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Workshop Participants

Participants from Nanoro HDSS (Burkina Faso)



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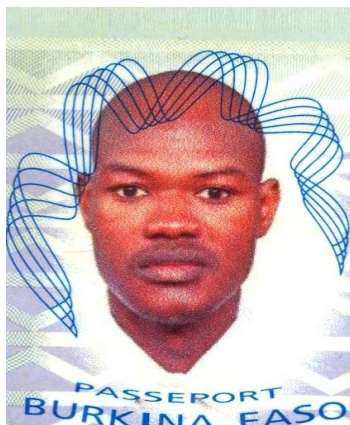
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Prof. Tinto is the site leader for Nanoro HDSS in Burkina Faso. His past research activities have focused on malaria parasite biology and the epidemiology of resistance and clinical trials for new drugs and vaccines. Since 1998, he has occupied various research posts in the Centre Muraz in Burkina Faso (1998 to 2000) where in 2013-4 he was appointed Scientific Director of the Centre; in the Royal Danish School of Pharmacy, Denmark (2000) and in ITM, Belgium (2003-2006). Prof. Tinto is a Pharmacist (University of Mali) by background and he's a holder of an

MSc. in Biochemistry and Microbiology from the University of Ouagadougou. He acquired his PhD in 2006 from the University of Antwerp (Belgium).



Name: Mr. Karim Derra

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Mr. Derra is a demographer with a background in Mathematics. He is the Manager of the Nanoro HDSS site at the Clinical Research Unit of Nanoro, IRSS-DRO/Centre-Muraz, Burkina Faso. His research activities are focused on population and health, particularly on malaria, an area in which he is currently pursuing his doctoral research. His research aims to develop new tools to accurately assess malaria attributable mortality. He worked as research officer for the Department of Population and Development at SP/CONAPO, Burkina Faso (2008 to 2009). In 2009, he

joined CRUN to help establish the Nanoro HDSS. Mr. Derra has good experience in analysing longitudinal

data. He graduated from IFORD (*Institut de Formation et de Recherche Démographiques*) in Cameroon in 2008 with an MSc. in Demography. His main papers have been published in *International Journal of Epidemiology*, *Global Health Action*, *Malaria Journal* and *Plos One*.



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Dr. Kaboré is a Medical Doctor having graduated in 2009 from the University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. After obtaining his MD degree he joined the Clinical Research Unit Nanoro (CRUN) in 2010, where he is working as clinician in many clinical trials like the GSK Biologicals candidate malaria vaccine. In 2011, he obtained a permanent position with the Ministry of Research and seconded at CRUN as a Research Associate. From 2014 to 2015, he undertook an MSc. in Public Health at the Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM), Belgium. Since the end of 2015 he has acted as the deputy lead of CRUN clinical section. In this position, he has coordinated several trials. His research activities are focused on malaria, bacterial infectious disease and antibiotic resistance.



Name: Dr. Kyelem Wendpouire Joseph
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Dr. Kyelem has been a Medical Doctor since 2008. He is the current head of Nanoro Health District in Burkina Faso. Before that, between 2009 and 2014, he worked as a Clinician successively in the Diocesan Medical Center of Kongoussi; in the pediatric service of the Regional Hospital of Tenkodogo; and the medical center of Pouytenga. During this period, his clinical activity focused on diagnosis and treatment of tropical diseases and non transmissible diseases.



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Dr. Valea is the Deputy Head of the Clinical Research Unit of Nanoro (CRUN). He is a Medical Scientist with a specialization in Clinical Research and Epidemiology of Communicable Diseases and Malaria in particular. As a certified auditor for quality management systems, he is overseeing the quality system of the CRUN. He actively contributes to the design and implementation of research projects including epidemiological surveys and clinical trials on drugs and vaccines for malaria control from phase II to IV. Dr. Valea has a good expertise in managing research projects and implementing clinical trials at

international standard. He is co-author of several publications in high impact factor journals and contributes to the training of medical doctors and master trainees at the University of Ouagadougou through lectures and field supervision. Dr. Valea graduated as a Pharmacist from the University of Ouagadougou and completed a university diploma in malaria control. He pursued an MSc. in Health Biology at the University of Bordeaux in France and a PhD degree in Medical Sciences at the University of Antwerp in Belgium.

