



Capacity Strengthening and Training Strategic Group Workshop

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Workshop Participants



Professor Bassirou Bonfoh is a Togolese veterinarian and holds a DVM and a PhD in biology. He worked for 5 years in West Africa (The Gambia, Guinée Conakry, Mali, Liberia), as livestock development program coordinator with *Vétérinaires Sans Frontières*. He went for a 4 years epidemiology postdoctoral fellowship at Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ) and Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) on health risks and determinants of dairy sector development. He led later 4 years a research group on "Avenues of extensive livestock production system" in the Horn Africa, West Africa and

Central Asia in the framework of the NCCR North-South where he contributed to validate the One Health concept on zoonosis control. Since 2009, he is Managing Director of *Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire (CSRS, www.csrs.ch)*. He is currently the Director of the consortium Afrique One "Ecosystem & Population health: expanding the frontiers in health" funded by the Wellcome Trust. He has developed modules on soft skills for researchers in Africa (www.afriqueone.net) comprising research administration management and governance, research design and science communication and contributed to develop the "Participatory Risk Analysis" methods for animal source food in informal sector.

B. Bonfoh is guest lecturer at University of Lomé (Togo), University of Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) and at the Pan African veterinary school in Senegal and member of scientific advisory board of several agriculture and health research institutes and initiatives in Africa.



Prof. Fasil Tessema has an MSc. in Community Health. Work experience: Associate Professor of Biostatistics at Jimma University. Current position: Director, Institute of Health Sciences Research, Jimma University. Research experience: Author and co-author of more than 46 peer reviewed articles in national and international journals Research areas of interest: Maternal and child health, Chronic and non-communicable diseases, Mental health, Food security and nutrition, population dynamics. Conducted and facilitated

repeated research methodology trainings to staffs and members of different organizations and Longitudinal data management training using STATA for surveillance team members of HDSS site in Ethiopia. Extracurricular activities: Life member of the Ethiopian Public health Association, Ethiopian Red Cross Society and Ethiopian Family Guidance association Graduate Summer Session in Epidemiology: 1) Introduction to the Logistic and Poisson Models, 2) Survival Analysis Applied to Epidemiologic and Medical Data, 3) Applied Linear Regression, 4) Analysis of Longitudinal Data from Epidemiologic Studies, 5) Topics in Infectious Diseases and 6) Environmental Determinants of Infectious Diseases 7-25 July 2008, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, The University of Michigan, USA.



Dr. Maurice Ye is a medical doctor who graduated at the University Faculty Medicine of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso in 2001. He holds also a Master degree in International health from the University of Heidelberg in Germany obtained in 2007. With an extensive knowledge in health system management, he has worked in a multidisciplinary team research with various countries in the areas of health system research such as malaria programs interventions, monitoring and evaluations of health programs and nutrition including HIV/AIDS, implementation of bed nets programs. He has been also involved in many proposals writing with collaborative research institutes and Universities such as the University of Heidelberg in Germany, University of

Montreal in Canada. He is currently the Head of research, training and communication department at the Centre de Recherche en Santé de Nouna, Burkina Faso since 2007 and has more than 10 peer reviewed publications in renowned journals. He is also a lecturer within the master in international program running by Alexandria University in partnership with Ouaga II University since 2014.



Dr. Muluemebet Abera Wordofa, is a teacher and researcher at Jimma University, Ethiopia with a rank of assistant professor. She is the site leader of Gilgel Gibe HDSS Ethiopia and co-investigator of Health and Demographic Surveillance and causes of death study at Gilgel Gibe Health and Demographic Surveillance system site, Southwest Ethiopia. Before joining the University, she has served as maternal and child health programs coordinator at Assela Hospital and a clinical instructor at Assela School of Nursing in southeast Ethiopia. She has over 15 years of experience in teaching, research and management. Her

research interests, reproductive health specifically maternal, neonatal and Child health, adolescent health, population Dynamics (Fertility and Mortality), Family Planning and Contraception. Dr. Muluemebet Abera holds a PhD degree in international health from Ludwig Maximilian university of Munich, MPH in Reproductive Health and BSc in public health from Jimma University.



