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FALL 2017 GLOBAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER CONFERENCE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are excited to have the CORE Group 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Global Health Practitioner Conference in Baltimore, MD for four days of stimulating presentations and discussions surrounding the theme "Collaborating for Healthy Communities: Results, Realities, and Opportunities." As CORE Group celebrates 20 years of impact and collaborative action, we will reflect on programming results and lessons learned, discuss the current realities that we face in global community health, and challenge ourselves to create future opportunities of collaboration and thought leadership.

The agenda will feature pre-conference workshops on normative change (from the Social and Behavioral Change Working Group), advocacy (from FANTA), and the ProPAN formative research tool (from the Nutrition Working Group).

Throughout the week, we encourage all conference participants to take part in the many sessions organized by Working Groups and CORE Group Members, the research presentations and 90-Second Science, New Information Circuits, the networking opportunities, and the poster sessions. Through our collaborative learning platform, we aim to move the community health agenda forward, apply lessons learned while challenging norms, and base our future direction on evidence-based practices. We also hope you will join a Working Group session so you can be a trailblazer for Working Group activities and direction in the upcoming year.

Dr. Miriam Were will deliver our keynote address. We are so honored to have a community health legend and civil society advocate join us at this important conference. Throughout her lifetime of achievement, Professor Were has worked for UNICEF, UNFPA, AMREF, WHO Global Health Workforce, National AIDS Control Council (NACC), and in academia, specifically in community health. Her expertise, wisdom, message of collaboration, and reflection on progress in community health and future opportunities will illuminate us.

The interactive CORE Group Member Meeting during lunch on Tuesday will feature important announcements from the Board of Directors regarding the nominations process for new Board members. We will also launch the new CORE Group website, our Young Professionals Network mentorship program, and discuss 2018 conferences and expanding opportunities for our Members and CSOs at the country level.

Our first fundraiser and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will take place Thursday evening. This is a great opportunity for all supporters to help move CORE Group into the next 20 years and celebrate what we have achieved. The Master of Ceremonies, Jackson Mvunganyi of Voice of America, will guide us through an evening of celebration and fundraising. Our Keynote speaker is Kathy Calvin, CEO of the UN Foundation, and the night will feature reflections by Margaret Schuler, Senior Vice President, International Programs Group, World Vision; recognition of our Dory Storms Awards by Karen LeBan, former CORE Group Executive Director, and a special visit from Dory Storms! Please join us for our "Call to Action" for the next 20 years!

This conference represents months of planning, coordination, and collaboration. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible, including our volunteer planning committee members and plenary point people: Joy Noel Baumgartner, Duke Global Health Institute Evidence Lab; Lydia Bologna, CORE Group Polio Project; Paul Freeman, Independent; Debora B. Freitas López, Chemonics; Naoko Kozuki, International Rescue Committee; Judy Lewis, University of Connecticut School of Medicine; Lee Losey, CORE Group Polio Project; Taufiqur Rahman, Americares; and Janine Schooley, PCI. We also thank our session presenters and planners; our contributing partners and sponsors; innumerable volunteers; our Working Group Chairs; CORE Group staff; our Board of Directors, and our fantastic conference organizer and facilitator Lynette Friedman and moderator Fernando Chang-Muy.

We look forward to working with you in the next 20 years as CORE Group strives to support our Members and have real impact at the community, national and global levels.

In partnership,

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Lisa M. Hilmi CORE Group Executive Director

## PARTNER WITH CORE GROUP

CORE Group is a **leader in community health**, working to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths around the world. We have a comparative advantage through **collaborative action** to **promote and safeguard health in communities** and create new models for reaching the most marginalized populations.

As a **neutral, trusted platform** for a coalition of more than 100 members, we work together with the broader global health community to foster **collaboration and learning**, strengthen **technical capacity**, develop **innovative tools and resources**, and advocate for effective community-focused health approaches.

We are a technical hub for community health approaches: Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health Infectious & Non-communicable Diseases Nutrition, Food Security & Agriculture Social & Behavior Change Monitoring & Evaluation Community-centered Health Systems Strengthening

#### **BENEFIT FROM CORE GROUP'S STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE:**

#### STRENGTHENING PROGRAMMATIC IMPACT

CORE Group mobilizes global health actors and stakeholders around evidence-based practices to translate science into effective community-based programming approaches; implement consistent, high impact interventions; and develop common monitoring and evaluation systems. Working together, we ensure that approaches are grounded in evidence-based practice, avoid duplication, and strengthen collective impact at scale.

#### KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

CORE Group is a recognized leader in knowledge management, providing a wide variety of opportunities for members and partners to better capture and use lessons learned in program implementation, build skills in knowledge management techniques, and collectively discuss and improve the interface between field-based implementation and donor and global directions.

#### **COLLABORATIVE RESPONSE**

CORE Group improves collaboration capacity through timely and unified responses to health crises, such as infectious disease outbreaks, by aligning NGOs and governments on key messages, strategies, and approaches. By mobilizing our membership and their strong in-country relationships, we engage key stakeholders in dialogue and collaborative, evidence-based action for programmatic efficacy. In these responses, we prioritize addressing gaps in community health and empowering civil society to ensure a smooth transition from emergency to sustainable development.

#### Let's explore the possibilities! Contact us to get started.

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CORE Group's Working Groups push the field of community health forward by focusing on specific technical and cross-cutting issues. As our *International Community Health Network* works to fulfill our vision of health and well-being for underserved communities in low- and middle-income countries, Working Groups help articulate that vision from a practical standpoint, identify barriers, and figure out how to move past them.

Working Groups contribute to:

- Developing state-of-the-art tools, practices, and strategies to benefit field programs
- Exchanging information related to best practices, resources, and opportunities
- Linking with academics, advocates, and private resources and expertise
- Fostering their own professional development
- Building organizational partnerships and capacity
- Articulating the community health perspective in global policy dialogues and alliances

Working Groups are teams of individuals from multiple organizations interested in contributing to further development and understanding of a technical or cross-cutting topic. The groups are self-organizing, self-governing, and adaptive entities that transcend organizational boundaries. Working Groups develop and implement collaborative activities aimed at improving international health and development. Working Groups are established and maintained based on the interest of CORE Group Membership.

#### **GET INVOLVED**

We encourage everyone to attend a Working Group session Wednesday afternoon (see page 28 for more information). All are welcome!

Also be sure to sign up for Working Group listservs (see page 7). By joining a Working Group listserv, you will receive related communications and updates, and you will be able to write directly to the group to share information and announcements, as well as solicit input on related areas of interest.

WORKING GROUP	CO-CHAIRS	
COMMUNITY-CENTERED HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING	Megan Christensen, Concern Worldwide Alfonso Rosales, World Vision	
MONITORING AND EVALUATION	Claire Boswell, The TOPS Program, Food for the Hungry Dora Ward Curry, CARE USA	
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CHILD HEALTH	Vacant - Contact Lisa Hilmi at Ihilmi@coregroup.org if you are interested in being a co-chair.	







USAID's flagship Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP) is a global, USAID Cooperative Agreement to introduce and support high-impact health interventions with the ultimate goal of ending preventable child and maternal deaths within a generation.

MCSP supports programming in maternal, newborn and child health, immunization, family planning and reproductive health, nutrition, health systems strengthening, water/sanitation/hygiene, malaria, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and pediatric HIV care and treatment.

#### www.mcsprogram.org

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## CONNECT WITH US

#### Are you getting the most out of CORE Group?

Receive important announcements from CORE Group, our 100+ Members, and the broader global health community; engage in discussions; and share your own news, resources, events, and more.

#### NETWORK.COREGROUP.ORG

Join the online home of the International Community Health Network at **network.coregroup.org**, where you will find upcoming events, new tools and resources, discussion groups, and more.

#### LISTSERVS

Use the following listservs to stay up-to-date on these important topics and contribute your own thoughts and announcements to the groups.

To subscribe, send an email to the addresses below, adding "-subscribe" after the name. Example: cch-subscribe@lists.coregroup.org

#### **CORE Group Community**

Global community health announcements relevant to all: cgcommunity@lists.coregroup.org

#### **Young Professionals Network**

Networking opportunities, events, and resources for young global health professionals: ypn@lists.coregroup.org

Working	Groups
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Child Health	cch@lists.coregroup.org	Humanitarian-	
Community-centered Health Systems Strengthening	hss@lists.coregroup.org	Development Task Force	hdtf@lists.coregroup.org
Systems Strengthening		HIV/AIDS	hiv_aids@lists.coregroup.org
Monitoring & Evaluation	me@lists.coregroup.org	Immunization	immunization@lists.coregroup.org
Nutrition	nutrition@lists.coregroup.org	Malaria	malaria@lists.coregroup.org
Reproductive, Maternal,	rmnah@lists.coregroup.org	mHeath	mhealth@lists.coregroup.org
Newborn & Adolescent Health		Non-communicable	nod@lista.comograup.org
ocial & Behavior Change sbc@lists.coregroup.org	Diseases	ncd@lists.coregroup.org	
		Tuberculosis	tb@lists.coregroup.org

**Interest Groups** 

#### NEWSLETTERS

#### **Member Highlights eNewsletter**

New resources, articles, events, and more from CORE Group's 100+ Members - sent quarterly. Subscribe: **bit.ly/MemberHighlights** Submit items for future editions: **coregroup.org/memberhighlights** 

#### **CORE Group eNewsletter**

Latest news from CORE Group, including project updates, upcoming events, new tools, and more - sent quarterly. Subscribe: **bit.ly/CORENews** 

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## USAID'S MATERNAL AND CHILD SURVIVAL PROGRAM





CORE Group is a partner on USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP), a project that aims to end preventable child and maternal deaths in 25 high-priority countries. Within MCSP, CORE Group is an active member of the cross-cutting Community Health and Civil Society Engagement team, using our expertise in helping non-governmental organizations collaborate with government partners and other NGOs to improve health for communities and families. CORE Group also diffuses MCSP information to our members and creates a forum for MCSP to solicit targeted input and feedback from an array of community health practitioners.

CORE Group has been instrumental in developing MCSP's Civil Society Engagement Strategy. A literature review authored by CORE Group staff showcases the potential of civil society engagement to strengthen national health systems. CORE Group has also developed a Social Accountability Resources and Tools document that will be continuously updated to identify new guides and tools for effective social accountability strategies.

Building on CORE Group's role to mobilize members and partners around evidence-based practices, CORE Group led the development of a pilot strategy for community volunteers to improve newborn health by reaching marginalized populations in a pastoralist border area in Ethiopia through an NGO immunization platform. Currently, CORE Group staff are contributing to the authoring of three case studies in Malawi documenting promising social accountability strategies for the country and region.

Learn more at www.mcsprogram.org.

## THE TOPS PROGRAM







CORE Group is a partner on The Technical and Operational Performance Support Program (TOPS), a USAID/Food for Peace (FFP)-funded program that builds the capacity of FFP grantees and improves the quality of implementation through fostering collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing around food security and nutrition best practices.

CORE Group brings expertise in cultivating collaborative learning environments through facilitation, planning and leading participatory learning events, and furthering capacity and skills building in order to nurture an open community of practice, the Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Network.

The main features of the FSN Network include:

- Knowledge Sharing Meetings, multi-day meetings held around the world that prioritize knowledge exchange through discussion and activity to stimulate cross-organizational collaboration and learning.
- **Task Forces** in key areas including Agriculture & Natural Resource Management, Social & Behavioral Change, Monitoring & Evaluation, Nutrition, Knowledge Management, Resilience, Gender, and Commodity Management.
- **FSNNetwork.org**, the online home for the community of practice, with online discussions, over 800 resources, upcoming events, FFP updates and relevant news, and materials from past meetings and webinars.
- FSN Network News, a bi-weekly e-newsletter that engages and informs over 2,500 subscribers.

Learn more at **www.fsnnetwork.org**.

## Coregroup Pollo Project

The CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP) is a multi-country, multi-partner initiative providing financial backing and onthe-ground technical guidance and support to strengthen host country efforts to eradicate polio. CGPP contributes to polio eradication by working through more than 10,000 community health workers who support campaigns, conduct community-based acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) surveillance, promote routine immunization, track the vaccination status of under fives, newborns, and pregnant women, and mobilize communities to actively participate in vaccination services. The project conducts independent campaign monitoring, cross-border eradication activities, and advocacy, as well as supporting campaign and routine logistics, and AFP surveillance. This is done as a coalition of national and international NGOs whose dedication, experience, and professionalism demonstrate the value and contribution of civil society to polio eradication and community health throughout the developing world.

CGPP uses a secretariat model to coordinate the work of its 48 partners in seven countries. The secretariat is a central country office that coordinates and supervises the work of partner NGOs in each country, represents civil society engagement in polio eradication to ministries of health, WHO, UNICEF, CDC, Rotary, and donors, and communicates national and global policies to the member NGOs. The secretariats ensure that partner NGOs complement rather than duplicate the work of other agencies and that NGO partners know and follow national and global polio eradication policies. The secretariats also give civil society a voice and representation on national and regional polio eradication planning committees.