Participants from Kersa HDSS (Ethiopia)



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Mr. Dedefo has been a Lecturer in Applied Statistics at Haramaya University since September 2011. Simultaneously, he has been engaged as a Researcher and Database Administrator at Kersa HDSS. Previously, he served as data analyst at Hawassa University and researcher/instructor at ANPS. He graduated with a BSc. in Applied Mathematic/Computer Science from Debu University and BA in Sociology from Hawassa University. He also has an MSc. in Applied Statistics from Hawassa University. His research interest includes: modelling mortality, morbidity, big data and spatial analysis. Mr. Dedefo has conducted a number of studies which have been

published in peer reviewed journals including his research on *Small area clustering of under-five children's mortality and associated factors using Geo-additive Bayesian Discrete-time Survival Model in Kersa HDSS* and *Causes of Death among children aged 5 to 14 year olds from 2008 to 2013 in Kersa HDSS*.



Name: Mr. Adulbasit Musa Seid

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Mr. Seid is Chief Administration and Development Director (CADD) of the College of Health and Medical Science as well as the Chief Executive Officer of Hiwotfana specialized university hospital (2015-present). In addition, he is an instructor at the School of Nursing and Midwifery (2008-present). He is actively engaged in KDS-HRC, starting from translating data collection tools and conducting analysis of KDS_HRC data (2013-present). Mr. Seid's career interest is researching on maternal health, its determinants and outcome of maternal health intervention through multi sartorial approach. He has an MSc. in Clinical Midwifery from the University of Gondar (awarded 2013).

From the same institution, he acquired his BSc. Hons in Midwifery (awarded 2008). He has four articles published in international journals including *International Breastfeeding Journal* and *GynecolObstet*. Currently, Mr. Seid is working on the effect of domestic violence on pregnancy outcome and postpartum depression, and rural and urban differentials of long term and permanent family planning methods.



Name: Dr. Firehiwot Mesfin Mengistu
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Dr. Mengistu is an Assistant Professor of Public Health (PhD, 2015) working as a lecturer and researcher at Haramaya University, Ethiopia. She has a Bachelors degree in Nursing from Jimma University (2002) and a Masters in Applied Human Nutrition from Gondar University (2007). At present, she is working as Health, Nutrition and Human Welfare Research Theme Leader of Haramaya University where she has published widely in international peer reviewed journals like PLoS ONE, International Breastfeeding Journal, and Journal of Tropical Pediatrics.



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Dr. Lemessa Oljira is chairman of Department Graduate Council of the Department of Public Health, Haramaya University (2013-present). Previously, he worked at different positions in the same department and representing Haramaya University at large: Director, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Directorate and Head, Department of Public Health, Haramaya University (2007-2010). He has a PhD in Public Health from Haramaya University, Ethiopia in 2013; MPH from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, 2005; and BSc. in Public Health from Jimma University, Ethiopia in 2000. He has successfully managed a number of projects such as: Strengthening of HIV/AIDS Ante-Retroviral Therapy (ART) Training and Service Provision Capacities in Eastern Ethiopia, with CDC (2007-to date); A right based approach to Adolescent Reproductive Health with UNICEF-UNFPA Joint project in collaboration with Oromia HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office (2009 - 2012); and Alcohol and Khat abuse harm reduction with Family Health International (FHI)-Ethiopia (2010 - 2011). Dr Lemessa's research interests include: child and adolescent health, HIV/AIDS and related infectious diseases among others; and he authored and co-authored more than 15 articles so far.



Name: Dr. Ahmed Mehammed Husen
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Dr. Husen is head of the Pediatrics and Child Health of Hiwot Fana Specialized University Hospital (Haramaya University CHMS affiliated Hospital). He is also an instructor at the School of Medicine (2015-present) at Haramaya University. Dr Husen is actively involved in Kersa HDSS as a decoding physician for verbal autopsy (from mid 2015-

present). His major career interest is researching on child health determinants, health intervention outcome with special focus on neglected pediatric age group (5 years-10 years of age). He has a Medical Doctor Degree from Haramaya University (awarded 2015).