Dr Abraham Rexford Oduro is the Director of the Navrongo Health Research Centre and a Specialist Public Health Physician of the Ghana Health Service. Abraham initially trained as a medical doctor at the Kwame Nkrumah University Science and Technology and holds a Masters and a PhD degree in Epidemiology from the Universities of the Witwatersrand and London respectively. Dr. Oduro is an elected Fellow of public health from the college of physicians and surgeons, Ghana. At the Navrongo research centre he has led several large scale clinical and field intervention studies and has published over 50 articles in peer

reviewed journals www.navrongo-hrc.org Abraham's main current research activities relate to health measurements in disease control, product development research, health systems strengthening, maternal and child health, and environmental related issues.



Ms. Le My Lan is young health economist and serves as secretary at Filabavi HDSS, Vietnam. She holds an MSc in Health economic and Health care management from the Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. She has experienced the position of secretary of many projects at Hanoi Medical University. Ms. Lan has involved in the activities of Filabavi since 2012. Her interest of research focuses on health financing, health insurance, health expenditures and financial protection in health.



Mr. Wondimye Ashenafi Cheru is a demographer and researcher at Kersa HDSS for the last six years. He obtained his masters degree in Population Studies (Reproductive Health) from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. I have been working on the routine surveillance activities of supervision and training to the data processing, analysis and preparation of reports/manuscripts for publication. I have interest in research works particularly related to family planning, dynamics of population change, child and maternal health, family health as well as on marriage formation and dissolution. I have authored and co-authored number of articles on family planning, maternal health, marriage formation and dissolution, population dynamics, cause of death using verbal autopsy, housing and health etc. I have a very good inclination, trainings and skills on data processing and analysis using statistical software particularly SPSS and Stata .I am also working as a lecturer in the department of public health as well as a member of the institutional ethics review board of the college of health and medical sciences, Haramaya University, and a life time member of Ethiopian Public Health Association.



Dr. Nega Assefa Kassa is Assistant Professor of Reproductive Health, Maternal and Child Health. Currently I am the site lead for Kersa HDSS. I have special interest in the management of longitudinal data. My area of research is Pregnancy and its Outcome, Neonatal and Child Survival, Neonatal and Child Morbidity, Family Health, Population Dynamics (Fertility and Mortality), Family Planning and Contraception, and Morbid Health Conditions during Pregnancy and morbidity during Birth and Postnatal Period.



Prof. Halidou Tinto worked from 1998 to 2000 as research associate at Centre Muraz, Burkina Faso. In 2000, I worked in the Royal Danish School of Pharmacy, Denmark as Research fellow in Development of alternative medicine against malaria. From 2001, I was recruited as research associate at IRSS. From 2003 to 2006, I worked as PhD fellow in Medical Sciences at ITM, Belgium, where I worked on the epidemiology of malaria drug resistance in Burkina Faso and Rwanda. After obtaining my PhD in 2006, I went back in Burkina Faso, where I contributed to create the Clinical Research Unit of Nanoro in 2009. From 2010 I have been graduated as Associate Professor and attached at the Polytechnic University of Bobo-Dioulasso. My research activity focused on malaria parasite biology is currently oriented towards the epidemiology of the parasite resistance. From 2013 to 2014, I was appointed as the scientific director of Centre Muraz.



Mr. Apaliyah K. Sixtus is a Ghanaian national and the Head of Finance and the INDEPTH Network. Prior to joining INDEPTH Network in January 2002 Sixtus was the Accountant of the Navrongo Health Research Centre from 1996 to 1999. He also worked as a Store keeper during the Vitamin A supplementation trial in Navrongo from 1990 to 1992. Mr. Sixtus Apaliyah is a member of the Association of Ghana Accounting Technicians and also holds the final certificate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ghana (ICAG).



Dr. Ali Sie obtained his MD degree in 1998 at Ouagadougou University and completed his PhD training in clinical epidemiology at Heidelberg University/Germany. He started his career in 1999 by first working in Banfora's regional hospital, Ministry of Health, Burkina Faso as a Clinician for five (5) years until his transfer in 2004 as a research Fellow to develop the clinical research at Nouna Health Research Centre (CRSN). He has been appointed as Head of Research and Training Unit in 2005 before leading the CRSN as Director since 2007. Since 2004 he has been instrumental for the implementation of a sustainable clinical setting in Nouna hospital for clinical research. His main research area is epidemiology and clinical trials of infectious diseases. He is also interested in conducting scientific investigation of health conditions and health systems research. Dr Ali Sie is capable on both scientific and management point of view. He has authored/co-authored more than 40 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals, and successfully coordinated several international projects as PI.