Learn more at www.coregroup.org/polio.

## **RESILIENCE EVIDENCE, ANALYSIS, AND LEARNING AWARD**





CORE Group is a partner on the Resilience Evaluation, Analysis and Learning (REAL) award. REAL is a consortium-led effort to synthesize evidence on the impact of USAID-funded resilience programming; strengthen the capacity of monitoring and evaluation practitioners to engage in context-specific resilience analysis; and share relevant learning with USAID Missions, host governments, implementing partners, and other key stakeholders. CORE Group works closely with our consortium partners (Save the Children, TANGO International, Mercy Corps, and Food for the Hungry), in collaboration with USAID's Center for Resilience, to share new research on resilience measurement, facilitate knowledge sharing events and trainings, and support dissemination of practical guidance pieces and strategic analysis.

Over the past several years, the growth of resilience as an organizing framework for bringing development programming and humanitarian assistance together to address the challenges faced by some of the world's most vulnerable communities has led to a surge in the demand for rigorous, yet practical, monitoring, evaluation, strategic analysis, and capacity building support. CORE Group continues to foster learning and improve knowledge sharing mechanisms with our REAL Consortium partners and USAID's Center for Resilience to help vulnerable populations secure a better future.

Find the newest resilience research, tools, and technical guidance on the REAL Award web page on the Food Security and Nutrition Network at **www.fsnnetwork.org/real**.

# Congratulations to CORE Group for 20 years of building global community health impact!

Global Impact is proud to support CORE Group as it celebrates 20 years of improving community health systems and success through collaboration around the world.

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## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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#### Miriam K. Were Chancellor, Moi University, Kenya

Professor Miriam K. Were is a medical doctor, public health specialist, teacher and publisher. She is currently the Chancellor of Moi Univerity in Kenya and a member of the Champions for HIV-Free Generation, made up mostly of African former Heads of State. Formerly, Professor Were was Chairman of Kenya's National AIDS Control Council (NACC) and the Board of Amref Health Africa. In 1973, she graduated as a medical doctor from the University of Nairobi, where she was awarded the Best All-Round Graduating Medical Student Prizes. She worked in the Ministry of Health before

joining the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Nairobi on her journey to teaching public health. She holds both Masters (MPH) and Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degrees from the John Hopkins University in the USA. Between 1976 and 1982, while teaching public health, she was the Director of the National Pilot Project on Community Based Health Care. Professor Were worked in agencies of the United Nations, including UNICEF, WHO and the United Nations Population Fund, before retiring at the level of D2.

Professor Were has received many honours and awards in her professional life, including national honors from the president of Kenya in 2005 for distinguished service to the nation, and the Trail Blazer Award of the Women in Leadership Group by the Global Young Women's Christian Association in 2007. She was also selected from the entire Commonwealth for the 2007 Queen Elizabeth II Gold Medal for Outstanding Contributions to International Public Health and Supporting the Health Needs of Disadvantaged People. In 2008, she was the first recipient of the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize by Japan for Medical Services.

## **CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES**

During the conference, participants will...

- Identify and discuss results of collaborative action for community health;
- Challenge realities of operations research, program approaches, and changing environments; and
- Explore opportunities for new partnerships and emerging voices for building healthy communities worldwide.

## AGENDA: MONDAY & TUESDAY

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	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017
	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS   Separate Registration Required
8:30am – 9:00am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00am – 4:00pm	Exploring Normative Change: Concepts and Techniques for Identifying and Assessing Norms
Salon E	that Influence Health Behaviors
	Nana Dagadu and Susan Igras, Passages Project, Institute for Reproductive Health at Georgetown University
9:00am – 12:00pm	Introduction & Exploration of ProPAN, a Formative Research Tool for Infant and Young Child
Salon B	Feeding Research and Programming
	Mandana Arabi, Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition (SISN); Jennifer Burns, Catholic Relief
	Services
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch   All Pre-Conference Workshop Attendees
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Planning and Conducting Advocacy at the National and Sub-National Levels
Salon B	Tara Kovach and Kavita Sethuraman, FANTA Project, FHI 360; Annie Toro, US Pharmacopeial Convention
	(USP); Danielle Heiberg, Global Health Council
4:30pm – 5:30pm	WELCOME & ORIENTATION
Salon B	Before the conference kicks off on Tuesday, join CORE Group staff to learn about CORE Group and
	what to expect at the conference.
5:30pm – 7:30pm	CORE Group's Young Professionals Network Happy Hour
LB SkyBar	All are welcome to join CORE Group's Young Professionals Network at a Welcome Happy Hour.

	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
8:30am – 9:00am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00am – 10:30am	OPENING & KEYNOTE ADDRESS   Page 18
Ballroom	Welcome: Lisa M. Hilmi, CORE Group Executive Director; Erin Stieber, Board of Directors Chair
	Dory Storms Award Presentation to Judy Canahuati
	Keynote: Miriam Were, Chancellor of Moi University, Kenya
10:30am – 11:00am	Break   Expo Tables Open
11:00am –12:30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS   Page 18
Salon A	Bringing Behavior Change Interventions to Scale: Practical Challenges and Responses
	Laura C. Altobelli, Future Generations; Jennifer Nielsen, Helen Keller International; Janine Schooley, PCI;
	Debora B. Freitas López, Chemonics International (Moderator); Joseph Petraglia, Pathfinder International (Moderator)
Salon B	Early Childhood Development: Science, Practice, and Research
	Joy Noel Baumgartner, Duke University; Leslie Chingang, Catholic Relief Services Cameroon; John Hembling,
	Catholic Relief Services; Maureen Kapiyo, Catholic Relief Services East African Region; Alfonso Rosales,
Calas D	World Vision US; Elena McEwan, Catholic Relief Services (Moderator)
Salon D	The Future of Integrated Community Case Management: Where Do We Go from Here?
	Naoko Kozuki, International Rescue Committee; Diwakar Mohan, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Serge Raharison, USAID's Maternal & Child Survival Program, John Snow, Inc.; Henry Perry, Johns
	Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Moderator)
Salon E	Collaboration with Government for Ensuring Quality Nutrition Services
	Serigne Mbaye Diene, FANTA Project, FHI 360; Molly Kumwenda, Catholic Relief Services Malawi; Mary
	Kandikole Mpinda, Catholic Relief Services Malawi; Amanda Yourchuck, FANTA Project, FHI 360; Jennifer
	Burns, Catholic Relief Services (Moderator)
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Lunch   Expo Tables Open
Ballroom	CORE Group Membership Meeting (starts at 12:45pm)

## AGENDA: TUESDAY (CONT) & WEDNESDAY

2:00pm – 3:30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS   Page 19
Salon A	Using Practitioner Expertise in Service of Community Health Worker Optimization: Operational
	Insights to Accompany the New WHO Guidelines
	Dan Palazuelos, Partners in Health; Matt Price, Last Mile Health; Jennifer Schechter, Hope Through Health;
	Ryan Schwarz, Possible; Madeleine Ballard, Community Health Academy (Moderator)
Salon B	Thinking Differently about the Complexity of Unmet Need for Family Planning and Improving
	Maternal & Child Health Outcomes: Why Understanding Your Body Matters
	Sandra Chipanta, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University; Gabrielle Nguyen, Save the
	Children; Shannon Pryor, Save the Children; Lauren Van Enk, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown
	University (Moderator)
Salon D	New Frontiers in Infant and Young Child Feeding
	Kristina Granger, SPRING, The Manoff Group; Julia Rosenbaum, WASHPals, FHI 360; Jennifer Weiss, Concern
	Worldwide; Gwyneth Cotes, SPRING, Helen Keller International (Moderator)
Salon E	Health for All: Reaching the Forgotten 200 Million
	Lynda Achieng, Catholic Relief Services Kenya; Loretta Claiborne, Special Olympics Athlete; Leia Isanhart,
	Catholic Relief Services; Kristin Hughes Srour, Special Olympics (Moderator)
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Break   Expo Tables Open
4:00pm – 5:30pm	PLENARY   Results: 20 Years of Collaboration and Innovation   Page 21
Ballroom	Janine Schooley, PCI (Moderator)
5:30pm – 7:30pm	Social Networking Reception   Co-hosted by Catholic Relief Services and Special Olympics
The French Kitchen	International

	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017
8:30am – 9:00am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00am – 10:30am <i>Ballroom</i>	PLENARY   Realities: Coordinated Impact at the Country and Global Level   Page 22 Ahmed Arale, CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP) Kenya/Somalia; Filimona Bisrat, CGPP Ethiopia; Frank Conlon, CGPP; Anthony Kisanga, CGPP South Sudan; Lee Losey, CGPP; Ellyn Ogden, USAID; Roma Solomon, CGPP India; Samuel Usman, CGPP Nigeria; Leo Ryan, ICF International (Moderator)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break   Expo Tables Open
11:00am –12:30pm	CONCURRENT SESIONS   Page 22
Salon A	Moving Beyond the Building Blocks: Guiding Policymakers toward Community Health Investments to Strengthen Health Systems Laura C. Altobelli, Future Generations; Jahangir Hossain, CARE Bangladesh; Karen LeBan, Independent; Melanie Morrow, USAID's Maternal & Child Survival Program, ICF; William Story, University of Iowa; Eric Sarriot, Save the Children (Moderator)
Salon B	Using the Active Implementation Frameworks and the Hexagon Tool in Global Health Saja Al-Falahi, University of North Carolina; Allison Annette Foster, IntraHealth International
Salon D Salon E	Are Nutrition and Feeding Programs Ready to Be Inclusive of All Children?Alessandra Aresu, Handicap International; Zeina Makhoul, SPOON; Pamela Sheeran, Smile TrainCollaborating with the Private Sector to Advance Services for Non-Communicable DiseasesRebecca Dirks, FHI 360; E. Anne Peterson, Americares; Jessica Daly, Medtronic Foundation; Joy Noel
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Baumgartner, Duke University (Moderator)
12:45pm – 1:45pm Ballroom	Lunch   Expo Tables Open         Optional Lunchtime Sessions   Page 23         Young Professionals Network Mentorship Information Table         CORE Group Staff

## AGENDA: WEDNESDAY (CONT) & THURSDAY

Calas F	Community Francescont and Outproved for Changin Diseases
Salon E	Community Engagement and Outreach for Chronic Diseases
	Bette Gebrian, Grand Anse Health and Development Association; Judy Lewis, University of Connecticut
2.00	School of Medicine; Sarah Shannon, Hesperian Health Guides
2:00pm – 3:30pm	NEW INFORMATION CIRCUIT   Page 24
Ballroom	Attendees will be able to choose three tables to visit over the course of this plenary. These tables
	include new tools, innovations, projects, and topics shared interactively by various presenters.
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Break   Expo Tables Open
4:00pm – 5:30pm	WORKING GROUP INNOVATION & PLANNING SESSIONS   Page 28
Ballroom	Community-centered Health Systems Strengthening
Salon A	Monitoring & Evaluation
Salon B	Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Adolescent Health
Salon D	Social & Behavior Change
Salon E	Nutrition
5:30pm – 7:00pm	POSTER SESSION & PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING   Page 29
Mezzanine	Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar will be available.
	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017
8:30am – 9:00am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00am – 10:30am	
Ballroom	<b>90 SECOND SCIENCE  </b> Page 30 This fast-paced, fun session will feature research-focused presentations, with ample time allotted
Buiii Ooliii	for question & answer.
10:30am – 11:00am	Break   Expo Tables Open
11:00am –12:30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS   Page 30
Salon A	Bringing Care Closer to Home: Innovations in Community-Based Diagnosis and Treatment of
	Acute Malnutrition
	Pilar Charle Cuellar, Action Against Hunger; Kevin Phelan, The Alliance for International Medical Action;
	Annie Zhou, International Rescue Committee; Naoko Kozuki, International Rescue Committee (Moderator)
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#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

#### **PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS**

#### **Exploring Normative Change: Concepts and Techniques for Identifying and Assessing Norms that Influence Health Behaviors** (Organized by the Social and Behavior Change Working Group)

9:00am - 4:00pm | Salon E

Nana Dagadu and Susan Igras, Passages Project, Institute for Reproductive Health at Georgetown University

Gender and other social normative changes influence behavioral outcomes of health programs, yet such normative shifts are difficult to define operationally, let alone measure. Often, our work is implicitly focused on normative change; how can it be more explicit? How can we design normative change interventions to be scalable from the start – to reach more communities and achieve greater impact? This workshop draws from work of the USAID-supported Passages Project and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation-supported Social Norms Learning Collaborative. Both aim to advance theory, practice, and measurement of scalable normative change interventions focused on adolescent/youth sexual and reproductive health outcomes. Aiming to encourage more cross-sectoral discussions and exploration of the issues and practical ways to think about them, the workshop creates a space for discussion on norms-focused interventions and highlights several participatory exercises used to learn how communities understand norms relating to specific health behaviors.

