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Mr. Daniel Azongo is a senior research officer at the Navrongo Health Research Centre, Ghana. He has over 10 years working experience on longitudinal population-based research in Northern Ghana. He holds a Master's of Science degree in Epidemiology from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, and is an INDEPTH fellow. He is currently the head of the HDSS with major task of directing field activities, generating data output, writing of technical reports, manuscripts and proposals. He has been involved in the implementation of various projects in the centre and has skills in survey design, implementation, data analysis and scientific writing. Daniel is broadly interest in health systems and implementation research, maternal and newborn health and geographic information systems. His current research focus is on the epidemiology and drivers of non-communicable diseases in Northern Ghana. He is a member of the INDEPTH-network Health Systems and Maternal and Newborn Health working groups.



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Mr. Emmanuel Kwame Darkwa is a Field Coordinator at Dodowa Health and Demographic Surveill, Ghana. An accomplished self-motivated and hardworking young professional with 7 years experience in health research. He is passionate about health system research, maternal and new-born care issues, diseases surveillance, and monitoring and evaluation of programmes. Mr. Darkwa has been involved in health and demographic surveillance under the mentorship of Dodowa Health Research Centre. He holds a Masters of Public Health from James P. Grant School of Public Health (BRAC UNIVERSITY), Bangladesh (2014). He also holds a Bachelor of Arts (Information Studies and Political Science), University of Ghana. (2007). Other positions Emmanuel has held includes Field Supervisor (Dodowa HDSS) 2008-2012, Acting Coordinator (Ghana School feeding programme, Dangme West District) 2008. He is a member of the Asian Population Association.



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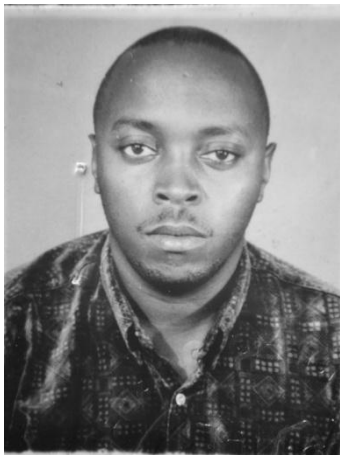
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Dr. Joseph Kagaayi works with Rakai Health Sciences Program as head of Monitoring and Evaluation for the Rakai HIV program, Uganda. Joseph holds a PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland Ohio, USA, a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health , Baltimore, USA, and a bachelor of Medicine and bachelor of surgery from Makerere University. He has previously been a co-investigator on mother-child studies for prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission focusing on interventions to increase coverage of mother-baby pairs with Nevirapine prophylaxis; and studies on survival of infants and children by feeding modality. Dr. Kagaayi also did operational research on approaches for assessment of eligibility for HAART in developing countries. He has also been involved in studies on approaches to identify individuals at high risk of HIV for targeting with interventions. Recently Dr. Kagaayi developed indices to predict risk of HIV among men and women. The male index is currently being used in a clinical trial to increase demand for male circumcision.



Dr. Edward Nelson Kankaka is a Medical Officer, and Study Coordinator at Rakai HDSS, Uganda. Edward's work with the Rakai Community Cohort study (RCCS) involved data collection, including maternal health. He currently coordinate the Early Infant Male Circumcision study, which is somewhat a result of RCCS data indicating significant community interest in newborn circumcision. He's close work with maternity/newborn service points at Government Health units in our catchment area provides added opportunity for firsthand interactions with mothers, newborns & primary healthcare providers. Dr. Kankakahas a keen interest in research involving mothers & newborns, and he is happy to work with my HDSS centre leader to contribute to the MNWG goals.



Mr. Alex Karabarinde is a Survey Coordinator at MRC/UVRI General Population Cohort, Uganda. He graduated with a diploma in clinical medicine in 1996. Alex has held various positions such as; Clinical officer in Kabarole district from 1996-1997, Clinical officer in MRC eye study in 1998, Field supervisor in General Population Cohort from 2000-2009, and Survey coordinator in the General Population Cohort. He has co-authored 11 scientific publications in various journals.