Dr. Martin W. Bangha, (PhD) is the Capacity Strengthening and Training Manager for INDEPTH Network. Bangha has many years of progressive experience in networking of international scientists and census statistical bureaus in Africa. Prior to joining the INDEPTH Network, he served as Research Project Manager for the African Census Analysis Project (ACAP) at the University of Pennsylvania (2001–2005), on part-time basis (2005-2009). Previously, Bangha served at the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) in Dakar, Senegal as Program Officer for its Small Grants Programme on Population and Development for junior researchers and eventually as UAPS' interim Executive Secretary (1997-2001). He is a member of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) and the Population Association of America (PAA).



Dr. Eusébio V. Macete is the Director of Centro de Investigação em Saúde de Manhiça, CISM, has a degree in Medicine by the Universidade Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo, Mozambique; a MSc in Public Health by the Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona, Espanha and a PhD by the Universidade de Barcelona, Espanha. 1992-1996, lecture in Biology, Physiology and Anatomy at the Instituto de Ciências de Saúde de Maputo, ICSM, Maputo Mozambique. Training Fellow at Centro de Investigação em Saúde de Manhiça, CISM, (1999-2004) as Medical Doctor from Direcção Nacional de Saúde do MISAU. From 2002-2004, was a coordinator of the CISM.

In 2007 was intern at Initiative for Vaccine Research, IVR, WHO – Headquarter HQ, Geneva, Switzerland. Chair for the Clinical Trials Partnership Committee (CTPC), 2008-2009. 2006-2009, was a member of the executive committee, Intermittent Preventive Treatment Consortium (IPTi). Member of the Steering Committee for RTS,S (a development partnership between GlaxoSmithKline, GSK, and the Malaria Vaccine Initiative, MVI), 2008-2009. He has participated in the design, implementation and analysis of various clinical trials including the evaluation of intermittent treatment in children and evaluation of malaria vaccine in Mozambique.



Dr. Seth Owusu-Agyei, has been the Director of the Kintampo Health Research Centre (KHRC) since 2002. He is an epidemiologist with extensive experience in the design and conduct of clinical and field intervention trials. Dr Owusu-Agyei obtained his PhD training in Malaria Epidemiology at the Swiss Tropical Institute, Basel, Switzerland (2001). He worked at the Navrongo Health Research Centre, Ministry of Health, Ghana as a Senior Health Research Scientist & Head of Biomedical Department until his transfer to head the KHRC,

Ministry of Health, Ghana. He was appointed as the Director of the KHRC and also worked on part-time basis as a Lecturer in the Departments of Epidemiology & Population Health and Infectious Tropical Diseases, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and as Senior Lecturer at the School of Public Health, University of Ghana, Legon.



Prof. Osman Sankoh, a biostatistician, epidemiologist and public health specialist from Sierra Leone, is the Executive Director of the INDEPTH Network of health and demographic surveillance systems (HDSSs) in Africa, Asia and Oceania. He joined INDEPTH from the Institute of Public Health, University of Heidelberg, Germany. Osman is a product of Njala University, Sierra Leone and the Technical University of Dortmund, Germany. He is a member of Advisory Boards/Committees of several international research institutes and academic journals. His publications have appeared in a range of international

journals including The Lancet, Nature, Science and the International Journal of Epidemiology. His book of creative memoir is: Hybrid Eyes - Reflections of an African in Europe. Osman is affiliated to the School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa; Faculty of Public Health, Hanoi Medical University, Viet Nam; and Institute of Public Health, University of Heidelberg, Germany.



Dr. Kwaku Poku Asante holds a BSc. in Medical Sciences, MD degree, Masters in Public Health from University of Ghana; and a PhD in infectious disease epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK. Dr. Asante also hold several certificates of public health advocacy, advanced epidemiology, medical ethics and good clinical practices.

Dr. Asante provided primary health care in rural Ghana after his internship at Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital in Ghana. He has interest in epidemiology of childhood illnesses particularly malaria and respiratory infections, health programme evaluation and access to health care.