Participants from Filabavi HDSS (Vietnam)



Name: Professor Chuc Thi Kim Nguyen

Organisation: Filabavi HDSS, Vietnam

Position: Site leader

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Dr. Chuc is the leader of Filabavi HDSS site. She is also the Director of the Health economics Department and the Director of the International Cooperation Department. She graduated from Hanoi School of Pharmacy in 1976 to become a pharmacist then got Masters Degree in Health Economic in 1994. In 1996, Dr. Chuc got her PhD in Drug Management in Vietnam and in 2002 she completed another PhD in Social Medicine in Sweden. In 2012 she received an Honourable PhD from Nordic School of Public Health, Sweden. She has been involved in medical research and education since 1990. Her field of expertise is the assessment of health care systems and

medical education systems, and the implementation of national and international research in the health sector. She has co-ordinated multiple projects including Health System Research Project which was supported by Sida/SAREC and Family Medicine Development in Vietnam. Through the Filabavi HDSS sites, Dr. Chuc has published broadly on her areas of research interests. She is one of the pioneers to set up the DodaLab in 2009, an urban site in Vietnam.



Name: Ms. Hanh Hong Nguyen

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Ms. Hanh graduated with a Bachelor of Advanced Program in Nursing degree at Hanoi Medical University (HMU) in 2015. After graduation, she decided to pursue a career in public health at HMU. From 2013 to 2015, she engaged in several projects using both quantitative and qualitative approaches: researching on factors related to nutritional status of pregnancy women and accessing the nutritional status of HIV-infected children at outpatient clinics of pediatric hospitals. From this work she developed an interest in how healthcare organizations innovate and effectively achieve sustainable changes within a challenging and turbulent environment. Ms. Hanh is currently working

on the AntiBiotic ACcess and Use (ABACUS) research project which focuses on community level antibiotic access and use in low- and middle- income countries. The project is operated from existing INDEPTH surveillance networks in six LMICs (Bangladesh, Mozambique, Vietnam, Ghana, Thailand and South Africa).



Name: Dr. Hung Quoc Nguyen

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Position: Director

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Dr. Hung is the Director of Ba Vi District Hospital. He graduated from Hanoi Medical University with a specialty in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1984. He joined Ba Vi Hospital after graduation, and became Chief of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department in 1988. In 2003, Dr. Hung became Vice Director of Ba Vi Hospital. Since 2013, he has been Director of the Hospital. He has been involved in clinical research on ectopic pregnancy and infertility in couples who are in reproductive age. His clinical interests include all aspects of women's health, type 2 diabetes mellitus, screening pregnancy ultrasound and hypertensive disorders of

pregnancy. Dr. Hung has supported the operation of Filabavi since its establishment.



Name: Professor Phuc Ho Dang

Organisation: Filabavi HDSS, Vietnam

Position: Data Manager

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Professor Phuc is Data Manager at Filabavi HDSS, Vietnam. He also contributes to research at the Department of Probability and Mathematical Statistics at the Institute of Mathematics in Viet Nam. Professor Phuc completed his undergraduate in 1977 at Wroclaw University; he acquired his PhD at the Institute of Mathematics in 1986. His research interests include Probability Theory, Applied Statistics, and data analysis. He has published extensively in high impact international peer-reviewed journals around his research interest areas for over two decades.

Participants from Navrongo HDSS (Ghana)



Name: Dr. Abraham Rexford Oduro

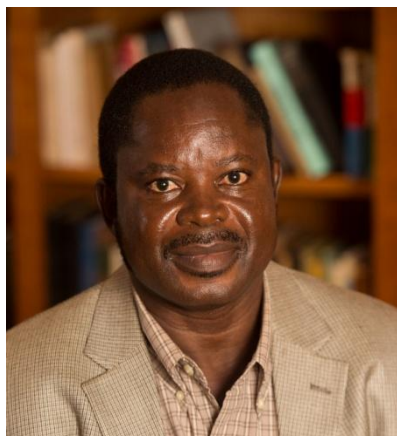
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Dr. Abraham Oduro is the Director at Navrongo Health Research Centre and a Senior Public Health Specialist in the Ghana Health Service. He holds degrees in Human Biology and Medicine from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Ghana. His masters (2002) and PhD (2011) degrees are in Epidemiology from the University of Witwatersrand South Africa, and University of

London respectively. His current research interests are in health measurement and disease control.