Dr. Nega Assefa Kassa is the Centre Leader for Kersa HDSS, Ethiopia. He is currently working on Reproductive Health, Maternal and Child Health at Haramaya University. Dr. Kassa has masters in Reproductive Health and Ph.D in maternal and neonatal health. In these areas, he has the expertise, leadership, and motivation necessary research and intervention projects. Nega has been mentoring more than 35 masters 2 PhD students working on various sexual and reproductive health. His key research areas are pregnancy and child birth, family planning, child growth and development and infant and child survival and determinants of survival. Currently Dr. Kassa is leading a longitudinal community based demographic and health surveillance on 63 thousand in Kersa District (Kersa HDSS), Ethiopia. It is providing longitudinal data focusing on socio-demographic characteristics of women, child, adolescent, and adult. It also provides fertility, mortality and morbidity characteristics of the population. He is part of the mentoring, course facilitation, research support on women and child health areas.



Mr. Coleman Kishamawe works as a Senior Research Scientist at Magu HDSS, Tanzania. Coleman holds Bsc (Statistics) and MSc. (Epidemiology). Coleman has been actively involved in Research with main focus on Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS, Schistosomiasis and Malaria. He is also involved in data analysis of Magu HDSS, the second oldest HIV Cohort Study in Africa and the only one in Tanzania. The cohort is based in Magu District, Mwanza Region. Mr. Kishamawe has an extensive experience in statistical data management and analysis. He has Published a number of peer reviewed article in the area of Sexual and reproductive health and parasitic diseases.



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Mr. Ernest Obed Nettey is a Research Fellow at the Kinkampo HDSS, Ghana. He is a trained demographer from the Wits University, South Africa. Mr. Nettey's interest are Urbanization and Non-Communicable Morbidity, and Fertility and household dynamics.



Ms. Etsehiwot Tilahun Nida is a Research Assistant at Butajira HDSS, Ethiopia.. Her specific role in Butajira HDSS is ensuring the quality of the data; from collection to report writing. Etsehiwot has adequate experience in teaching and conducting research at community level. She has personal research interest in areas related to children and women. Mr. Nida has participated in several national meetings by representing Butajira HDSS.



Dr. Sanjay K. Rai is a faculty member, Centre for Community Medicine at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, India which runs the Ballabgarh HDSS. He has over twenty years of experience as Physician, Researcher, epidemiologist, and Public health expert. Dr. Rai has to his credit over 100 publications and is a regular reviewer of many major national and international journals. He was involved in more than 25 research projects. He is member of many technical/expert groups constituted by Government of India, ICMR, INCLEN and Public Health Foundation of India and has contributed in many national health programmes e.g. National AIDS Control Programme, NRHM, RNTCP etc. He is working in the area of HIV / AIDS and providing technical support to HIV Sentinel Surveillance (HSS) of five northern states of India as a nodal person. He is current (2013-15) Vice President of Indian Public Health Association (IPHA).



Dr. Anne Jeptoo Rerimoi is a PhD Student at Farafenni HDSS in Gambia. She holds a Bachelor in Medicine and Surgery (Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya), Master of Medicine in Paediatrics and Child Health (Aga Khan University Hospital Nairobi, Kenya), Master of Science in International Child Health (University College London, UK) MPhil/PhD in Epidemiology and Population Health -London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Rerimoi is a Kenyan paediatrician based in the Gambia with great interest in Maternal and Newborn health. Anne is currently working on data from two rural Health and Demographic Surveillance Sites at the Medical Research Council unit, focusing on causes and rates of neonatal mortality. In order to improve data accuracy and quality, she will use a mixed methods approach to evaluate three different data sources to calculate neonatal mortality, and to explain differences if any. The aim is to provide current data and to give insight into under-reporting of adverse pregnancy outcomes and ways to mitigate this.



