

Sophie Ima-Obong Pokima was born on the 9th of November 1964 in Calabar in the present-day Cross River State. She had her primary school in Southern Cameroons and secondary school in the present day Akwa Ibom state. She graduated in 1986 from the Ahmadu Bello University, Bauchi Campus. Thereafter she did her NYSC in Shell Production and Development Company (SPDC) in Warri. Following a remarkable performance during her service year, she was retained as a Contract staff in SPDC, working on Artificial lift recovery from oil wells with high water cuts. She successfully underwent the formal recruitment exercise with the company in 1992 and was offered permanent employment as a Wellsite petroleum engineer in January 1993. During her working carrier, Sophie undertook several professional and managerial /Leadership courses and trainings spanning various areas in the upstream arm of the Oil and gas business. She rose through the rank occupying important roles like Team lead Southern Swamp Asset, Warri and was part of the team that pioneered Horizontal well drillings/Completions and Early Production Facility in Nigeria. In 2002, Sophie was transferred to Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCo), Lagos. She was the Senior Completion Engineer for the Phase 1 wells in Famous Bonga Offshore field. She was also the Shell Sub-Surface Manager overseeing SNEPCo's interest in the Erha and Bosi offshore fields operated by Mobil Producing.

Sophie later took on the role of Bonga Asset Manager, a position in which she earned several international awards, some of which are; The Shell Upstream International (UI) Award for Top Quartile Performance in Well Execution in the category of Profitable growth on UI operated companies following the breaking of the record in well delivery by her team; UI impact award for outstanding team performance for her contribution to Bonga Integrated Oil Delivery in the category of Excellence in Project delivery and several awards in outstanding contribution to Development Business Delivery and Continuous Improvement in Sub-Sahara Africa. She also bagged a Platinum Award in "Staying Ahead" in the leadership Category.

Sophie took on the position of General manager Front End Development, Deep Water, a position in which she was responsible for new developments, examining various deep water development concepts, selecting and developing the most optimal and sustainable concept for both Subsurface, subsea and facility, taking into consideration, environmental impact, HSE, Economic parameters etc. Her last project prior to her retirement in end 2019 were the Bonga North Development and the Bonga Field Extension. During her career she was privileged to have embarked on International Assignments in the Netherlands and USA. Sophie requested and was granted an early retirement in end 2019 due to personal reasons.

Sophie since her retirement has been involved in several community projects. In 2023 she was made the Estate chairperson of Arcadia Grove Estate, Regional Road Osapa, Lekki. She was instrumental in mobilizing the estates in the environs, raising funds and building the link road between the Castle Roack Avenue and Platinum way which has helped in no small way in alleviating traffic congestion in the axis.

Sophie is passionate about giving back to society and loves gardening, and physical fitness. She is a member of the Society of Petroleum engineer. She is married with 3 children aged between 35 and 29 years old.