Name: Dr. Cornelius Debpuur

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Position: Senior Research Scientist

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Dr. Cornelius Debpuur has two decades of experience in the design, implementation, and evaluation of health programmes in Ghana with high-level academic training. He has worked closely with the Ghana Health Service and local government entities in evaluating the effectiveness of health programmes and scaling up successful interventions. He is skilled in survey design and implementation, data analysis and scientific writing. He currently serves as Deputy Chief Health Research Officer with the Navrongo Health Research Centre and, since 1997, has been instrumental in the Centre's design

and implementation of surveys and evaluations for intervention studies focused on improving health care delivery. Over the years he has led several INDEPTH Network activities at the Navrongo Health Research Centre, such as the INDEPTH Adult Health and Ageing study, the OPTIMUNIZE project and the AWI-Gen project. In 2012, he led the design and implementation of surveys to assess UNICEF programmes (HIRD, iCCM and LLN) in 28 districts in Northern Ghana. He has research expertise in general population dynamics, adolescent reproductive health, health equity, adult health and aging. He has rich experiences in collection of longitudinal household registration data. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology (Demography) from Brown University in 1997.



Name: Mr. Daniel Azongo

Organisation: Navrongo HDSS, Ghana

Position: Senior Research Officer

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Mr. Azongo is a Senior Research Officer at the Navrongo Health Research Centre (NHRC) in Northern Ghana with over 14 years work experience on longitudinal population-based research. He is the Manager of the Navrongo HDSS. In this capacity, he is responsible for directing field activities, writing technical reports, manuscripts and proposals. He has been involved in the design and implementation of various research projects at NHRC, including the World Bank-sponsored Maternal Health Study, the INDEPTH Effectiveness and Safety Studies of

Antimalarial Drugs in Africa (INESS), UNICEF Evaluation programme (HIRD, iCCM and LLN) in the three northern regions of Ghana 2012-2013, and the Ghana Essential Health Intervention (GEHIP) Project in the Upper East Region of Ghana, funded by Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Mr. Azongo holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Development Studies (2001) and a Master's of Science in Population-Based Field Epidemiology (2008) from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. Broadly, his research interests include health systems and implementation research and geographic information systems. His current research focus is on the epidemiology and drivers of non-communicable diseases in Northern Ghana.

Participants from Rufiji HDSS (Tanzania)



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Dr. Honorati Masanja is the Chief Research Officer at Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) responsible for overseeing the research portfolio at IHI which spans from basic science to translation of research findings. He joined IHI in 1992 as a Data Manager for the SPf66 malaria vaccine trial. Dr. Masanja received his training in Medical Statistics at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and PhD in Epidemiology from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute. He has over twenty years of experience in conducting clinical trials and evaluation of large maternal, newborn and child health programs. He successfully established Rufiji HDSS for the evaluation of health systems interventions and the Sentinel Panel of Districts. Dr. Masanja has published extensively in internationally renowned journals.



Name: Mr. Sigilbert Erasmus Mrema

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Mr. Mrema is a Junior Demographer with research interests in Maternal and Newborn Health. He has a BA in Land-Use Planning and Environmental Studies and an MA in Demography that were acquired at the University of Dar es Salaam in 2001 and 2008 respectively. He joined Ifakara Health Institute in 2008 as a Research Scientist and stationed at Rufiji HDSS where he is managing Rufiji HDSS. In December 2010 he was appointed as the Leader of Rufiji HDSS Site. Mr. Mrema is managing nested projects – *Effectiveness and Safety Studies of Antimalarials in Africa*, *Trial of Pre-Pregnancy Supplementation*, *Under-five nutritional monitoring*, and *Connect and Application of community based strategy and intervention for malaria eradication* – which use the HDSS platform to evaluate several health initiatives. He has contributed to the analyses of Rufiji HDSS datasets which were used by other projects and scientists to produce spot news and scientific papers. His publications have appeared in International Journal Epidemiology, Global health action, Malaria journals BMC Pregnancy and Child birth and Maternal and Child health Journals.



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Dr. Mwangome is currently a Research Scientist at Ifakara Health Institute working under the Impact Evaluation Thematic Group. She is finalizing her PhD which concerns health care for chronic diseases in rural Tanzania. Before joining Ifakara Health Institute, she was heading the clinical section of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative-funded HIV project at the Kenya Medical Research Institute in Kilifi Kenya. She has also served as a general practitioner for public health services in Kenya. She did her undergraduate studies in Medicine and Surgery at Moi University, Kenya. She pursued a Master of Science degree in Epidemiology at the University of London.