## Introduction & Exploration of ProPAN, a Formative Research Tool for Infant and Young Child Feeding Research and Programming (Organized by the Nutrition Working Group)

9:00am - 12:00pm | Salon B

Mandana Arabi, Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition (SISN); Jennifer Burns, Catholic Relief Services

This workshop is an opportunity to build awareness of and explore through hands-on practice a state-of-the-art formative research tool for designing and implementing infant and young child nutrition programs. It is applicable to anyone working on nutrition research and programming in a development country context. Given the recent emphasis on multi-sectoral programming for more impactful programming, this tool can be applied to a wide variety of programs aiming to improve community health. Individuals with research experience, both quantitative and qualitative, and a background in nutrition are ideal for this capacity building session. This tool was designed by PAHO and UNICEF, and although the tool is recognized among nutrition practitioners and donors around the world, to date there have been a limited number of training sessions on how to use it.

#### Planning and Conducting Advocacy at the National and Subnational Levels

#### 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Salon B

Tara Kovach and Kavita Sethuraman, FANTA Project, FHI 360; Annie Toro, US Pharmacopeial Convention (USP); Danielle Heiberg, Global Health Council

Advocacy is a platform to create movement toward both greater political and social commitment to an issue in a country. It engages stakeholders by using a participatory and consensus-building approach toward a shared vision at national and subnational levels. A central focus of advocacy for healthier communities is promoting accountability and strengthening governance. For example, advocacy can support development of a policy, investment of resources to strengthen and expand implementation of services, and coordination between government and nongovernmental organizations. By examining the context of the situation and tailoring advocacy needs, advocates can be more effective in igniting change and making strides toward healthier communities. This interactive half-day workshop draws from work of the USAID-funded Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III (FANTA) Project, and aims to provide participants with a greater understanding of how to plan for and conduct advocacy efforts at national and subnational levels. The Visualisation in Participatory Programmes (VIPP) methodology will be used to engage participants who will leave the workshop with two tools – an advocacy plan template and 'creative brief' template for material planning. Guest panelists include representatives from U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) and Global Health Council.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

#### WELCOME AND NETWORKING EVENTS

#### Welcome and Orientation

#### 4:30pm - 5:30pm | Salon B

If you are new to CORE Group, new to our conferences, or just want to know more about us, please join us at the Welcome & Orientation session. In addition to meeting fellow conference attendees, you will learn about the history and current work of CORE Group, what to expect at the conference, and how to get involved with our Working Groups, events, listservs, etc.

#### Young Professionals Network Happy Hour 5:30pm - 7:30pm | LB SkyBar

Cap off the day with a happy hour hosted by CORE Group's Young Professionals Network! The happy hour is open to all for casual networking, meeting new people, and catching up with friends and colleagues. Appetizers will be provided; cash bar.

#### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR WORKING AND INTEREST GROUPS FOR ORGANIZING THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS:

#### COMMUNITY-CENTERED HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING WORKING GROUP:

- Moving Beyond the Building Blocks: Guiding Policymakers toward Community Health Investments to Strengthen Health Systems (Wednesday, September 27)
- Health Financing for Community Health Systems (Thursday, September 28)
- An In-depth Look at Social Accountability for Improved Community Health: Community Score Card Principles, Practices, Results, and the Role of Quality (Friday, September 29)

#### **MONITORING & EVALUATION WORKING GROUP:**

• Let's Get Emotional About Data (Thursday, September 28)

#### **NUTRITION WORKING GROUP:**

- Introduction & Exploration of ProPAN, a Formative Research Tool for Infant and Young Child Feeding Research and Programming (Monday, September 25)
- Collaboration with Government for Ensuring Quality Nutrition Services (Tuesday, September 26)
- New Frontiers in Infant and Young Child Feeding (Tuesday, September 26)

#### NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INTEREST GROUP:

• Tackling Non-communicable Diseases: Resources and Opportunities for Integration within Global Health Practice (Thursday, September 28)

#### REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH WORKING GROUP:

• Creating Healthy Communities through Youth Leadership (Friday, September 29)

#### SOCIAL & BEHAVIOR CHANGE WORKING GROUP:

- Exploring Normative Change: Concepts and Techniques for Identifying and Assessing Norms that Influence Health Behaviors (Monday, September 25)
- Bringing Behavior Change Interventions to Scale: Practical Challenges and Responses (Tuesday, September 26)
- An In-depth Look at Social Accountability for Improved Community Health: Community Score Card Principles, Practices, Results, and the Role of Quality (Friday, September 29)

#### **OPENING & KEYNOTE | 9:00AM | BALLROOM**

#### Welcome from CORE Group and Board of Directors

Lisa M. Hilmi, CORE Group Executive Director; Erin Stieber, CORE Group Board of Directors Chair

#### **Dory Storms Award Presentation to Judy Canahuati**

#### Keynote Address: Miriam Were, Chancellor, Moi University, Kenya

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 11:00AM**

#### Bringing Behavior Change Interventions to Scale: Practical Challenges and Responses

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon A

Laura C. Altobelli, Future Generations; Jennifer Nielsen, Helen Keller International; Janine Schooley, PCI; Debora B. Freitas López, Chemonics International (Moderator); Joseph Petraglia, Pathfinder International (Moderator)

Scalability has long been a priority for public health practitioners. Governments, donors and target populations have sought to discourage the frequent piloting of programs that do not move beyond a small number of sites for sound economic and programmatic reasons. While scaling interventions of any kind can prove a challenge, social and behavior change (SBC) interventions are especially difficult to bring to scale due to their inherent context dependence. If sound SBC programming should be designed to fit local circumstance, this would seem to limit its ability to spread to sites that are invariably—and sometimes radically—different. The special challenge SBC faces in terms of scalability may be one reason why scale-up is frequently overlooked in our field, and when it is considered, it is rarely considered at the design stage. Presenters will present the formal and informal scale-up frameworks they have used as part of their program design and demonstrate how they have managed the practical challenges entailed in bringing SBC interventions to scale while maintaining their sensitivity to local realities.

#### Early Childhood Development: Science, Practice, and Research

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon B

Joy Noel Baumgartner, Duke University; Leslie Chingang, Catholic Relief Services Cameroon; John Hembling, Catholic Relief Services; Maureen Kapiyo, Catholic Relief Services East African Region; Alfonso Rosales, World Vision US; Elena McEwan, Catholic Relief Services (Moderator)

During this session, participants will explore Early Childhood Development (ECD) implementation strategies and lessons learned from various countries. Panelists will share evaluation designs for ECD programs and communication strategies for engaging stakeholders integrating ECD interventions across sectors. A panel of five experts in integrated ECD programming and research will discuss the science of ECD and entry points for ECD integration in the design of new projects or established community based platforms. Panelists will also share evidence-based strategies from Sub-Saharan Africa and Armenia (similarities and differences), as well as lessons learned and gaps in current MCH and nutrition programs. Research experts will share the need for strong and detailed theory of change to align program staff and evaluators with target outcomes and intended impacts. They will also discuss evaluation design practicalities to consider for ECD programs, and the importance of measuring fidelity of program implementation and individual level exposure. Lastly, they will discuss experiences in randomized control trials in Cameroon, Kenya, Tanzania, and Armenia. The panel discussion will include factors to consider in scaling up, including country readiness, donors' focus, and how to influence public services.

#### The Future of Integrated Community Case Management: Where Do We Go From Here?

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon D

Naoko Kozuki, International Rescue Committee; Diwakar Mohan, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Serge Raharison, USAID's Maternal & Child Survival Program, John Snow, Inc.; Henry Perry, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Moderator)

Community case management (CCM) and integrated community case management (iCCM) have been intervention strategies at the forefront of child survival in low-resource settings, utilizing the power of local human resource to provide more equitable and life-saving care to children in the hardest-to-reach places. This year marks five years since iCCM was formally endorsed by WHO and UNICEF. With post-MDG shifts in child health priorities, the role of iCCM within both the

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child health and community health fields is increasingly unclear. This session will help us reflect on the directions iCCM programming can or should take, in the context of the "survive, thrive, and transform" agenda for children around the globe.

#### **Collaboration with Government for Ensuring Quality Nutrition Services**

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon E

Serigne Mbaye Diene, FANTA Project, FHI 360; Molly Kumwenda, Catholic Relief Services Malawi; Mary Kandikole Mpinda, Catholic Relief Services Malawi; Amanda Yourchuck, FANTA Project, FHI 360; Jennifer Burns, Catholic Relief Services (Moderator)

This session will highlight experiences collaborating with governments to pilot and scale up nutrition services in Malawi and Nigeria. Speakers will discuss how they were able to get buy-in from governments and collaborate to implement an improved approach to training and supervision of health workers and government extension workers; scale up a peer support group approach throughout communities; and integrate approaches into national, regional, and district-level health systems. Improvements in the utilization of nutrition services and overall nutritional impact will be highlighted. Each experience will shed light on lessons learned in collaborating with governments and how these might be useful for expansion of improved nutrition services into new areas.

#### LUNCH SESSION | 12:45PM | BALLROOM

#### **CORE Group Membership Meeting**

12:45pm - 1:45pm | Ballroom

Lisa M. Hilmi, CORE Group; Michelle Shapiro, CORE Group; Adrienne Todela, CORE Group

At this interactive meeting for CORE Group Members, we will highlight updates and opportunities at CORE Group. The meeting will include a discussion on the nominations process for new Board members, a report from CORE Group Executive Director Lisa Hilmi, a discussion on 2018 conference themes and potential overseas conferences, the launch of the new CORE Group website, information on the CORE Group Young Professionals Network Mentorship program, and more. This is a great opportunity for CORE Group Members to bring topics forward for discussion. Non-Members are welcome to eat in any other session rooms.

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 2:00PM

## Using Practitioner Expertise in Service of Community Health Worker Optimization: Operational Insights to Accompany the New WHO Guidelines

#### 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Salon A

Dan Palazuelos, Partners in Health; Matt Price, Last Mile Health; Jennifer Schechter, Hope Through Health; Ryan Schwarz, Possible; Madeleine Ballard, Community Health Academy (Moderator)

Over the past eighteen months, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have expired, and the world has entered a new cycle of global targets, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). While significant health progress has been made over the life of the former, it is now clear that none of the three health goals have been met. In response, there is an emerging consensus among global health leaders that achieving universal health coverage will require building stronger health delivery systems, with particular emphasis on community-based primary health care. To harness the potential of community health workers (CHWs) to extend health services to poor and marginalized populations and avoid the pitfalls of the post-Alma Ata period, there is an urgent need to better understand how CHW programs can be optimized. The WHO aims to fill this normative vacuum through the development of new guidelines on health policy and system support to optimize CHW programs. Recommendations will be developed in line with evidence-based practice, using the findings from a series of systematic reviews. Existing evidence, however, indicates that for many of the elements identified as critical to the success of CHW programs (e.g. training, supervision), studies provide insufficient operational detail. As a result, it remains necessary to further define how to effectively design and implement these elements of CHW-led health care delivery in practice. This panel, composed of speakers from the CHW Coalition, aims to introduce and widen early efforts to synthesize practitioner expertise with the aim of developing operational guidance to accompany the new WHO guidelines.

## Thinking Differently about the Complexity of Unmet Need for Family Planning and Improving Maternal & Child Health Outcomes: Why Understanding Your Body Matters

#### 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Salon B

Sandra Chipanta, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University; Gabrielle Nguyen, Save the Children; Shannon Pryor, Save the Children; Lauren Van Enk, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University (Moderator)

Research shows that when women and men are able to space their children, then entire families, communities, and societies benefit. However, 214 million women want to prevent pregnancy, but are not using a modern method of family planning (FP). Literature shows that social norms, fear of side effects, and low perceived risk of pregnancy are key barriers to FP use. While many have attempted to address cultural resistance and access barriers, less has been done on addressing perceptions of pregnancy risk. Modest improvements in body literacy and fertility awareness can contribute to safer sexual relationships, pregnancy prevention, and improved menstrual hygiene management. Integrating fertility awareness into multi-sectoral programs can improve FP acceptance while also providing mutually beneficial outcomes to other development areas. This session will share how the Institute of Reproductive Health at Georgetown University and Save the Children partnered to develop and test a series of low-cost, community-based interventions that can be integrated into multi-sectoral projects. The objectives of these interventions are to address both low perceived pregnancy risks and social normative barriers to family planning use. The solutions are based on extensive, user-centered formative research of local cultural beliefs and can fit easily into existing community-based programming, regardless of the sector.

