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## INDEPTH Household Out-of-Pocket Expenditures (iHOPE) Inception Meeting, Accra-Ghana: 4-6<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 Meeting Participants



**Dr. Abraham Oduro** is the Director of the Navrongo Health Research Centre (NHRC) of the Ghana Health Service. The NHRC is a member of the INDEPTH-Network. Abraham is a Specialist Public Health Epidemiologist. He 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 at the outset practiced as a medical doctor at the Komfo Anokye teaching hospital and the Navrongo war memorial hospital. At the Navrongo research centre Dr. Oduro had led several large scale clinical and field intervention studies.

Between 2000 and 2007 he was temporal advisor on product research and development, and monitored several clinical trials across Africa for the WHO/TDR. Dr. Oduro is an elected Fellow of public health, college of physicians and surgeons, Ghana, and holds membership in the Ghana medical association, Ghana public association and the American society of tropical medicine and hygiene. He is a part-time lecturer at the University for Development Studies and external supervisor at the wits university school of public health. Abraham's main current research relate to health measurements in disease control, product development research and maternal and child health related issues. Dr. Oduro has over 50 publications in peer reviewed journals and articles. [www.navrongo-hrc.org](http://www.navrongo-hrc.org)



**Dr. Tran Khanh Toan** graduated from the Hue Medical School in 1995, he worked as an MD for Quang Binh Provincial Health sector for 13 years. He completed a Masters degree in Public Health at Hanoi Medical University in 2002 and obtained a PhD in Public Health from the Nordic School of Public Health ten years later. Since 2008, he has worked as a lecturer at Family Medicine Department of the Hanoi Medical University (HMU).

Dr Toan has been working as the leader of DodaLab urban HDSS and a senior researcher of FilaBavi rural HDSS. He has been involved as the PI or coPI in many several national and international research projects in health system, especially in community health and health care utilization, which was conducted at these two sites. He also has been the national assistant coordinator and a national consultant for the Joint Annual Health Review of Ministry of Health.



**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.



**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.



**Gabriela Flores** 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's 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.



**Mr. Maxwell Dalaba** is a PhD candidate at the Institute of Public Health, University of Heidelberg, Germany. His thesis has been submitted and it is currently under review. He has a MPH (Health Economics) from the University of Cape Town, South Africa and a BA (Economics and Geography) from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. Dalaba has been working with the Navrongo Health Research Centre (NHRC) since 2002. He has experience in the coordination of research studies, data collection, analysis and dissemination of study findings. He has worked on several projects including: Female Genital Mutilation, Home Management of malaria and Community Acceptability of Artesunate-Amodiaquine for the treatment of malaria, Phase IV Effectiveness and Safety Studies, A socio-economic study of meningitis, Moral hazard behaviors under the national health insurance scheme, Quality of maternal and neonatal care. He has more than 10 publications in peer reviewed journals to his credit.



**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.



**Fabrizio Tediosi**, PhD, 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.



**Gemini Mtei** is a senior research scientist at the Ifakara Health Institute in Tanzania. He has PhD in health economics and Masters of Arts degree in Economics. For over eight years Gemini has been working in a number of researches and consultancies on health systems financing, equity, health financing regulation, social protection and impact evaluation. Among others include, analysis of members' compliance with National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) in Tanzania; review of the functioning of Community Health Fund

(CHF) and council health service boards (CHSB) in Tanzania; analysis of health insurance regulatory framework in Tanzania; feasibility assessment of the harmonization of social health protection in East Africa Community; the analysis of equity in health care financing and provision; and monitoring and evaluating health system financing reforms towards universal coverage in Tanzania and South Africa.



**Fadima Yaya Bocoum** is a sociologist and health economist and working as a researcher at the Institut de Recherche en Sciences de la Santé (IRSS) in Burkina Faso. Her research interests are health system and policy and health economics. She has conducted researches on human resource for health, Maternal and Child health, malaria and HIV in Burkina Faso. She is also member of international and national associations such as international health economics association (iHEA), African health Economics association ( AFHEA ), and Collège Burkinabè d’Economie de la Santé (COBES). Currently she is a PhD student in public health at the University of Western Cape working on the introduction of point of care testing for syphilis in a rural area in Burkina Faso.



**Prof. Nguyen Thi Kim Chuc** Chuc 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. It’s an urban site in Vietnam.



**Roch Modeste MILLOGO** is a Burkinabe born on March 25, 1984 at Burkina Faso. He’s Statistics’ Engineer formed from 2006 to 2010 at the National School of Statistics and Economic Analysis of Senegal. Currently research assistant at Institut Supérieur des Sciences de la Population (ISSP). Roch works as Field Manager and data analyst in the Ouagadougou Demographic and Health Surveillance Systems (HDSS). His main tasks are:

- To supervise the events collected each round (repeated survey every 6 months) and participate in the analysis of these events in order to test their consistency;
- To produce routine analysis on the evaluation of demographic or health events (mortality, fertility, migration, marriage, vaccination);
- To take part in thematic analysis based on data collected in the HDSS.





**Mr. Samuel Tomilola Oladokun** did his National Service with Ghana statistical service after completing his HND in statistics in 2003 where he worked in various projects as a field worker and supervisor. Some of these projects include: National industrial census, integrated child health survey, Ghana living standard survey (5), job trucking survey, GLSS5+ listing, and World food program. He joined the Navrongo Health Research Centre in the year 2008 as a Bio-statistician (technical officer) where he had a privilege to work with RRV-TV clinical trial and Rotate follow-up projects as a Data manager. In 2010, he enrolled for Back in statistics (part-time) and completed in 2013 while he was still working as Data manager. He also worked for Qualm at project on the clinical Decision Support System at health facilities, GARDASIL clinical trial, and Entomology and IPAS base line projects. He has been involved in developing data entry screens to capture data for these projects as well as cleaning the data and getting it ready for analyses. He has also been involved in basic data analyses. Currently I work as Assistant Data manager for the Navrongo HDSS in charge of verbal autopsy data (VPMs).



**Yadeta Dessie Bacha** is a Public Health Expert presently working as a lecturer at the college of health and medical Sciences primarily 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 Demographic Surveillance Site (DSS) 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 calibers 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.