the
camaraderie and even visiting the
zoo made it unforgettable. I am
Change. I am Impact. I am
a Healer.”

**– Kolawole Jubril Kayode,
Delegate**

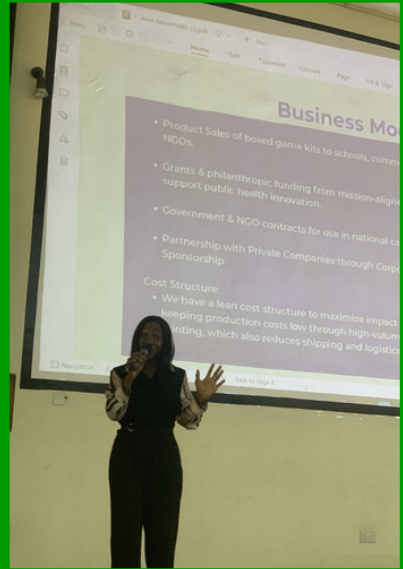
“I showed up hoping to learn but
left with new friends, fresh ideas,
and a passion to drive health
equity.” “HEAL Nexus is a reminder
that every bold move starts with
courage. What seemed
unrealistic months ago became a
vision, and eventually, a Big
Impact.”

**– Iwaleso Akintunde HEAL Fellow '24,
Host School Organizing Chair**

“The energy and brilliance of these
young people is the best proof that
Nigeria’s health future is
in good hands.”

– Speaker

Photos & Quotes



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Outcomes & Impact

- **Research & Innovation:** Delegates built practical skills in research writing, manuscript development, and grant writing. HealthHack'25 produced innovative student-led solutions, laying the groundwork for scalable health equity interventions.
- **Advocacy & Leadership:** Fellows and delegates learned practical advocacy tools and storytelling for impact. HEAL amplified youth voices in shaping health equity discourse.
- **Youth Empowerment:** The Miracle Adesina Abstract Competition provided young researchers with a platform to showcase and sharpen their academic contributions.
- **Movement Building:** HEAL Fellowship successfully graduated its first cohort of fellows, introducing an alumni network for mentorship, collaboration, and intergenerational support.
- **Visibility & Credibility:** HEAL Society solidified its standing as SRHIN's youth-led arm, with national recognition and amplified visibility online (500k+ impressions).
- **Community Building:** HEAL Nexus fostered cross-institution collaboration, creating a stronger sense of belonging among youth leaders committed to health equity.

Next Steps & Sustainability

- Scale HealthHack: Expand to multiple universities and integrate into HEAL's annual programming.
- Alumni Network Activation: Engage graduating fellows as mentors, trainers, and collaborators for the next fellowship cohort.
- Partnership Development: Leverage momentum to secure grants, sponsorships, and partnerships with universities, NGOs, and global health actors.
- Policy Engagement: Build pathways for young leaders' research and innovations to inform real-world policy conversations.
- Continental Expansion: Position HEAL Nexus as a pan-African convening by 2026.



Conclusion

HEAL Nexus 2025 successfully brought together over 100 delegates from 10+ universities, fostering a community of changemakers driving health equity through advocacy, research, and innovation. The impact is evident not just in numbers, but in the stories, connections, and innovations birthed. This report affirms the relevance and future potential of the HEAL Society.



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