#### New Frontiers in Infant and Young Child Feeding

#### 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Salon D

Kristina Granger, SPRING, The Manoff Group; Julia Rosenbaum, WASHPals, FHI 360; Jennifer Weiss, Concern Worldwide; Gwyneth Cotes, SPRING, Helen Keller International (Moderator)

The approaches and indicators that are currently available for strengthening infant and young child feeding (IYCF) have traditionally focused on supporting breastfeeding practices and increasing the frequency and diversity of complementary meals. Yet other key recommendations for feeding young children receive less emphasis, such as WHO guidance on responsive feeding, the safe preparation and storage of foods, and the amount and consistency of foods given. In this session, participants will learn about recent work to test interventions, guidance, and monitoring tools to improve these aspects of IYCF, including: (a) An operations research study from Concern Worldwide to increase the quantity and consistency of complementary foods using a feeding bowl and slotted spoon in Malawi ; (b) The recently released Essential WASH Actions guidance from FHI 360 as a tool to improve the integration of WASH within IYCF interventions; and (c) The use of community video and a child feeding questionnaire from SPRING to influence and measure responsive feeding practices in the Sahel. In discussion, participants will explore the challenges and limitations that projects have faced, their recommendations for overcoming these, and the implementation and monitoring tools needed to further test and scale up new IYCF approaches.

#### Health for All: Reaching the Forgotten 200 Million

#### 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Salon E

Lynda Achieng, Catholic Relief Services Kenya; Loretta Claiborne, Special Olympics Athlete; Leia Isanhart, Catholic Relief Services; Kristin Hughes Srour, Special Olympics (Moderator)

Throughout the world, people with intellectual disabilities (ID) are a forgotten population when it comes to access to and quality of healthcare they receive. Many of the up to 200 million people with ID globally face highly elevated risk of isolation, stigma, physical abuse, poverty, and lack of access to services and information – all compounding to create gross disparities in terms of their health status and basic protections. In countries around the world, people with ID are consistently the most marginalized population subset – a status that comes with horrific health outcomes. This session will cover health service barriers for this population; discuss how serving people with disabilities is essential to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals and Universal Health Coverage; provide an example of a successful Early Childhood Development model expanding access to health services for children with ID through a partnership between Catholic Relief Services and Special Olympics in Kenya; and give organizations the opportunity to dialogue about how to make their work more inclusive.

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#### PLENARY | 4:00PM | BALLROOM

#### **Results: 20 Years of Collaboration and Innovation**

4:00pm - 5:30pm | Ballroom

Janine Schooley, PCI (Moderator)

In this opening day plenary, we will bring the history of CORE Group to life. Brief presentations, designed to share major CORE Group achievements such as the iCCM story and the PD/Hearth story, will be followed by an "open mic" session where participants will have the chance to share their own stories and experiences. A tabletop trivia game will be used to highlight key CORE Group tools. We will also launch the CORE Group Timeline, and participants will be invited to contribute their own individual, organizational, and team milestones to the overall timeline throughout the rest of the conference.

#### SOCIAL NETWORKING RECEPTION | 5:30PM | THE FRENCH KITCHEN

Continue the new connections and partnerships, and keep the conversations going at our Social Networking Reception. This conference favorite features complimentary appetizers, a cash bar, and unlimited networking!

The French Kitchen restaurant is accessible from the lobby of the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

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#### PLENARY | 9:00AM | BALLROOM

#### **Realities: Coordinated Impact at the Country and Global Level**

#### 9:00am - 10:30am | Ballroom

Ahmed Arale, CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP) Kenya/Somalia; Filimona Bisrat, CGPP Ethiopia; Frank Conlon, CGPP; Anthony Kisanga, CGPP South Sudan; Lee Losey, CGPP; Ellyn Ogden, USAID; Roma Solomon, CGPP India; Samuel Usman, CGPP Nigeria; Leo Ryan, ICF International (Moderator)

The CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP) will provide an overview of the lessons learned from the polio eradication project with an emphasis on how they could be of value across a variety of maternal and child health projects. We will be sharing our experiences from the past 18 years and how they can be best applied to other health initiatives through discussions of CGPP country initiatives such as the non-traditional consortium and collaborative model, evolution of communication strategy, innovations, and relevance to other infectious diseases. When the project started in 1999, polio was still endemic in dozens of countries with thousands of cases annually. Through the dedication and hard work of the CORE Group Polio Project, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and thousands of volunteers, polio was reduced to three endemic countries and only 37 total cases in 2016 and no new cases so far in 2017. The project today works in India, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Kenya, Somalia and Nigeria through more than 50 international and national NGOs, along with relevant host-country ministries and international stakeholders, including Rotary International, UNICEF, WHO, CDC, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 11:00AM**

## Moving Beyond the Building Blocks: Guiding Policymakers toward Community Health Investments to Strengthen Health Systems

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon A

Jahangir Hossain, CARE Bangladesh; Karen LeBan, Independent; Melanie Morrow, USAID's Maternal & Child Survival Program (MCSP), ICF; William Story, University of Iowa; Laura C. Altobelli, Future Generations; Eric Sarriot, Save the Children (Moderator)

Starting with the upcoming MCSP publication "Beyond the Building Blocks (BBB): How health systems must address community health to improve maternal, newborn and child health", participants will engage with the recommendations made to policymakers by the BBB paper through practical examples from field and global professionals. Through presentations and dialogue, we will focus on the importance of community organizations and societal partnerships for health systems strengthening, and we will collaborate to articulate key messages related to community health investment for policymakers and other health system stakeholders. The session will deepen understanding of the importance of elements currently missing in dominant health systems models for advancing community-centered health systems strengthening. It will engage diverse stakeholders in an effort to unite behind a common voice for health systems change.

#### Using the Active Implementation Frameworks and the Hexagon Tool in Global Health

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon B

Saja Al-Falahi, University of North Carolina; Allison Annette Foster, IntraHealth International

At the beginning of the session, facilitators will present an overview of active implementation frameworks and explain the Hexagon tool as a way to improve implementation design and planning using a specific example. The facilitators will present three different maternal health challenges using real data, taken from a small rural area in the south of Iraq, where one of the presenters provided MCH services at a local health facility. Small groups will have the opportunity to use the Hexagon to analyze an assigned dilemma and make a final decision. The groups will use the information provided to explore needs, fit, resource availability, evidence, readiness, and capacity to implement new programs. After completing their group challenges, participants will report back to the larger group on the decisions they reached about the feasibility of their program, the justifications for their decisions, and the insights they gained during the process to best shape their interventions for impact and sustainability.

#### Are Nutrition and Feeding Programs Ready to Be Inclusive of All Children?

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon D

Alessandra Aresu, Handicap International; Zeina Makhoul, SPOON; Pamela Sheeran, Smile Train

A high percentage of children with disabilities face a plethora of barriers that prevent them from realizing their full potential, including access to education, health care, social integration, and proper nutrition. Despite that, disability is often ignored and not included in global health programs, and children with disabilities are often not counted. In an effort to promote inclusion, disability needs to be part of the DNA of every project and program and not talked about separately. This interactive session will engage participants in a discussion around how we understand disability; the intersection between nutrition, feeding and disability; and reasons for poor inclusion of children with disabilities into mainstream nutrition and feeding programs. Speakers will share experiences from their work in the field, present on existing tools and resources, and facilitate a discussion and group activities around ways to increase linkages with disability-related programming and how to make sure disability is represented across programs.

#### Collaborating with the Private Sector to Advance Services for Non-Communicable Diseases

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon E

Jessica Daly, Medtronic Foundation; Rebecca Dirks, FHI 360; E. Anne Peterson, Americares; Joy Noel Baumgartner, Duke University (Moderator)

Despite a wealth of evidence regarding effective clinical approaches to diagnosing and treating non-communicable diseases (NCDs), morbidity and mortality rates for these illnesses are rising globally, particularly among underserved populations in low-resource settings. A key reason for this paradox is that patients face both demand- and supply-side barriers to accessing chronic care services in their local communities. This session will focus on the private sector's role in expanding access to NCD services. Our three panelists and moderator will present different perspectives on the nexus of the private sector and NCD service delivery (implementer, donor, evaluator) followed by a facilitated panel discussion on how private sector engagement, support, and financing affects NCD programming and services.

#### LUNCH SESSIONS | 12:45PM

#### Young Professionals Network (YPN) Mentorship Info Table

12:45 - 1:45pm | Ballroom

Adrienne Todela, CORE Group

We are excited to announce the pilot YPN Mentorship Program! Stop by our table during lunch to hear about the program, and apply to be a mentor or mentee.

#### **Community Engagement and Outreach for Chronic Diseases**

#### 12:45pm - 1:45pm | Salon E

Sarah Shannon, Hesperian Health Guides; Bette Gebrian, Grand Anse Health and Development Association; Judy Lewis, University of Connecticut School of Medicine

This session will examine strategies for prevention, early identification, treatment, and ongoing management of chronic diseases in low-resource settings. The two organizations will briefly present recent work to develop training materials for community health workers to more effectively engage in screening, referral and support for cancer, diabetes and heart disease; and community outreach, screening and treatment for breast cancer in Haiti. Sarah Shannon will provide examples and summarize new training materials on NCDs (cancer, diabetes, and heart disease) developed with primary care organizations and community health workers. These materials have been translated into many languages. Bette Gebrian and Judy Lewis will identify key issues and challenges in developing a public-private partnership to improve all aspects of community level breast cancer services: community awareness, clinical screening, sonography, biopsy and histology, and treatment for low-income rural women in the Grand Anse. The brief presentations will identify some key issues for discussion. Round-table participants will bring their own experiences with chronic diseases in community settings. These will be used to develop strategies to improve community-level interventions.

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#### NEW INFORMATION CIRCUIT | 2:00PM | BALLROOM

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4	Using GIS to Analyze Barriers to Health Equity
5	Outcome Harvesting: A Novel Methodology for Evaluating Capacity Strengthening Global Health Interventions
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7	Locating the Epidemic: Harnessing Geographic Data for HIV Epidemic Control in Nigeria
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#### Table 1 | Learning and Practice Alliances for Advocacy

Jenny Orgle, CARE USA

A Learning and Practice Alliance for Advocacy (LPAA) is a platform that brings together multiple stakeholders working in one sector to conduct joint action research in order to inform future advocacy and practices. The LPAA model is a collaboration of stakeholders from local to national levels, including government, research institutions, and other nongovernmental organizations. The stakeholders define an emerging issue of common interest to conduct research resulting in a joint advocacy plan. Stakeholders remain engaged, providing a forum for active capacity building, intentional learning, rapid uptake of innovations, and engagement in advocacy at multiple levels. New findings from an LPAA initiative form the basis for learning among stakeholders, targeted groups and partners, and inform policy development and implementation. CARE has used Learning and Practice Alliance for Advocacy platforms to coordinate and leverage research, learning best practices to influence government policy and strategies for nutrition, health, water, sanitation and hygiene.

## Table 2 | Simple, Yet Smart: Evaluation Findings from the Use of a New Color-coded Health Calendar Tool for Increased Uptake of Immunization and Perinatal Services in Rural Ethiopia

Shiferaw Demissie, International Rescue Committee Ethiopia

This table will succinctly introduce participants to IRC's new, tangible Color-Coded Health Calendar tool which was recently assessed by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine through a rigorous mixed-methods evaluation. This tool is distributed by community-based health workers to pregnant women to hang in their homes and aims to increase use of antenatal care, skilled delivery, postnatal care, immunization and postpartum family planning services. The tool is an informational, educational, and communications material for all health decision-making members of the household as well as a job aid for community-based health workers [known in Ethiopia as two distinct cadres: Health Extension Workers (HEWs) and Health Development Army (HDAs) Members].

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#### Table 3| Realize: Social and Behavioral Change for Gender Equity and Diversity Bathers Controll, CADE USA

#### Bethann Cottrell, CARE USA

The TOPS Program and CARE are introducing a new resource, "Realize: Social and Behavioral Change for Gender Equity and Diversity (SBC for GED)". The aim of this user-friendly facilitation guide is to build awareness, facilitate dialogue, and explore potential action to improve gender equity and diversity among development staff and community members, and to identify the juncture of SBC and GED within multiple contexts to increase their impact. The activities are designed to be experiential, to encourage new thought and communication patterns, and to motivate change in gender norms (and other types of societal norms) that impede success of multi-sectoral programming.

#### Table 4 | Using GIS to Analyze Barriers to Health Equity

Tanvi Monga, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, ICF

As more social, economic, and health-related spatial data are made available through DHS and similar programs, GIS becomes a more relevant tool to global health and development work. Building on previous work looking at access to maternal health services based on physical barriers in the Nigerian states of Ebonyi and Kogi, current work uses GIS to understand social-economic and other non-physical barriers in the same states. This project uses surface raster layers produced from WorldPop and the Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) Spatial Data Repository along with a dataset from a study on accessibility to Basic and Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (BEMONC/CEMONC).