Name: Dr. Sadock Gwanda Bandiko
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Dr. Bandiko is the Assistant Medical Officer and Incharge at Kibiti Health centre in Rufiji District. Prior to this, he worked at Nkinga Mission Hospital as Rural Medical Aider (1988-1991) and at Mchukwi Mission Hospital as Clinical Officer (1991- 1998). He has an advanced Diploma in Clinical Medicine (2010-2012) from Tanga Assistant Medical Officer Training Centre; a Diploma in Clinical Medicine (1993-1995) from Mvumi Clinical Officer College and a Certificate in Clinical Medicine (1985-1988) from Singida Rural Medical Aider.

Participant from FIND



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Dr. Harris is a consultant for FIND, South Africa. She most recently worked on Ebola in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia and also Tuberculosis in Tanzania implementing new diagnostics as well as monitoring and evaluation programs. Following a BSc in Biomedical Science (2003) at Napier University she completed a PhD in molecular microbiology identifying spoilage yeast in red wine (University of Adelaide, Australia, 2009). Her findings on the physiological, biochemical and molecular characterization of Dekkera and Brettanomyces yeasts have been published in the Journal of Applied

Microbiology and Biotechnology. Subsequently she worked with animal pathogens in Tasmania, designing new molecular diagnostics and outbreak response, then with Mediciens Sans Frontiers on three

missions. She also volunteered on the Burmese border to train laboratory staff to increase testing capacity to refugees. Currently her focus is on diagnostics of infectious pathogens, particularly on molecular diagnostic development and implementation of technology.

University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ho, Ghana



Name: Professor Fred Binka

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Prof. Binka is the Foundation Vice-Chancellor of the University of Health and Allied Sciences, Ho, Ghana established by the Government of Ghana in March 2012. Previously, he was the Dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Ghana. He holds an MB ChB (Ghana), MPH (Jerusalem,), and PhD in Epidemiology (summa cum laude) Basel, Switzerland 1997. He worked with the Ministry of Health in Ghana for over 20 years, during this period he established the internationally acclaimed Navrongo Health Research Centre, in Ghana. He also established, the INDEPTH Network, made up of 43 member centres, running 49 HDSSs in 19 Countries in Africa, Asia and Oceania. Professor Binka has served on more than a dozen WHO expert committees and panels; was Chair of the GAVI Independent Review committee for , a Trustee of several International NGO's working on Health especially malaria. International awards received include first Recipient of Rudolf Geigy Award 2001, and the Ronald Ross Medal, 2010 from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine for his work on malaria. Prof. Binka is currently the President of the Association of Schools of Public Health in Africa.



Name: Clement Tetteh Narh

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Clement is an Assistant Research Fellow at the University of Health and Allied Sciences. He lectures undergraduate courses such as Biostatistics for Public Health, Health Data Management, Data Analysis and Presentation, Disease Control Database Management, and Clinical Classification and Coding of Data. He also supervises BSc. dissertations in the School of Public, Hohoe. As Assistant Research Fellow and Data Manager, his research work involves study coordination, data management and statistical support for HDSS sites, Malaria studies, Rotavirus Vaccines and Epidemiological studies, Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI), African Intussusception Network, WHO/AFRO Region surveillance sites for diarrhoea and Invasive Bacterial Diseases (IBDs) among others. Clement has five peer-reviewed publications from his previous collaborations and two more which are undergoing peer-review with one as the first author on community risk perception and preparedness of a potential Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Ghana.

Participant from Umea Centre for Global Health Research



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Prof. Peter Byass is currently Professor of Global Health at the University of Umeå, in Northern Sweden, and is Director of the Umeå Centre for Global Health Research. He also holds honorary Professorships at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. Over the last 25 years Prof. Byass has worked on a wide range of population health measurement issues in Africa and Asia, contributing both to evidence and to methodologies. He has authored many publications, and serves as deputy Editor of Global Health Action, as well as being on the editorial boards of PLoS Medicine and Population Health Metrics. In recent years one of his specialist research interests has been the development of probabilistic models for interpreting verbal autopsy material, initiating the now widely-used InterVA model. He works closely with the INDEPTH Network and with WHO.