Dr. Muluemebet Abera, is a teacher and researcher at Jimma University, Ethiopia with a rank of assistant professor. She is the 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. 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.



Mr. Michael Ediau is a Resident Mentor for the MPH Fulltime Program at Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH) – Uganda. Before joining MakSPH, he worked with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Uganda as a Public Health Specialist – Implementation Science. He also worked with ChildFund International (Uganda) as a Projects Coordinator, where he mainly coordinated MNCH projects. He holds a Bachelor of Environmental Health Science and a Master of Public Health Health Degrees both from Makerere University Kampala, Uganda. He completed the Makerere University School of Public Health-CDC (MakSPH-CDC) Long Term (2 year) Fellowship. He has up to 10 years of program leadership and management as well as research experience focused on district health system strengthening to improve health services delivery in different parts of Uganda. His main areas of interest and focus have been maternal, newborn and child health, malaria, HIV and AIDS. He is involved in supporting INDEPTH Network MNH Working Group work.



Mr Yohannes Adama Melaku is a center leader and researcher in Kilit-Awlaelo HDSS, an affiliation of Mekelle University. He is a teacher and supervisor of Mekelle University, School of Public Health. Mr. Yohannes holds a B.Sc from University of Gondar, school of public health, and MPH/General from Mekelle University. Currently, He is MPH candidate in Nutrition track at ACIPH. He has also received PhD scholarship from University of Adelaide, Australia and he will start in July, 2015.



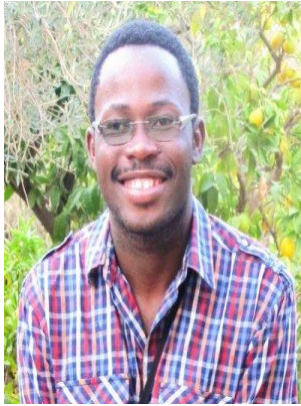
Dr Hannah Blencowe is a lecturer at The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, coming from a clinical background with experience in paediatrics, general practice and obstetrics and gynaecology. Hannah's main interests are in maternal, perinatal and newborn health, with a particular focus on stillbirth. Hannah's recent work has focussed on global estimates of perinatal conditions (including preterm birth, low birthweight, small-for-gestational-age, stillbirths, congenital abnormalities and neonatal morbidity and associated long term consequences) and improving the measurement of pregnancy outcomes and perinatal conditions as part of the measurement improvement agenda for the Every Newborn Action plan to end preventable maternal and neonatal mortality and stillbirths which was launched in June 2014.



Kate Kerber is a Senior Specialist with Save the Children's Saving Newborn Lives Programme, providing technical and programmatic support to improve maternal and newborn health and survival, particularly around generating and translating data and evidence for decision making at country level. She is a founding member of the INDEPTH maternal and newborn working group and is a member of the steering committee. She now resides in Canada after living in South Africa for ten years with extensive work in Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda. Kate holds a MPH from the University of Cape Town and is currently working on her PhD looking at the causes of neonatal and child deaths in South Africa, with a focus on understanding the rapidly changing contribution of AIDS-related mortality.



Prof. Oche. M. Oche is a Professor of Public Health with specialisation in Epidemiology, Maternal and child health (MCH). He has been working with the Usmanu Danfodiyo University and Teaching Hospital Sokoto for more than a decade. For several years he was the coordinator of postgraduate studies in the department of Community Health of the University. He is currently the director of the Health Diplomacy Training Programme for northern Nigeria in collaboration with CDC Atlanta and Nigeria, African Field Epidemiological Network (AFINET) and the US Department of Human Health services. With the recent MOU between HDSS Nahuca and the Usmanu Danfodiyo University SoKoto, Prof. Oche became the pioneer Director, a post he occupies till date. Prof. Oche's special interest in MCH endeared him to be actively involved in the INDEPTH Maternal and Newborn working group. He is currently the Head of Department of Community Health of Usmanu Danfodiyo University and Teaching Hospital Sokoto. Prof. Oche has published several scientific papers in both National and international peer reviewed journals. He is married with children. He enjoys reading, writing scientific and scholarly papers and traveling



Mr. Joseph Akuze is a Research fellow at the Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH) in the department of Health Policy Planning and Management (HPPM). He is also the assistant coordinator of the Center of Excellence for Maternal and Newborn Health (COEMAN). He has Masters in Public Health from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel and bachelors of Statistics (Honours). Joseph is also coordinating the INDEPTH Maternal Newborn Working Group.