## Table 5 | Outcome Harvesting: A Novel Methodology for Evaluating Capacity Strengthening Global Health Interventions

#### Tilly Gurman, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs

For years, global health programs have sought to strengthen the capacity of organizations and systems. An ongoing challenge is selecting appropriate ways to measure the success of such efforts. Conventional evaluation approaches often fall short in capturing a complete picture of change in complex global health programs, especially those that involve organizations and systems. In 2013, USAID named Outcome Harvesting (OH) —a participatory qualitatative methodology— as one of several innovative complexity-aware monitoring and evaluation methods. The USAID-funded global project, Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3) implemented OH in three countries (Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Liberia) to evaluate capacity strengthening activities for improved social and behavior change. By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to identify global health programs for which OH is especially well-suited.

#### Table 6 | Lean Tools to Evaluate Impact When Partnering with Social Enterprises

#### Jennifer Headley, Duke Global Health Institute Evidence Lab

Looking to help partners in low- and middle-income countries gather stronger impact data through lean strategies? The Duke Global Health Institute Evidence Lab developed an evaluation toolkit, with new tools released in 2017, to help social enterprises in healthcare evaluate their services, products and/or technologies. Most social enterprises work in low-resource contexts where they lack the requirements for rigorous, gold-standard evaluations: finances, time to observe changes, and a controlled environment. The toolkit outlines different ways social enterprises in health can better evaluate their work and communicate their results with tighter timelines and more limited resources. New tools released this year focus on strengthening access and quality of care patient data, leveraging data for expansion, and identifying an appropriate economic analysis to assess impact.

#### Table 7 | Locating the Epidemic: Harnessing Geographic Data for HIV Epidemic Control in Nigeria

Tapfuma Murova and Meg Langley, 4Children, Catholic Relief Services

This table will discuss a study conducted to map the catchment areas of the comprehensive HIV care and treatment facilities in the scale-up sub national units (SNUs) in Nigeria. The study purpose was to determine whether community-based orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) programs are being appropriately located and if not, estimate a measure for the targeting misalignment. The study sampled 26,365 caseloads and revealed that 27.5% of all clients sampled access services outside of their LGAs of residence. The study highlighted the importance of linking adherence statistics with catchment data to inform epidemic control programming. It also revealed existing and potential challenges for the continuum of

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care in identifying people living with HIV and effectively linking them to treatment. Evidence from this study has been applied by PEPFAR to influence future programming in Nigeria. PEPFAR has reviewed boundaries for community-based HIV services to better align community OVC activities to comprehensive HIV treatment, care and support facilities.

#### Table 8 | Adherence Promoters and Community Liaisons: Strategies to Improve ART Adherence among Key **Populations in Central America**

Edwin Estuardo Diaz Giron, IntraHealth International

Given the combination of stigma and discrimination faced by people living with HIV (PLHIV), and economic barriers to seeking routine antiretroviral therapy (ART), adherence can be a struggle for some. This table will introduce the structural barriers to ART adherence in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Panama, and describe the work and results of IntraHealth's Adherence Promotors and Community Liaisons, which have achieved a return rate of 42 – 45% for patients who have abandoned ART treatment. The host will discuss the differences in recovering PLHIV who are only at risk of abandonment and those who are classified as having abandoned ART, and the advantages of phone calls vs. home visits. Discussion will include personal experiences of Adherence Promoters and Community Liaisons; what made them want to perform this type of work, their best and worst days, and their suggestions for improving the intervention. Participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences with ART adherence interventions.

#### Table 9 | The Casa Materna Rural Community Birthing Center - A New Paradigm for Community-empowered Maternal/Newborn Care

#### Ira Stollak, Curamericas Global

Indigenous rural populations around the world face inequitable childbirth outcomes, and women continue to deliver and die in their homes without timely access to emergency obstetric care. The Casa Materna Rural model, with its community ownership, task-shifting, and demand-generating household-level outreach, represents a low-cost alternative, proven to be effective in reducing maternal and neonatal mortality in hard-to-reach populations. In the Casa catchments areas in Guatemala, coverage of health facility deliveries has increased from 16% to 70%, maternal mortality has been eliminated, and Casa staff have successfully managed by resolution or referral over 300 obstetric complications. Sustainability is built into the model through community-ownership and collaboration and cost-sharing with the Ministry of Health, local municipal government, civil society, and communities. As a result of cost-sharing, high utilization, and task shifting, Casa deliveries cost 1/10 that of government health facility deliveries. The model provides a promising approach to increasing facility-based deliveries at low cost in low-resource rural regions around the world.

#### Table 10 | Community Group Engagement to Improve Reproductive Health

#### Laura Raney, Family Planning 2020 (FP2020)

This table will introduce a High Impact Practices in Family Planning (HIPs) brief, which presents evidence-based best practices in community group engagement interventions that aim to foster healthy sexual and reproductive health behaviors. Community support can shift individual behavior, including contraceptive behaviors, either by changing norms or individual knowledge and attitudes. This brief identifies key practices, outlines why they are important, presents the challenges the practice can address, summarizes the evidence of impact, offers implementation tips, and provides tools and resources. This 8-page HIPs brief is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

#### Table 11 | Filling the Human Resource Gap: How Private Community-based Providers Reached Underserved Areas in Rural Bangladesh with Skilled Maternal and Child Health Services

Anne Laterra, CARE USA

In Sunamganj, an underserved, remote area of rural Bangladesh, an acute shortage of qualified government health workers creates an environment where women are burdened with high costs for poor quality maternal and child health services from unskilled providers. To address these key challenges, CARE, with funding from GlaxoSmithKline's 20% profit reinvestment initiative, established an innovative cadre of private community-based skilled birth attendants (CSBA) in partnership with the Government of Bangladesh. Unlike previous attempts to build a cadre of CSBAs, CARE developed a sustainable, market-driven solution by ensuring providers were selected, connected, and supported by the community, the

public health system and local government; linked to existing public health service providers for supportive supervision, supplies and information management; and trained in business skills and entrepreneurship. At this table, we will describe the model, share preliminary evaluation results, and discuss challenges and lessons learned.

## Table 12 | Equipping Community Health Workers to Support Blindness Prevention and Promote Eye Health Sarah Shannon, Hesperian Health Guides

Community Health Workers (CHWs) can play a critical role in supporting early identification of eye problems and quickly referring those who need it for higher level care and surgical intervention. Despite great potential, almost no training materials exist to support CHW training on these issues. Hesperian will share the field test version and CHW feedback on a new module on eye health that provides accessible, clear information that will enable CHWs to: identify eye and vision problems; refer those who can be treated with corrective lenses or surgery; recognize and respond to eye injuries; and integrate eye health education and promotion into their outreach and communication with community members. The draft module is now in the hands of community partners in Tanzania, Nigeria, Belize, India, and other countries and, when completed, will be translated into Bangla, Chinese, French, Khmer, Lao, Nepali, Portuguese, and Spanish.

#### Table 13 | Introducing Community Health Academy

Madeleine Ballard, Community Health Academy

Community Health Academy (CHA) is a new global platform to train, empower and connect Community Health Workers (CHWs) in every corner of the world. Founded by the 2017 TED Prize winner, the CHA aims to reinvent the education of CHWs and the leaders who support them for the digital age. The Community Health Academy will provide continuing professional education for community health policymakers and managers, creating opportunities to learn, inform, and apply best practices to the design and management of CHW programs through Open Online Courses co-produced with HarvardX, engagement in online communities of practice, and in-country technical assistance. CHA opens new pathways for Continuing Medical Education and Accreditation for CHWs, powered by innovative performance management strategies and mobile health technologies. CHA seeks to support and engage the CORE Group community in building and teaching a body of best-practice knowledge related to CHW programming---please join us!

#### Table 14 | Connecting Youth to Family Planning Information through Digital Storytelling

Cori Fordham, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs

Many young people around the world face unique barriers to finding quality family planning (FP) information and accessing services, especially when it comes to long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). To bridge this knowledge gap, the Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3) developed the FP INFOcus Guide, which encourages youth-led organizations to create short videos featuring authentic voices and perspectives about FP from their own communities – all using their mobile phones. The Guide includes a step-by-step approach to preparing, producing and promoting videos that share FP information and model essential sexual and reproductive health skills. The Guide was tested with a youth-focused, youth-led Nigerian organization, the HACEY Health Initiative. Come watch the videos they created, and learn the best practices for digital storytelling and how this approach can be integrated into your own work.

#### Table 15 | Nutrition Tool Reference Guide

#### Jen Burns, Catholic Relief Services

The CORE Group Nutrition Working Group will unveil and discuss a new reference guide highlighting key nutrition-specific tools and approaches with information on how and when to use them. The reference guide informs selection of the most appropriate design, implementation, research, and monitoring and evaluation tools for nutrition activities worldwide. This guide is primarily targeted to nutrition program developers, managers, researchers, and others working in global nutrition. It is also applicable to those working on multisectoral programming.

#### WORKING GROUP INNOVATION & PLANNING SESSIONS | 4:00PM | BALLROOM

#### **Community-centered Health Systems Strengthening**

#### 4:00pm - 5:30pm | Ballroom

#### Co-Chairs: Megan Christensen, Concern Worldwide; Alfonso Rosales, World Vision

Please join us during our working group time as we roll up our sleeves and focus on two priority areas. In small groups, we will be discussing outcomes and furthering conversation from the concurrent session, "Moving Beyond the Building Blocks: Guiding Policymakers toward Community Health Investments to Strengthen Health Systems." Also, we will be planning for the Health System Research Symposium 2018 by developing content for a concurrent session. In an effort to use our time efficiently, we are kindly asking that participants review their evidence base and come prepared with abstracts and content to share with other group members based on the following two focal areas: community health systems – where community needs are located, but often where national health systems are inadequate or invisible; and leaving no one behind – health systems that deliver for all. We look forward to seeing everyone and welcome new members!

#### **Monitoring & Evaluation**

#### 4:00pm - 5:30pm | Salon A

Co-Chairs: Claire Boswell, Food for the Hungry; Dora Curry, CARE USA

The Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Working Group wants YOU! The mission of the M&E Working Group is to develop, nurture and disseminate approaches to use data to improve community health programming and demonstrate its effectiveness to stakeholders. At this year's Fall Conference, we will be self-evaluating - taking stock of how we are fulfilling that mission and how we could more fully engage global community health practitioners in using data to do better work. We want you to be a part of it all. We want M&E specialists who know what specific skill sets need development; we want programmers who want M&E specialists to translate from M&E-ese into the many other languages we speak; we want decision-makers who want data to make sense and be tied to action steps. So, if you've ever thought about how to use data to make your programs better, come and join us for a wide-open planning session. We will generate foundations of a new and updated 2017-18 workplan as the primary output of our time.

#### **Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn & Adolescent Health**

#### 4:00pm - 5:30pm | Salon B

Co-Chairs: Corinne Mazzeo, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, Save the Children; Cindy Uttley, Samaritan's Purse; Greta Wetzel, Save the Children; Mychelle Farmer, Jhpiego; Regina Benevides, E2A Project, Pathfinder International

Come to the RMNAH Working Group planning meeting to provide your input to a dynamic and collaborative team of CORE Group members. The RMNAH Working Group synthesizes current research, best practices, and community health experience to establish a platform to discuss priority issues pertaining to maternal, newborn, and adolescent health. We will use our planning session to define activities and priority deliverables for the coming year.

#### **Social & Behavior Change**

#### 4:00pm - 5:30pm | Salon D

Co-Chairs: Debora B. Freitas López, Chemonics International; Joseph Petraglia, Pathfinder International; Erin Pfeiffer, Food for the Hungry

Please join the Social and Behavior Change Working Group to learn about various efforts that the group is planning to achieve based on the brainstorming session held during the Spring 2017 Conference. We will also begin gathering ideas for this year's work plan. Finally, a few colleagues will lead short presentations on their current work.

#### Nutrition

#### 4:00pm - 5:30pm | Salon E

Co-Chairs: Jennifer Burns, Catholic Relief Services; Kathryn Reider, World Vision; Gwyneth Cotes, SPRING, JSI

Please join the Nutrition Working Group to learn about various efforts that the group is working to achieve! Working group efforts focus on the double burden of malnutrition, the Essential Nutrition Actions framework, CMAM/CCM

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integration, nutrition-sensitive integration, multi-sectoral anemia, and a technical webinar series. We will gather ideas for the work plan and the Spring 2018 Conference. Finally, we will take a few moments to recognize a few of our consistent member contributors. The Nutrition Working Groups time will end at 5:00pm on Wednesday. On Thursday, there will be a presentation and discussion on obesity and NCDs at lunch time, and Working Group members are encouraged to attend.