Dr. Asante has served on several international and local public health committees. He is currently the Chair of an expert oversight committee to evaluate the impact of clinical trials in Africa (eICT Study) and a Co-chair of the Clinical Trial Partnership for RTSS malaria clinical trials in Africa. Dr. Asante was the Head of Malaria Research for 8 years at the Kintampo Health Research Centre (KHRC) and currently the Head of Research and a management committee member at KHRC.

Dr. Asante is a visiting lecturer at the School of Public Health in Ghana and the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health in the U. S. A. and has supervised several student thesis. Dr. Asante has papers in peer review journals and has authored a book chapter.



Mr. Solomon O. Otieno is a Clinical Research Coordinator, RN, Associate Pastor in the Local Church. Have had a long working experience of more than ten years in clinical research orientation. Have been head of Nursing Department in Kombewa Clinical Research Centre between 2003 and 2010, Clinical Research Coordinator from 2010 to present, within this period have coordinated a number of studies among them, Malaria Transmission Study, African cohort Study which is an HIV Study which have a primary objective of assessing the impact of clinical practice, biological factors and socio behavioral issues on HIV infection and

disease progression in an African context. I have been the chairperson of Training Committee in Walter Reed Project Kisumu , which has helped the staffs within the organization in career development and capacity building over the period, from 2007 to date. I was part of the team that developed a Training manual which is user friendly to both the committee and organization leadership in guiding the staffs before and after placing their applications for sponsorship for their choice courses in different levels.



Professor Kouassi Dongo Kouassi Dongo is an Ivorian and holds a PhD in water and environmental sanitation engineering. He is well rounded Hydro-geologist and Environmentalist, with outstanding skills and experience in Natural Resources including integrated Water and Environmental Sanitation and health management, projects coordination and management, Risk analysis with a strong scientific theoretical and practical background in Applied Sciences. K. Dongo is currently Associate Professor at the «Université Félix Houphouët Boigny» in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire and Senior scientist & Project officer at *Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire* (Swiss Centre for Scientific

Research in Côte d'Ivoire: CSRS). K.Dongo is supervising several students at Master and PhD level and is a Trainer of several modules within the framework of the CSRS learning package for capacity building supported by Afrique One (www.afriqueone.net). He is the head of the CSRS training and expertise unit called FOREVUS. K. Dongo is Trainer and Facilitator in especially scientific writing and publishing: French & English. Public: MsC, PhD students, postdocs and seniors. He delivered this training several times; within the NCCR north south program he offered it in Ethiopia (two times), Ghana, Thailand, and within the Learning package supported by Afrique one he offered it in Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, Senegal, Thad. He is currently also leading a research group at CSRS dealing with activities on Ecosystem and Population Health.



Prof. Oche Mansur Oche is a highly experienced medical doctor and Lecturer specialised in public health and community medicine with interest in Maternal and Child health. Since 2000, Prof. Oche has been working at Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto as coordinator and lecturer for the Master of Public Health. He has carried out several studies in the area of maternal, neonatal and child Health, and Primary Health Care with over 40 publications in national and international peer reviewed journals to his credit. He has been

the Coordinator of the Health Diplomacy Training Programme for Northern Nigeria , a CDC Atlanta program; He was also a WHO National Immunization officer for Sokoto state, a Co-Principal Investigator for the WHO Polio Sero-Prevalence study for Sokoto and Kebbi states of Nigeria.He is currently the Head, Department of Community Health, Usmanu Danfodiyo University/Teaching Hospital, Sokoto Nigeria and Director, HDSS Nahuca , Nigeria and also a Honorary Consultant Public Health Physician with the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital Sokoto.



Dr. Momodou Darboe is a Gambian and works with MRC International Nutrition Group (ING) in Keneba as a Senior Scientific Officer. He studied Biomedical Science at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge UK, majoring in Clinical Biochemistry. He has an MSc in Human Nutrition and a PhD in Epidemiology and Public Health Nutrition, both qualifications from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, UK.

