



Chukwuka Kenechukwu Ndife

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FCT - Abuja
LOCATION



Anambra
ORIGIN



37 yrs
AGE



6'1" (185 cm)
HEIGHT



Brown skin tone
COMPLEXION



Male
GENDER



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CREDITS

Professional Summary

Chukwuka Ndife is an award-winning Nigerian filmmaker, writer, and director whose socially conscious, character-driven work explores justice, power, accountability, and human consequence in African contexts.

His short film *The Major* (2023) won Best Short Film at the African Film For Impact Festival and the Abuja International Film Festival, and earned multiple nominations at leading African festivals. Earlier, during film school, he won Best Student Film at the 48 Hour Film Project in Cape Town (2018).

He holds a Higher Certificate in Film Production from SAE Institute, South Africa, and a Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering from Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University. He works across directing, writing, cinematography, and post-production.

His debut feature, *Blood Debt* (distributed by FilmOne Entertainment), has received strong critical acclaim for its bold storytelling and emotional depth in examining justice, forgiveness, and the consequences of violence.

Filmography

2023 The Major | A Nigerian Civil War Story

SHORT FILM

DRAMA

DIRECTOR

Production Company: AkwaVogue Films

Location: Nigeria

Synopsis: In the 1966 post-coup Nigeria, Lieutenant Danjuma faces accusations of treason, leading to a perilous journey of loyalty, escape, and the harrowing impact of political and ethnic conflicts. Watch as our characters navigate a world torn apart, seeking hope in the face of adversity.

Watch

2026 Blood Debt

FEATURE FILM

THRILLER

DIRECTOR

Production Company: AkwaVogue Films

Location: Nigeria

Inspired by historic events, Superintendent Danjuma Okoro and his volatile partner, Detective Nwagu, investigate brutal murders targeting corrupt politicians and former vigilantes—each marked with the chilling phrase, "Those who live by the sword." As they uncover a buried web of corruption linked to a defunct vigilante group and a powerful senator, the detectives confront personal loss and systemic betrayal in a haunting story of vengeance, redemption, and justice.

Watch

Awards

2023 Best Short Film : The Major

Abuja International Film Festival

2024 Impact Award: The Major

Africa Films For Impact Festival

Best Short Film

2026 First Place Filmmaker: The Major

Minflix #MakeYourFilm Competition

Skills

Writing

Directing

Editing

Cinematography

Languages

English

Igbo

Pidgin

Education

SAE Institute South Africa

Film Production — Certificate in Film Production

Graduated 2018

Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Anambra State, Nigeria

Civil Engineering — B.Eng in Civil Engineering

Graduated 2011

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