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**Dr. Flores Pentzke Saint-Germain** is a Health Economist at the World Health Organization in the department of Health Systems Governance and Financing. Since completion of her PhD in Statistics and Econometrics from the University of Geneva, she has been post-doctoral researcher at the institute in Health Economics and Management of the University of Lausanne; a visiting fellow of the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, a consultant for the World Bank Organisation and the Inter-American Development Bank. She has been involved in a collaborative research project funded by the European Commission on Health Equity and Financial Protection in Asia (HEFPA). Her area of expertise focuses on financial protection in Health, universal coverage and the econometric evaluation of health policies.



**Dr. James Akazili** is a senior research fellow of the Navrongo Health Research Centre in the Upper East Region of Ghana. He holds an MA in economics from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana and MA and PhD degrees in Health Economics from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. With over 15 years of health research, he has led several longitudinal surveys on topics related to health systems impact, including studies of bednet introduction, reproductive health services, and child health. He has directed research on Ghana's Health Insurance Program and published a number of papers in the area. His research has focused on equity, inequality and efficiency in health care access, the economics of HIV/AIDS, malaria and other tropical diseases, the planning of human resource and geographic redistribution of health care resources, community/mutual health insurance for the vulnerable populations. He is currently engaged in the impact evaluation of the Ghana Essential Health Intervention Project.



**Dr. Tessa-Tan-Torres Edejer** is the Coordinator of the Unit on Costs, Effectiveness, Expenditure and Priority Setting in the Department of Health Financing and Governance (HGF), WHO in Geneva. She has performed that role over the past 10 years and has managed the core work of WHO on costing, cost-effectiveness analysis, economic burden, and health accounts and priority setting. The unit produces technical guidance on these areas of work, generates data including those in the Global Health Expenditure database and the CHOICE (choosing Interventions that are cost-effective) database and provides technical assistance to countries.



**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. Hong Wang** has over 28 years of experience in health policy globally, with a focus on health economics, financing and systems in developing countries. He is currently employed at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) as a Senior Program Officer in Integrated Delivery team. His responsibilities include taking a leading intellectual and implementation roles in the formulation of Gates Foundation position on the critical issues in health economics, financing and systems, particularly related to primary healthcare (PHC) development; serving as an advisor to foundation Co-Chairs and leadership, as well as to the program teams, regarding the effects of health economics, financing and systems on portfolios and programs performance; serving as an in-house experts on

technical and data questions related financing for health, health system and PHC measurement; and managing a grant portfolio focused on improving primary healthcare globally including understanding how economic policies influence PHC quality and quantity and ultimately health impacts. Dr. Wang is also an adjunct clinical associate professor at Yale School of Public Health. Before joining in BMGF, Dr. Wang was a Principal Associate/Senior Health economist at Abt Inc., an Associate Professor and Acting Director for Health Economics Department at Beijing Medical University, an Adjunct Professor and Deputy Director at National Health Economics Institute of Ministry of Health, China, and an Assistant Professor for Glo.



**Prof. Emmanuela Gakidou**, PhD, is Professor of Global Health and Director of Academic Development and Training at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington. She also leads the Institute's research activities in the area of evaluations. In addition, she is currently a Faculty Affiliate for the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences at the University of Washington. Dr. Gakidou's research interests are impact evaluation and methods development for analytical challenges in global health. Before joining IHME, Dr. Gakidou was a research associate at the Harvard Initiative for Global Health and the Institute for Quantitative

Social Science. Prior to moving to Harvard University, Dr. Gakidou worked as a health economist at the World Health Organization (WHO).



**Dr. Patricia Hernandez** Health accountant, MD, MPH, PhD Economics. Researcher in NIDI and consultant since 2014. Retiree from WHO HQ, where worked as health accountant since 1999-2013. Mainly focused experience in AMRO countries and in Mexico, but worked at different levels of concentration in countries of all regions.



**Dr. Fred Arnold** is a Senior Fellow at ICF International and Technical Deputy Director of The Demographic and Health Surveys Program. He is a demographer and survey specialist with over 40 years of professional experience providing technical assistance in survey implementation and analysis in low- and middle-income countries. Dr. Arnold is responsible for setting the overall technical direction for The DHS Program and coordinating the design of DHS questionnaires. He has been directly involved in the design and implementation of population-based surveys in 16 countries in Asia, Africa, and South America. He has been the survey manager for four National Family Health Surveys in India, with a combined sample size of 861,000 households. He has published more than 150 books, journal articles, and reports on various topics, including malaria; nutrition; gender preferences for children; family planning; fertility; child mortality; international migration; maternal, newborn and child health, and survey methods.