#### POSTER SESSION & PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING | 5:30PM | MEZZANINE

**Under the Influence: How Faith Leaders and Communities Can Transform Social Norms for Better Health** *Nana Apenem Dagadu, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University* 

**Effective and Sustainable Approach for Capacity-Building: The Example of IMCI in Rwanda** Jean de Dieu Gatete, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, John Snow Inc. Rwanda

**Closing the Immunization Gap in North-west Ethiopia: Findings of "The Fifth Child Project" Evaluation** *Shiferaw Demissie, International Rescue Committee Ethiopia* 

**Engaging the Community Leaders to Reach the Last Child** *Michael Favin, USAID's Maternal & Child Survival Program, The Manoff Group* 

Web-Based Manual for Country-Level Nutrition Advocacy Using PROFILES and Nutrition Costing Tara Kovach and Lesley Oot, FHI 360

The Story of Ekoreete: The Resilient Multipurpose Desert Date Tree

Everlyn Matiri, Catholic Relief Services

**Expanding the Capabilities of Surgical NGOs Using Google Glass** *Anum N. Ali Mohammed, Mending Kids* 

Risks of Aflatoxin Consumption in Food Insecure Households of Southern Malawi: Lessons from UBALE IYCF Work During the 2016 El Niño

Mary Mpinda, Catholic Relief Services Malawi

Opportunities and Challenges in Managing Pregnancy, Birth, and Post-Partum Complications in Rural Guatemala

Barbara Muffoletto, Curamericas Global

Lessons in Motivating Community Health Workers of Cameroon: The Value of Economic Strengthening Activities

Kenneth Muko, Medicines For Humanity

**Roving Auxiliary Nurse Midwives - Reaching Hard-to-Reach Groups in Nepal** *Gabrielle Nguyen, Save the Children* 

Integrating Mother and Baby Course with ECD Messages for Better Parenting Outcomes Tobias Opiyo, Catholic Relief Services Kenya

**Improving Immunization Coverage in Northern Nigeria through Male Peer Educators** *Adia Oro-ghene, Catholic Relief Services Nigeria* 

**Community Referral Networks: An Innovative Approach to Providing HIV Testing Services to Key Populations** *Malekiado Phiri, IntraHealth International Zambia* 

Enhancing Advocacy and Programming for Preterm/Low Birth Weight Newborn Care: Technical Resources from Every Preemie—SCALE

Judith Robb McCord, Every Preemie—SCALE, PCI

Implementation of Referral System for Quality Health Care Services in CRS Ethiopia DFAP Operational Districts, in Ethiopia

Mekonnen Tesfamariam, Catholic Relief Services Ethiopia

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#### 90 SECOND SCIENCE | 9:00AM | BALLROOM

#### IMPACT OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Building Community Capacity and Increasing Social Capital through a Women's Empowerment Initiative in the Oromia Region of Ethiopia

Will Story, University of Iowa

Impact of Empowerment of Most Marginalized Women in Bihar, India on Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health: The Role of Efficacy, Cohesion and Collectivization *Janine Schooley, PCI* 

#### IMPROVING MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION

Male Involvement and Accommodation during Obstetric Emergencies in Rural Ghana: A Qualitative Analysis *Will Story, University of Iowa* 

**Expanding Maternal and Newborn Health Coverage through Existing Local Structures in Pastoralist Ethiopia** David Shanklin, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, CORE Group

Citizen Voice and Action - World Vision's Social Accountability Approach Increases Access to Health Services in India and Kenva

Susan Otchere, World Vision US

#### NUTRITION SCIENCE

African Indigenous Foods (AIFs) and their Role in Household Resiliency and Food Security Everlyn Matiri, Catholic Relief Services

Effectiveness of Micronutrient Interventions during the 1,000 Days in Bangladesh on Children's Growth Zeina Maalouf-Manasseh, FANTA Project, FHI 360

#### EVIDENCE BASE ON IMPROVED MEASUREMENT INSTRUMENTS

**A Novel Tool for Community-based Surveillance of Maternal Mortality** *Frank Anderson, University of Michigan* 

Engaging Urban Communities in Sierra Leone with Data for Decision Making: Preliminary Findings from a Participatory Community-Based Health Information System

Megan Christensen, Concern Worldwide

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 11:00AM**

## Bringing Care Closer to Home: Innovations in Community-Based Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Malnutrition 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon A

Pilar Charle Cuellar, Action Against Hunger; Kevin Phelan, The Alliance for International Medical Action; Annie Zhou, International Rescue Committee; Naoko Kozuki, International Rescue Committee (Moderator)

An estimated 17 million children are currently affected by severe acute malnutrition (SAM) worldwide, with the current food insecurity and famine crisis placing even greater pressure on the global nutrition community to respond. Children experiencing SAM have significantly higher risk of mortality, and many of these children face major barriers to care, such as distance to the nearest therapeutic center. To alleviate this burden, several organizations have explored the feasibility of adopting a community health worker delivery model for treatment of SAM. Action Against Hunger has tested this delivery model in Mali and Pakistan, and the International Rescue Committee has done so in South Sudan, focusing specifically on low-literate cadres of community health workers. In addition to innovations in treatment delivery, decentralization of screening down to the household level has also been considered to inspire early careseeking. The Alliance for International Medical Action tested in Niger the effectiveness of training families to use the MUAC tape and check for edema. This session will present new evidence from these projects that are exploring the potential to bring care for acute malnutrition closer to the home, and will reflect on the challenges that remain in scaling up such strategies.

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#### Let's Get Emotional About Data

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon B

Silvia Alayón, Alive & Thrive, Save the Children; Marcia Griffiths, The Manoff Group; Claire Boswell, The TOPS Program, Food for the Hungry (Moderator); Dora Curry, CARE USA (Moderator)

From Hans Rosling to community chalkboards, example abound of how much more data can mean with simple, clear, creative presentation. Increasingly, we are being asked to use data to drive decision making and real-time program improvement, but we frequently present data to appeal to people's rational, analytical sides and are surprised when they don't immediately take action. This session will look at how to share data that motivates behavior change – by connecting with people's emotions and creating a sense of urgency. Alive and Thrive will share how they used data on child malnutrition to motivate Orthodox priests to encourage dietary diversity in young children even when parents were fasting. The Manoff Group will share three examples of data application which resulted in significant improvements in health and nutrition behaviors and strengthened community systems. The examples will show the program context, the use of the tools by communities, and the health and nutrition outcomes. We will look at these examples through the perspectives and reflections of health workers in Honduras, community volunteers in Zambia, and local leaders in Cambodia, emphasizing insights into the elements that elicit emotional responses and resulting individual and collective actions. The session will present a few basic principles about behavior change and using data, share examples from projects that used data for behavior change (Alive and Thrive/The Manoff Group) and then offer participants a chance to work in small groups to "Stump the Chump" (find a better way to illustrate sample findings/messages than the examples discussed).

## Documenting the Front-Line Contributions of NGOs and Civil Society through Publication in Academic Journals 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon D

### Henry Perry, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Kathy Stamidis, CORE Group Polio Project; Lee Losey, CORE Group Polio Project (Moderator)

This session will provide strategies to widely promote and publicize a project's work, including history and accomplishments, by contributing to scientific literature in a timely manner. The CORE Group Polio Project is preparing a journal supplement about community-based approaches to polio eradication in the highly respected American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, which is open access and peer reviewed. The goal of the series of articles is to explore the project's position as a civil society coalition working at the community level. Presently, we are working closely with about ten authors from the field, who are expected to produce first drafts by late 2017 (with tentative online publication scheduled in late spring 2018 and print publication in summer 2018). Some of our authors are front-line practitioners who have never published before, while others are researchers and academics who have published many times. As this is our first attempt at a journal supplement with hopes of producing a similar publication again, we would appreciate sharing our limited experiences and learning more from other's efforts to publish. We will review our process from developing RFPs, establishing a small review committee to select authors, choosing a journal, refining the research questions, understanding the editorial needs of the publisher, etc. We plan to address the adjustments we've made in response to certain challenges, such as establishing staggered timelines for writers with different skillsets or hiring a graduate student researcher to assist with literature searches when authors do not have access to journal articles. The need for flexibility and creativity will be stressed.

## Tackling Noncommunicable Diseases: Resources and Opportunities for Integration within Global Health Practice

#### 11:00am - 12:30pm | Salon E

## Vince Blaser, Frontline Health Workers Coalition; Anna Katharine Wales, Medtronic Foundation; Rebecca Dirks, FHI 360; Christy Gavitt, Independent; Arti Varanasi, Advancing Synergy (Moderator)

Worldwide, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are responsible annually for approximately two-thirds of all deaths and are a leading cause of premature death and disability. NCDs and their behavioral risk factors pose a major roadblock to achieving sustainable development goals. Current efforts to address NCDs focus on a four-by-four matrix comprised of the four chronic conditions that result in the greatest morbidity and mortality (heart disease, cancers, diabetes, and chronic lung disease) and the four major associated risk factors (tobacco use, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet, and harmful use of alcohol). This session explores programs where NCD management has been integrated into existing health service

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delivery platforms from three different perspectives: 1) Training frontline health workers, including CHWs, to conduct NCD prevention, screening, detection, and follow-up in their communities; 2) Integrating NCD prevention, screening, and follow-up into existing chronic care services (e.g. HIV/AIDS, TB, etc.) in humanitarian and non-humanitarian settings; and 3) Integrating NCD prevention, screening and follow-up into existing non-chronic health services, such as primary care systems and maternal, newborn, and child health. Session participants will leave with resources to share with colleagues, ideas to integrate NCD prevention, detection, and control into existing or planned programs, and awareness of challenges that lie ahead.

#### LUNCH SESSIONS | 12:45PM

## An Update of Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) Technologies: From Classic to Multiple Classification LQAS

#### 12:45pm - 1:45pm | Salon B

Joseph Valadez, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

LQAS is globally recognized as a method for monitoring and evaluating programs. Since 1998, it has been used by private voluntary organizations (PVOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and increasingly by cooperating agencies and ministries of health for decentralized M&E and building local capacity. There is high demand for increasingly user-friendly tools to support the planning and use of LQAS at larger scale. This session reviews a large product line of LQAS methods and tools and when to use each. It also inspects common misuses. You will become familiar with the range of LQAS applications, including: Classic LQAS, Large Country (LC) LQAS, Health Facility Assessments, Multiple Classification (MC) LQAS for disease tracking, and Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) LQAS. You will learn how LC-LQAS is used to sample some, rather than all, Supervision Areas to obtain the coverage proportion for the catchment area. You will hear how MC-LQAS is used to classify areas by the density of disease, and GAM LQAS is a rapid method for measuring severe malnutrition. You will also hear about recent uses of LQAS to manage refugee camps and IDP settlements. You will learn to use a new LQAS calculator and the UNICEF LQAS toolkit for planning purposes. You will access LQAS training films and learn about their use for capacity building. Please bring questions to this session for discussion.

#### **Nutrition Working Group Meeting: Discussion of Obesity**

#### 12:45pm - 1:45pm | Salon D

Co-Chairs: Jennifer Burns, Catholic Relief Services; Kathryn Reider, World Vision; Gwyneth Cotes, SPRING, JSI

Please bring your lunch and join the Nutrition Working Group for a film and presentation from Dan Fenyvesi, a Registered Dietitian whose research centers around the growing obesity epidemic in the developing world. Working group members will explore the cultural, social, and structural dynamics that are driving the rise of obesity in Nicaragua, through a short presentation and film. This will be followed by a discussion on opportunities for incorporating prevention of obesity into existing programming, including "double-duty actions" to prevent multiple forms of malnutrition.

## Community-centered Health Systems Strengthening Working Group Meeting 12:45pm - 1:45pm | Salon E

#### Co-Chairs: Megan Christensen, Concern Worldwide; Alfonso Rosales, World Vision

Join us to continue the discussions from Wednesday's Working Group session on two priority areas - furthering conversation from the "Moving Beyond the Building Blocks: Guiding Policymakers toward Community Health Investments to Strengthen Health Systems" concurrent session, and planning for the Health System Research Symposium 2018.

#### PLENARY | 2:00PM | BALLROOM

#### Health Financing for Community Health Systems

#### 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Ballroom

Keith Dokho, World Vision; Brad Herbert, Brad Herbert Associates; Phyllis Heydt, UN Special Envoy for Health; Scott Jackson, Global Impact; Isabelle Lindenmayer, Rabin Martin; Harshad Sanghvi, Jhpiego; Taufiqur Rahman, Americares (Moderator)

This session will include an open discussion on current realities of various financing opportunities, future trends, and an increasing need for collaborative partnerships with local government and private sector in community health systems financing. Panelists will present their experiences with multi-lateral financing organizations, private philanthrophy, and different models of NGOs' strategic partnerships with private sector donors. Additional discussions will cover impact investments, corporate prioritization process, signature initiatives, and potential financing needs for community health systems in Sub Saharan Africa.