Momodou is the Chairman of the MRC Keneba Training Committee that organizes all locally employed staff training programs up to graduate level. He is the liaison person between ING and the National Nutrition Agency (NaNA) of The Gambia. He has worked on various projects studying relationships between childhood malnutrition, growth faltering and tropical enteropathy. He has been working in Keneba for many years and has dedicated his career to studying the problems of maternal and child nutrition in rural Africa; specifically interested in micronutrient deficiency and early childhood growth and development. Momodou's previous research was on vitamin A supplementation study assessing the effect of optimal vitamin A dosing on growth and mucosal-related infections in early infancy. His current research focuses on the relationship between micronutrient intervention and early childhood growth and development. He is the principal investigator of a study looking at the effect of a life-course (pre- and post-natal) lipid-base nutrient (LNS) supplementation on infant and early childhood growth, body composition and motor development. Heavily involved in the training and supervision of locally employed staff and visiting students to the MRC Keneba respectively.



Dr. Ime Asangansi is a physician, health informatics specialist and software architect based in Abuja, Nigeria. He is a consultant and researcher in the emerging fields of digital and mobile health, with a special interest in design, implementation and strategy, particularly in the clinical, public health, demography and health insurance domains, and at different levels (community, facility, district, national and global). He runs a fast growing informatics startup, eHealth4everyone, based in Nigeria, and has been actively involved in the design and development of a number of software systems, including the OpenHDS (Open-source Health and Demographic System) adopted by and running in many INDEPTH sites.

Previously, he was Country Director for the United Nations Foundation ICTs for Saving One Million Lives (ICT4SOML) project in Nigeria, where he led the Nigeria UNF team that supported the Government of Nigeria in drafting the National eHealth Strategic Framework. He holds a medical degree (MBBS) from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and a PhD in Informatics from the University of Oslo, Norway. Apart from advising INDEPTH in the area of data systems and informatics, he is an active advisory member of the World Health Organization's mHealth Technical Evidence Review Group (mTERG) and the Health Informatics in Africa board.

His personal mission is to improve healthcare in developing and challenging settings through invention and innovation in the design, development, implementation and evaluation of appropriate, sustainable and scalable health information systems; and contributing to the global wealth of knowledge in this important domain.



Dr. Walter Otieno is a Senior Research Officer at the Kenya Medical Research Institute/US Army Medical Research Unit-Kenya (part time) and a Senior Lecturer and Head of Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at Maseno University Medical School. He holds an MBChB, M.Med (Paediatrics) and PhD in Molecular Medicine all from University of Nairobi. He was the Principal Investigator in malaria vaccine study (RTS, S), malaria transmission intensity study, malaria gametocyte carriage study and associate investigator in several

studies. He was previously involved in malarial anemia pathogenesis studies, sickle cell trait and the mechanism of protection against severe manifestations of malaria and several studies evaluating malaria vaccines and new malaria treatments for regulatory licensure at the Kenya Medical Research Institute/ US Army Medical Research Unit-Kenya. As a paediatrician, he has helped mentor several young doctors who are serving the country in different capacities. He is a member of board of several hospitals within Kisumu County, several professional bodies. He sits on boards of several organizations for example AMMREN and INDEPTH amongst others. He is currently the principal investigator for a whole cell pneumococcal study and has several upcoming studies at his centre. He has authored and coauthored several papers in refereed journals



Mr. David Mbulumi has joined the INDEPTH Network as the new Policy Engagement and Communications Manager in February 2015. He comes from the Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) in Tanzania where he was the head of the Resource Centre. The IHI, an INDEPTH member centre, is one of Africa's most eminent health research centres with a history of more than 50 years. David has over 14 years experience in media and communications after working as a journalist, public relations practitioner and communications specialist. He was

a senior editor with leading newspapers in Tanzania - The Guardian and The Citizen, and then served as public relations manager for CRDB Bank, the country's largest bank from 2006 to 2009.

David then joined the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as head of communications for Tanzania Country Office until 2012 when he joined IHI. He has also offered training services on journalism ethics and editorial independence for the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) and editorial consultancies for UN agencies (WFP, UNIDO, FAO, UNIC, UNV) since 2006. He studied at the University of Dar es Salaam where he graduated in 1995 with a BSc majoring in Chemistry and Microbiology. He has Master's degree in Chemistry (2000) from the same university.

David was also trained in journalism by the Commonwealth Press Union and Thompson Reuters Foundation in the UK, the World Bank Institute and NSJ Trust (with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung) in various centres in southern Africa.