**Dr. John Ele-Ojo Ataguba** is a Commonwealth scholar and an elected member of the South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS). He is currently a senior lecturer at the Health Economics Unit, University of Cape Town (UCT). John has research experience in many African countries. His major research interests include poverty, inequality, equity in health and health care, social determinants of health, and health financing. John holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Cape Town. He is the recipient of several competitive awards including the Claude Leon Merit Award for Young Lecturers. Currently, he serves as an editorial board member for the journal Applied Health Economics and Health Policy, and BMC Health Services Research. John has published widely in his areas of interest.



**Dr. Abdramane Soura** is the Ouagadougou Population Observatory site leader, Burkina Faso. He is currently conducting research on health and poverty in urban areas. He holds a Masters in Statistics from the National School of Statistics in Dakar, Senegal and a PhD in Demography from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. He has published a book at the Louvain University Press and he is author or co-author of nearly thirty papers published in international scientific journals.



**Dr. Fabrizio Tediosi** is an economist specialized in public health and health systems and policy research. He is Research Group leader at the Department of Public Health and Epidemiology of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute and Associate Professor (PD), Faculty of Science, University of Basel. His current research interests focus on health financing; developing and applying methods to evaluate and validate health interventions for delivering them at adequate levels of effective coverage; health policy analysis and evaluation; Impact of global forces on public health. He teaches health system research in several courses in various academic

institutions. He is also Adjunct Professor and associate researcher at Bocconi University, Milan, Italy and adjunct professor at School of Social Science at the University of Bologna, Italy.



**Prof. Nguyen Thi Kim Chuc** Pharmacist, MSc, PhD, is an Associate Professor and Vice Director of Family Medicine Department at Hanoi Medical University. Dr. Chuc has been involved in Medical research and education since 1990. Her field of expertise is the assessment of Health Care system and medical education systems and the implementation of national and international research in Health sector, particularly in the area of primary health care. In this capacity she has been a coordinator of several projects such as Health System Research Project supported by Sida/SAREC, Family Medicine Development in Vietnam, supported by CMB. Dr. Chuc is also the leader of Filabavi Demographic Surveillance Site where

many publications on different topics are published internationally. It is the first site in Vietnam and has been the research field for under and post graduate for Hanoi Medical University. She is one of the pioneers to set up the Dodalab site which is an urban site in Vietnam.



**Dr. Yadeta Dessie Bacha** is a Public Health Expert presently working as a lecturer at the college of health and medical Sciences at Haramaya University primarily teaching health economics course for Master of Public Health (MPH) students. He has been supervising MPH students for their thesis work since 2011. Yadeta is currently a fifth year PhD fellow at Haramaya University in the field of Public Health. He is a member of Kersa Health and Demographic Surveillance Site (KHDSS). in Ethiopia, affiliated to Haramaya University. Yadeta had worked as a director for Research and Publication Office in the college in the period from December 2009-2013. He has conducted various caliber of studies of cross-sectional

to longitudinal designs, and participated in several international and national health research trainings. Yadeta has twelve publications, and made several oral and poster presentations on conferences/symposiums/workshops.



**Dr. David B. Evans** recently accepted the role of Scientific Project Leader in the Department of Epidemiology and Population Health at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. He is an expert in health systems strengthening, particularly health systems financing and governance. He was Director of the Department of Health Systems Governance and Financing (HGF) in WHO for 12 years providing support to more than 50 countries to develop effective, efficient and equitable health financing systems for Universal Health Coverage, and to strengthen health leadership and governance. He was the lead author for the World Health Report 2010 "Health systems financing: the path to universal coverage". His 25 years in WHO also included work on: social and economic aspects of the control of tropical diseases; the assessment of health system performance; and the generation, analysis and application of evidence for health. He has a PhD in economics and has published widely.

**Prof. Owen O'Donnell** is Professor of Applied Economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam and the University of Macedonia (Greece), and a Research Fellow of the Tinbergen Institute. He obtained his doctorate from the University of York and has held visiting positions at the University of Lausanne and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a faculty appointment at the University of Kent. He is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Health Economics* and *Health Economics*. He is a co-author of *Analyzing Health Equity Using Household Survey Data* published by the World Bank, and has been a consultant to the Bank and UNICEF. He has co-directed two European Union funded research projects on equity in the finance and provision of health care in Asia. He is co-organizer of the *European Workshops on Econometrics and Health Economics*



**Dr. Diane Steele** is the Household Survey Coordinator in the Development Research Group. A member of Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) team, she has extensive experience in the design, implementation and analysis of household surveys. She provides technical assistance to the staff in national statistical institutes on how to implement and analyze nationally representative multi-topic household surveys. She is the administrator of the Living Standards Measurement Study Database. Ms. Steele is also responsible for creating, updating and maintaining the LSMS Web site which provides information on existing LSMS surveys, tools for how to implement surveys, and tools for analyzing surveys.



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