#### 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA | 6:00PM | MARRIOTT BALTIMORE WATERFRONT HOTEL

At this memorable night of dinner, music, and dancing we will celebrate CORE Group's impact over the last two decades and recognize all who have transformed CORE Group from an idea into the global force it is today.

The gala will feature:

- Master of Ceremony Jackson Mvunganyi, youth advocate and host of Voice of America's Upfront show
- Co-Master of Ceremony NuNu Wako, Special Correspondent, KaliTV
- Keynote Speaker Kathy Calvin, President & CEO, United Nations Foundation
- Margaret Schuler, Senior Vice President, International Programs Group, World Vision
- Recognition of Dory Storms Child Survival Award winners, led by Former CORE Group Executive Director Karen LeBan with special guest Dory Storms
- Music and dance performances by Mariachi Sunrise, UMBC Raascals, and Afro-pop band Elikeh

Tickets are required. Please visit the conference registration table to purchase your tickets.

#### Gala Shuttle:

We are providing a shuttle to and from the gala venue. The shuttle has limited space, and seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

From Lord Baltimore Hotel to Marriott Baltimore Waterfront Hotel:

5:45pm & 6:15pm

From Marriott Baltimore Waterfront Hotel to Lord Baltimore Hotel:

9:45pm & 10:15pm

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

#### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS | 9:30AM**

#### **Creating Healthy Communities through Youth Leadership**

#### 9:30am - 11:00am | Salon A

Kimberly Bunting, Student; Mychelle Farmer, Advancing Synergy; Jane Otai, Jhpiego; Gogontlejang Phaladi, The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (PMNCH); Regina Benevides, E2A Project, Pathfinder International (Moderator)

Youth leadership will be increasingly important to strengthen health and development worldwide. Globally, there are approximately 1.8 billion youth, and the majority live in low-and middle- income countries. In several countries, over 50% of their population is under the age of 20, an indication that young people will remain critical to the success of many countries. This panel will explore the ways that youth leadership is making a difference for both global and community health. Youth leaders will describe how their work with local initiatives and global health advocacy is creating sustainable opportunities for youth. New tools, such as PMNCH's newly released guidance, Advocating for Change for Adolescents, will be discussed.

## Going to Scale with Effective Community-based Primary Health Care: Current Programs and Future Possibilities 9:30am - 11:00am | Salon B

Mengesha Admassu, International Institute for Primary Health in Ethiopia; Victoria Chou, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Paul Freeman, University of Washington; Nazo Kureshy, USAID; Henry Perry, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (Moderator)

The focus of this panel is on the current and potential benefits of implementing community-based primary health care (CBPHC) programs at scale. Two presentations will describe the key characteristics of the national CBPHC programs of Ethiopia, Nepal and Brazil. Following this, there will be a presentation of the potential impact on lives saved by implementing evidence-based interventions at scale. The panel will conclude with a presentation of the recommendations of an Expert Panel that guided the recently completed "Comprehensive Review of the Evidence Regarding the Effectiveness of Community-based Primary Health Care in Improving Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health."

## The Child Health Agenda in the Context of the SDGs: Mortality Reduction Is Not Enough 9:30am - 11:00am | Salon D

Jerome Pfaffmann, UNICEF; Ferdinand Bikorimana, Ministry of Health Rwanda; Patricia Jodrey, USAID; Eric Swedberg, Save the Children; Dyness Kasungami, USAID's Maternal & Child Survival Program, John Snow, Inc.; Serge Raharison, USAID's Maternal & Child Survival Program, John Snow, Inc. (Moderator)

In order to accomplish the ambitious objectives of the SDGs, a real paradigm shift is required. This session will: 1) summarize the successes, failures, and key lessons learned from the implementation of child health interventions during the MDG era; 2) provide an overview of current opportunities for developing and implementing a more comprehensive program; and 3) discuss the remaining challenges and the way forward. Mr. Pfaffmann will present the lessons learned from the implementation of child health interventions globally and share the current thinking. Dr. Bikorimana will present Rwanda's approaches to iCCM, IMCI, ETAT and quality of care, and share how the whole Government's vision converges into the goal of improving citizen's lives. Mr. Swedberg, Dr. Jodrey and Dr. Kasungami will explore the opportunities and challenges from the perspectives of NGOs, funding agencies, and host governments, providing insights on current and future trends in funding.

## An In-depth Look at Social Accountability for Improved Community Health: Community Score Card Principles, Practices, Results, and the Role of Quality

#### 9:30am - 11:00am | Salon E

Susan Otchere, World Vision US; David Shanklin, USAID's Maternal & Child Survival Program, CORE Group; Peter Winch, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

There is much interest in the role of civil society participation in national health program strengthening, from community participation to national budget advocacy. However, relatively little information is available to compare and contrast different 'social accountability' approaches. What resources are required? Which stakeholders are engaged? How are results measured and reported? What is the role of quality during implementation, and how does quality affect results and
scale-up? This session examines the Community Score Card (CSC) as a promising approach that has been practiced for the past 15 years. The speakers will describe: CSC principles, practices, results, and the role of quality on overall effectiveness and sustainability. Questions will be taken from participants following the presentations.

# PLENARY | 11:30AM | BALLROOM

# **Opportunities: Communities and Health in Sustainable Development**

### 11:30am - 1:00pm | Ballroom

Daniel Schensul, United Nations Population Fund; Gogontlejang Phaladi, The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH); Judy Lewis, University of Connecticut School of Medicine (Moderator)

How will CORE Group, members and partners address the changes in global technology, development and knowledge? Should we think about addressing inequality differently? What does the future require of us? If the SDGs are targeted to improve the lives of 10-year olds today, how do we ensure the meaningful participation of youth and engage new voices of the marginalized and vulnerable in the communities we serve? How do we communicate more effectively with donors and partners? What new tools do we need? What new thinking will be required? This session will present major global trends and challenges related to meeting the SDGs, including the lack of community-level indicators, the conflict between universal health care and reaching those furthest behind first, and the disconnect between global, regional, national, and local levels. This dynamic session will include presentations by Dr. Schensul and Ms. Phaladi, both of whom have extensive experience with these issues, and start a dialogue about how we can begin to work in new ways to more effectively address the needs of communities, youth and marginalized groups. This will be the start of an agenda for the next 20 years of CORE Group!



# Lynda Achieng, Project Manager, Intellectual Disability Empowerment Agenda, Catholic Relief Services Kenya

Lynda Achieng is a Nutrition specialist with over 8 years of professional experience working in humanitarian and developmental contexts in Kenya. She provides technical assistance and leadership to all Nutrition specific and sensitive projects in CRS Kenya. Currently, she serves as the Project Manager for the Intellectual Disability Empowerment Agenda (IDEA) project. Over the years, Lynda has provided leadership, technical assistance and

direction for implementation of various nutrition projects in multiple locations, transferred skills and knowledge to county and national government staff, developed and implemented key project documents, project strategies & approaches, annual work plans & budgets and providing technical support and guidance on cross-sectoral integration of Nutrition into Agricultural and Food Security interventions, Health, Education and WASH. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Public Health from Maseno University.

# Mengesha Admassu, Professor and Director, International Institute for Primary Health in Ethiopia



Mengesha Admassu is a physician who first worked in community and environmental health in rural Ethiopia before beginning a distinguished career in teaching community health at the University of Gondar, Ethiopia's leading public health-oriented university. For the final 8 years of his 38-year tenure there, Professor Admassu served as president of the university. Since 2016, he has been the founding Executive Director of the International Institute for Primary Health Care – Ethiopia, established by the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health to provide training for delegations from across Africa and beyond in the principles of primary health care formulated at Alma-Ata in 1978 and their application in Ethiopia.



# Silvia Alayón, Nutrition and Monitoring Advisor, Alive & Thrive, Save the Children

Silvia Alayón is the Nutrition and Monitoring Advisor for Alive & Thrive and is seconded by Save the Children. Silvia worked six years at the University of North Carolina for the MEASURE Evaluation project, focusing on M&E of HIV/ AIDS programs. Her previous experience includes working for the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Macro International. Silvia has an Master of Science in Social Science, Food Policy, and Applied Nutrition from Tufts University and a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition.



# Saja Al-Falahi, MD, MPH candidate, UNC Gillings School, University of North Carolina

Saja Al-Falahi is a medical doctor from Iraq, a Fulbright grantee, and a Masters student at Gillings School of Global Public Health. Saja sees the future of the world in the eyes of each individual whose life she touches, and advocates for health equity. In 2013, she left her family in Baghdad and moved to the south of Iraq to provide medical care to women and children in rural areas. After three years, she left her family again—and, for the first time, her country—to continue her education and to share her stories and experiences with the world.



# Laura C. Altobelli, Professor and Peru Country Director, Future Generations

Laura C. Altobelli works for Future Generations University as professor and Country Director in Peru, and is professor at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia in Lima. She has over 30 years of overseas experience in communitybased maternal and child health, with public health training from The Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health where she earned an MPH, DrPH, and post-doc. Major interests are research, public policy advocacy and evaluation, program planning and management to design and scale solutions for strengthening public health

systems with improved management, financing, and human resources policies, with strategies and policies for citizen participation. In Peru, her work has involved developing effective models of community-based primary health care for improvement MNCH and reduction of stunting and anemia, using integrated approaches, systems strengthening, community participation and empowerment, innovative behavior change strategies, and collaborative management between government and communities.



# Mandana Arabi, Senior Manager, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)

Mandana Arabi is a Senior Manager at the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), leading the Business Platform for Nutrition Research, a multi-stakeholder platform for defining, funding and disseminating new research to improve nutrition in the developing world. Mandana is an MD, PhD with more than 15 years of experience in international nutrition. As the Founding Executive Director of The Sackler Institute for Nutrition Science at the New York Academy of Sciences, she led a global initiative to develop and activate a research agenda for nutrition science. Prior to that, she worked with UNICEF Headquarters in New York as an Infant and Young Child Nutrition adviser,

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and at the Ministry of Health in Iran as a research advisor and project liaison for the World Bank. She has contributed to various global guidance documents including the UNICEF Infant and Young Child Programming Guide and the WHO Indicators for Infant and Young Child Feeding, and the development and publication of a special issue of Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences: "Every Child's Potential: Integrating Nutrition and Early Childhood Development Interventions."

# Ahmed Arale, Director, CORE Group Polio Project Kenya/Somalia, @Ahmedba2



Ahmed has more than twenty years of humanitarian and development experience working with communities in Kenya and Somalia focusing on humanitarian assistance/emergency programming, public health, and community empowerment. His professional expertise is in leadership and health system strengthening, program planning, and management. As the National Secretariat Director for CORE Polio Project Kenya/Somalia, he provides technical leadership to all aspects of project planning and implementation in Kenya and Somalia and provides support to

CGPP secretariats in South Sudan and Ethiopia for timely coordination with WHO and UNICEF Horn of Africa (HOA) coordination office. Maintains and develops the project's relationships with key partners and stakeholders including the Ministries of Health for Kenya and Somalia, USAID, UNICEF, WHO, and Rotary International. He previously worked as the Program Director for Catholic Relief Services Somalia, he has led and managed the CRS emergency programs in Somalia. He also worked as a Program Manager for BroadReach Healthcare LLC (USAID-funded Health project). He worked as Service Delivery Specialist for Management Sciences for Health (USAID Extending Service Delivery Project). Ahmed's previous experience in the public sector was as Chief Nursing Officer at Garissa Provincial General Hospital, Kenya. Ahmed has two degrees in nursing, and is completing his MPH from the University of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



### Alessandra Aresu, Inclusive Health Policy Lead, Handicap International

Dr. Alessandra Aresu is the Inclusive Health Policy Lead of Handicap International, an independent and impartial aid organization working in situations of poverty, exclusion, conflict and disaster to support people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. She has been working with Handicap International since January 2013, first in Beijing, as Country Director of the China Program and now in Washington, DC. Before joining Handicap International, she acted as technical advisor for several international NGOs and UN agencies in China, Haiti, UK, and Italy and worked

as lecturer and post-doctoral research fellow at the University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy) and University of Bristol (UK). Dr. Aresu has a long term experience in the field of gender, sexual and reproductive health and rights, sexuality education and disability. She conducted extensive research work and is the author of numerous articles published on these topics.



# Madeleine Ballard, Convener, Community Health Expert Network, Community Health Academy, @mballard25

Dr. Madeleine Ballard holds a PhD in evaluation science (EBSI) from the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and was previously the founding Program Manager of Last Mile Health, a Liberian organization that recruits, trains, and equips community health workers (CHWs) to provide primary care in remote villages. She currently conducts research on the effects of interventions to improve the performance of community health workers and leads a multi-country coalition of community health practitioners.