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Mr. Edward Galiwango is currently the Site Operations Coordinator at the Makerere University Iganga-Mayuge HDSS. He has participated in several site publications and he over sees research undertaken in the site as well as supporting graduate research and training. He has worked as a co-investigator on 3 projects and worked as a research supervisor on different projects for many years at Makerere University School of Public Health. Edward has developed interest in education research and is keen to see that education research in IMHDSS is strengthened. He attained his bachelor's degree, Post graduate Diploma and Masters degree (Demography) at Makerere University, Uganda.



Mr. Francis William Levira is a Research Scientist, Data analysis cluster with Ifakara Health Institute in Tanzania. He has worked at Rufiji Demographic Surveillance System with Ifakara Health Institute as a Data manager. Francis completed Hasselt University, Belgium with a Msc. in Biostatistics. He has conducted some consultancy works with London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Tanzania, and Harvard School of Public Health. His professional skills cut across Longitudinal data analysis, Systematic Review, Survival analysis, Modelling infectious diseases.



Mrs. Angelica Rugarabamu is a Research Scientist at the Ifakara Health Institute in TRanzania. She holds 2 MSc's., 1 in Global Health and Public Policy from The University of Edinburgh from 2008 to 2009 and another in Social Statistics from University of Southampton, United Kingdom.



Dr. Joy Lawn is the director of the MARCH Centre at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a Senior Health Advisor to Save the Children. Joy is an African-born paediatrician and perinatal epidemiologist. She has over 20 years' experience in newborn health with a specific focus on Africa, including four years as a lecturer and neonatologist in Ghana. She shifted to public health and global estimation whilst at the WHO Collaborating Center, CDC Atlanta, USA (1998-2001), and then at the Institute of Child Health, London, UK (2001-2004), completing a Masters of Public Health at Emory University, Atlanta and PhD at University College London. In March 2013, she was appointed Professor of Maternal, Reproductive and Child Health and Director of MARCH Centre at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. For over ten years she worked for Save the Children's Saving Newborn Lives program, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Most recently she was their Director of Global Evidence and Policy, and worked with governments and partners to integrate, scale up and evaluate newborn care. In 2011 she was appointed as the UK AID (DfID)'s Senior Research Fellow for newborn health (part-time). Since 2004, Joy has coordinated the United Nation's Child Health Epidemiology Reference Group's (CHERG) Neonatal Team and developed the first cause-of-death estimates for 4 million neonatal deaths each year, published in 2005 in *The Lancet* Neonatal series and WHO's World Health Report. She also co-led *The Lancet* Stillbirth series in 2011 including developing WHO's first national estimates of stillbirth rates, highlighting 2.6 million stillbirths worldwide. In 2011 she coordinated the first ever national estimates for preterm birth, published in *The Lancet* and co-led the team for Born Too Soon: The Global Action Report for Preterm Birth, with over 50 partner agencies to outline the data and actions to address 15 million preterm births, garnering major media attention. She also

coordinated the GBD Expert team for neonatal and congenital conditions and is on the scientific committee of Countdown to 2015. Joy has published over 100 peer reviewed papers and led or contributed to several high profile publications highlighting global estimates and linked solutions that have resulted in wide-scale change in low income countries. She is also a founding Board Member of Powerfree Education and Technology, a South African not-for-profit organization developing and testing innovative technology to improve maternal, newborn and child survival. Joy is the 2013 recipient of the PGPR Award for Outstanding Contributions to Global Child Health, particularly for her leadership and mentoring teams for newborn survival.