INDEPTH Secretariat Participants



Name: Professor Osman Sankoh

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Prof. Osman Sankoh became the Executive Director of the INDEPTH Network of health and demographic surveillance systems (HDSSs) in Africa, Asia and Oceania in 2007. Before that he was the Deputy Executive Director (2006-2007) and Manager for Scientific Communications and External Relations (2002-2006). He worked as a Scientist in the Institute of Public Health at the University of Heidelberg Medical School in Germany and was a Research and Teaching Assistant in the Department of Mathematics at Njala University in Sierra Leone, his home country. Prof. Sankoh has a DSc in Applied Statistics from the Technical University of Dortmund, Germany (awarded in 2000). From the same institution, he acquired his MSc. in Applied Statistics and Spatial Planning in 1996 and his BSc. Hons in Statistics and Spatial Planning in 1993. Further, he holds a BSc in Mathematics from Njala University, Sierra Leone, awarded in 1987. Prof. Sankoh serves on editorial boards of international journals such as The Lancet Global Health, International Journal of Epidemiology, Tropical Medicine and International Health and PLOS ONE. His publications have appeared in a range of international journals on epidemiology, biostatistics, population and health, and environmental impact assessment and management.



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Dr. Kamanda is the Acting Head for the Science Research and Co-ordination Section at the INDEPTH Secretariat. She also works as a post-doctoral research fellow focusing on the Education Programme of the Network. Prior to joining INDEPTH, Dr. Kamanda was at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom where in December 2013 she successfully completed her PhD in Social Statistics. Her Thesis was on *Primary and secondary school attendance in West Africa*. At Southampton, she completed her BSc. in Sociology and

Social Policy (2006-2009) and her MSc. in Social Statistics (2009-2010). Her main research activities have focused on education and child health/wellbeing in poor and post-conflict contexts. Further, she is interested in the application of advanced statistical models to quantitative data in both cross-sectional and longitudinal forms. Dr. Kamanda has published on children's schooling in low- and middle-income countries in: the *International Journal of Educational Development*, *Compare*, and *Global Health*.



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Ms. Arthur is a Research Fellow at INDEPTH. She has an MSc in Population Studies (2010) and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology (2007) from the University of Ghana. Prior to joining INDEPTH, she held a position as Assistant Population Officer at the National Population Council attached to the Reproductive Health Department. Ms Arthur also worked with the Internal Revenue Service as a national service personnel. Her research interest includes, adolescent reproductive health, maternal health and cause specific mortality determination. She is currently a PhD candidate at Wits with

the Population Studies and Demography Department.



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Mr. Sixtus is the Head of Finance of INDEPTH Network. Prior to joining INDEPTH 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).



Name: Mr. Titus Tei

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Mr. Tei is the General Projects & IT Administration Manager of INDEPTH. He manages support to all Secretariat projects and also coordinates technical support to new HDSS setup. Titus has risen through the ranks from Admin Assistant to Admin Officer to Projects Administration Officer and now General Projects & IT Administration Manager. He was responsible for all logistical and general operations of the Secretariat, a service which he discharged zealously. Before joining INDEPTH, Titus worked with the Navrongo Health Research Centre (Navrongo HDSS) in Ghana responsible for coordinating activities of the centre in Accra and served as international liaison officer between Navrongo and other organisations, including donor partners. Mr. Tei has worked with INDEPTH since its inception in 1998 and was part of the Pioneering Executive Council members during the setting up of the Network. He has over the years gained extensive experience in networking issues.



Name: Dr. Rita Baiden

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Dr. Baiden joined INDEPTH network as a clinical trialist in mid 2007 where she is actively involved in the coordination of The Malaria Clinical Trials Alliances (MCTA) in eleven African countries and the phase IV safety studies on the INDEPTH Effectiveness and Safety Studies (INESS) platform. She has a background that includes work as a clinical research investigator and project clinician in large community-based vaccine and drug trials in Navrongo and Kintampo Health Research Centers. Her research interest is in infectious diseases particularly in children. She has successfully collaborated with local and international research groups of distinct repute. Rita holds MBCHB from Kwame Nkrumah

University of Science and Technology and a postgraduate degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa through WHO/TDR scholarship.