

## Juliette Tuakli

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JM Tuakli, MD, MPH, has been a leader in women's, children's, and public health for decades. At Harvard Medical School/Children's Hospital of Boston, her service research led to a department of Community Pediatric Health, evolving Social Determinants as critical causes of ill health. Today, at the helm of FCA/Lucca Health Group in Ghana, she has developed an acclaimed regional medical conglomerate, providing high-quality medical care, community health research and development, and education for medical students and researchers from Africa, Europe, and the USA. Her work ranges from the comprehensive health of women, children and families, to tackling neglected tropical diseases.

Dr. Tuakli is a regular contributor to high-profile global discussions in forums on the international stage, such as the World Policy Conference (where she spearheaded Health as a critical topic of global development); the World Bank; the Zayed Sustainability Prize; and United Way Worldwide. Her acclaimed CHILD HEALTH in AFRICA curriculum is used in public health programs across the USA and Africa. She has authored seminal publications on child health, gender, nutrition, and public health in Africa. In 2006, she co-founded the highly successful MOREMI Initiative: a Pan-African female leadership program, now subsumed within a UN agency.

Dr. Tuakli was the first female Chair of the Board of Trustees of United Way Worldwide (UWW): the world's largest private NGO. She has facilitated several local United Ways in East, West, and South Africa. She also chairs a Medical/Ethics Review committee overseeing international medical research/publications for the renowned Mercy Ships.

As first female Rotary president of the Premier Anglophone club in Africa, Dr. Tuakli introduced legislation to protect the disabled, orphans, and vulnerable children of Ghana. Her work was hailed by the African Union in 2016. She was elected to the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative Executive Board, and Zenith Bank as an independent non-executive director. In 2022 she joined the Global Virus Network (GVN) Board of Trustees. She has most recently joined the board of CarePoint: an Africa-focused healthcare company.

In November 2022 Mercy Ships appointed her in the newly created role of Diplomatic Ambassador for Africa, working to deliver free world-class healthcare to those with little access to safe surgical treatment.