# Joy Noel Baumgartner, Assistant Professor and Director of the Evidence Lab, Duke University

Joy Noel Baumgartner is a public health practitioner and health services researcher with 20 years of experience working in low-resource settings to strengthen the delivery of maternal and child health, HIV, reproductive health, and mental health services. She is Assistant Professor of Global Health and Director of the Evidence Lab at the Duke Global Health Institute whose mission is to conduct rigorous evaluation research in low-resource settings with local partners to inform evidence-based programs. Her projects have included working with Ministries of Health

across sub-Saharan Africa to develop, test, and scale health services interventions with a focus on services integration and meeting the health needs of adolescents. Baumgartner has a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, a PhD in Maternal and Child Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and she completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Psychiatric Epidemiology at Columbia University.



# Regina Benevides, Senior Youth Advisor, E2A Project, Pathfinder International

Regina Benevides has 35 years of experience in public health and working with government in the areas of adolescents and youth sexual and reproductive health, gender, community-based educational and development programs, health provision to underserved groups and HIV/AIDS. Currently serving as Director of Service Delivery Strengthening and Senior Youth Technical Advisor at E2A Global Project/USAID, Regina was Chief of Party for USAID/Mozambique Associate Award under the ESD project and served as Director of Operations for Pathfinder

International in Mozambique and as Senior Technical Advisor for the Geração Biz Program, a national program addressing adolescents and youth SRH, HIV prevention and AIDS care and treatment, safe motherhood and fatherhood. She worked for the MOH in Brazil coordinating the National Program of Humanization of health services and she has extensive experience as an institutional analyst inorganizational and team work. Regina has a PhD degree in Public Health (with a specialization in health systems and services planning and management) as well as a PhD degree in Psychology with a dissertation about groups. She has a MSc. in Educational Psychology.



### Ferdinand Bikorimana, Ag. Health Facility Unit Director, MCCH Division - Rwanda Biomedical Center, Ministry of Health Rwanda

Dr. Ferdinand Bikorimana is currently the acting Director of the Health Facilities Programs Unit at the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) of the Rwanda Ministry of Health (MOH). He coordinates all national programs related to Maternal, Reproductive and Child Health at both central and district level. He ensures liaison between the Unit and its technical partners. He is also in charge of the overall performance of the Unit's personnel and ensures that key

RBC staff members are updated with the latest developments within their respective technical fields. Ferdinand has more than 15 years of experience in public health programs. Prior to being promoted to his current position, he coordinated MOH's partners and other stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of the national child health and survival strategy at all levels of the health system. Ferdinand is a graduate of the National University of Rwanda and the Baku Health Institute in Azerbaijan.



# Filimona Bisrat, Director, Ethiopia Secretariat, CORE Group Polio Project

Dr. Filimona Bisrat is a holder of Medical Doctor and Master of Public Health and has worked for twenty nine years in the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, Administration for Refugees and Returnees Affairs and Non-Governmental Organizations in different capacities and responsibilities. Since 2002, he has worked as Secretariat Director of the CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP) Ethiopia and Senior Regional Advisor. He has developed a community based surveillance system and extending the formal health system's reach to remote and migrant populations. For the

last several years, he also served as a member of different committees and task forces representing NGOs /CSOs at national and international level, including Interagency Coordination Committee (ICC), National New Vaccine Task Force, GAVI CSO Constituency Steering Committee member, and Executive Board of Ethiopian Public Health Association. Dr. Bisrat serves as member, vice president and president and Ethiopia CSO Health Forum founder and Steering Committee Chairperson. He has thirteen scientific publication papers in local and international reputable journals and he made several presentations in international and local conferences.



# Vince Blaser, Director, Frontline Health Workers Coalition

Vince Blaser is the Director of the Frontline Health Workers Coalition (FHWC), an alliance of more than 35 US-based public and private organizations working together to urge greater and more strategic US investment in frontline health workers in developing countries as a cost-effective way to save lives and foster a healthier, safer and more prosperous world. He is also Advocacy Advisor for IntraHealth International. For more than 12 years, Vince has focused on translating a policy and journalism background to provide strategic analysis and visibility to the policy

and communications priorities of major global health and development coalitions and organizations. Previously, he worked in advocacy, policy and communications roles at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) in New York and the Global Health Council (GHC) in Washington. Vince has a BA in political science and journalism from Colorado State University and an MA in international education development from Columbia University.



# Claire Boswell, Specialist for Social and Behavioral Change, The TOPS Program, Food for the Hungry

Claire works with the Social and Behavioral Change (SBC) Senior Specialist to support the overall SBC efforts at The TOPS Program. She has worked on maternal and child health programming in a variety of capacities over the past 18 years, including program management and technical support. Her particular interests are developing and applying simple, practical tools to build field capacity in behavior change and monitoring and evaluation. Claire has an MHS from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and a BA in Spanish from Samford University. She is based at Food for the Hungry.

# Kimberly Bunting, Student and Youth Advocate

Kimberly Bunting is a student and youth advocate, who has participated in a number of community health programs in East Africa. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree to focus on youth leadership development for community health in low resource settings.



# Jennifer Burns, Senior Nutrition Advisor, Catholic Relief Services

Jennifer Burns serves as Senior Nutrition Advisor at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Baltimore, MD. In her role she builds the capacity of colleagues and partners to implement evidence-based nutrition programs and contributes to the agency's strategic planning for international nutrition programming and research. Prior to joining CRS, Jennifer worked for 16 years with a number of organizations, living both in the field and supporting from the US (Sub-Sahara Africa and Southeast Asia), providing technical support to development nutrition and food security programs. She

has experience in program development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Her research experience includes field work on using animal source foods in young child feeding in Ethiopia; maternal, infant and young child nutrition practices in the Democratic Republic of Congo; using iron-folic acid supplements to address maternal anemia in Madagascar; and using indigenous foods to improve young child feeding in Senegal. Jennifer was a Public Health Educator with the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan. Over the past four years, Jennifer has served as co-chair of the Core Group Nutrition Working Group. She holds a Master of Science in Public Health degree in human nutrition from Johns Hopkins University. With a background in infant and young child feeding, Jennifer is pursuing credentials to become an internationally board certified lactation consultant.



### Fernando Chang-Muy, Professor, University of Pennsylvania

Fernando Chang-Muy is the Thomas O'Boyle Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law where he teaches Refugee Law. He also teaches courses on Non-Profit Management and Immigration for Social Workers at Penn's Graduate School of Social Policy and Practice. In addition to teaching, he combines his experience in academia and operations, as principal and founder of Solutions International, providing independent management consulting, facilitation and training to philanthropic institutions, non profit organizations and government entities.

He has served as Legal Officer with both the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the UN World Health Organization (WHO), AIDS Program. Before joining the UN, he was a staff attorney at Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, serving as Director of the Southeast Asian Refugee Project, providing free legal aid to low-income immigrants and refugees in Philadelphia. He is also past founding director of the Liberty Center for Survivors of Torture, a project of Lutheran Children and Family Services, established to serve newcomers fleeing human rights violations. He is a graduate of Loyola, Georgetown, Antioch and Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation.



# Leslie Chingang, Deputy Chief of Party, Key Intervention to Develop Systems and Services for OVC in Cameroon (KIDSS) Project, Catholic Relief Services Cameroon

Leslie Chingang works in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Cameroon program as the Deputy Chief of Party for the USAID/PEPFAR funded- Key Intervention to Develop Systems and Services for OVC in Cameroon (KIDSS) project. KIDSS is a 5-year initiative (2014-2019) providing comprehensive services to children infected or affected by HIV and their families. Leslie is leading the implementation of the integrated Early Childhood Development program in

KIDSS. Dr. Chingang has demonstrated experience in OVC and HIV programming, qualitative, quantitative and epidemiological research methods. He is a medical doctor with 20 years of clinical work and community work. He is married with three daughters.



### Sandra Chipanta, Program Officer, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University

Sandra Chipanta has over six years of experience in the management and implementation of international development interventions in Africa (Benin, Niger, and Togo) and in Asia (Bangladesh and Nepal). She has worked in the areas of maternal, newborn, and child health, sexual and reproductive health, and HIV/AIDS. At IRH, Sandra manages the Fertility Awareness for Community Transformation (FACT) Project in Nepal and reviews French translations. Prior to joining IRH, she supported capacity building activities for social franchises in Francophone West Africa and Madagascar. Sandra obtained her BA from Mount Holyoke College and MPH from George Washington University. Originally from Togo, she is fluent in both French and Ewe.



# Victoria Chou, Assistant Scientist, Institute for International Programs (IIP), Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Victoria B. Chou is a faculty member in the Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She collaborates with partner organizations including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, and Jhpiego to conduct analyses using the Lives Saved Tool (LiST) and has provided advanced training and technical assistance for application of the evidence-based tool to governmental agencies, sponsored programs, and

international NGOs. Her previous work focused on capacity-building and estimating the impact of child survival and family planning interventions in USAID's maternal and child health (MCH) priority countries. She has extensive experience in basic science, clinical research, and global health with a background which includes a MS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and a PhD in International Health. Her dissertation research was conducted as a Fulbright fellow and she has lived and worked in Uganda, Nepal, and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).



# Loretta Claiborne, Athlete, Special Olympics

Loretta is a world-class runner and gifted motivational speaker, as well as a Special Olympics Atlete and a person who has an intellectual disability. Loretta has recieved two honorary doctorate degrees (Quinnipiac University in 1995 and Villanova University in 2003); completed 26 marathons with her best time 3:03, finishing in the top 100 women of the Boston Marathon. She is also the 1996 ESPY Award-Arthur Ashe Award for Courage recipient, communicates in 4 languages and is fluent in American Sign Language. She was inductee into the Women in Sports Hall of Fame and

Special Olympics Pennsylvania Hall of Fame. Loretta spoke to the U.S. Congress as well as hundreds of other groups and organizations and introduced President Clinton at the 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games. She has also appeared twice on the Oprah Show.



# Frank Conlon, Director, CORE Group Polio Project

Mr. Frank Conlon, MS, has extensive management experience, most recently as Director of the CORE Group Polio Project. Under his leadership, the program has expanded from 3 to now 6 countries. CGPP has attracted funding from USAID and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and has grown from \$6M per year to the current \$15M. He has excelled as Chief of Party in Tanzania, Haiti, Nigeria, and Kenya for a consortium (AIDSRelief) that provided high quality HIV care and treatment to under-served populations. Mr. Conlon was executive director of Partners for

Development, where he established the organization's first-ever multi-year strategic plan and budget. Along with daily management, Mr. Conlon has experience handling the fluctuating and sometimes urgent nature of field work – as a leader in Lutheran World Relief in Africa, and as Peace Corps Country Director of the Comoros Islands and of Gabon. In addition, Mr. Conlon has a strong record of piloting projects, establishing standards, mentoring, and collaborating with local and national government and non-government representatives, volunteers, partner agencies, donors, and international news media. He is fluent in French and Hausa, and has both a BS and MS in Forest Management from the University of Maine.



### Gwyneth Cotes, Director, Global Initiatives, SPRING, Helen Keller International, @Gwyneth\_Cotes

Gwyneth Cotes is a public health professional specializing in multi-sectoral approaches to improving maternal and child nutrition. As Director of Global Initiatives at the SPRING project, she is responsible for SPRING's global technical division, managing four teams: anemia, agriculture, social and behavior change, and systems-strengthening. She has 15 years' experience managing and designing development programs globally, and has lived and worked in Eritrea, Ghana, Sudan, and Malawi. In addition, Gwyneth currently serves as a co-chair of the CORE Group Nutrition Working Group.



### Pilar Charle Cuellar, iCCM and Nutrition Coordinator, Action Against Hunger

Pilar Charle Cuellar is part of the health and nutrition department from Action Against Hunger (AAH) Spain. She is a medical doctor with a Masters in Public Health and Tropical Parasitology. She has worked in the humanitarian context for more than 12 years with different Non-Government Organizations such as MSF and AAH, and in the governmental sector (Spanish Agency of International Cooperation). For seven years she has worked in public health and nutrition programs, specifically in African countries (Angola, Republic Democratic Congo, Centro African

Republic and Equatorial Guinea). From 2013 to 2016, she was an adviser for the Sahel area (Mali, Niger, Mauritania and Senegal) in AAH Madrid headquarters. Since 2017 she served as the focal point for International AAH in Integrated Case Community Management (iCCM) and nutrition interventions.



# Dora Curry, Senior Technical Advisor, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, Sexual and Reproductive Health in Emergencies, CARE USA

Dora Ward Curry currently serves as Senior Advisor for Program Effectiveness in CARE-USA's Sexual, Reproductive and Maternal Health team, where she leads monitoring and learning efforts for program effectiveness in crisisaffected settings. For five years, she led CARE's global technical support to the CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP), which coordinated civil society organization's support to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Shortly after receiving

her Master's of Public Health from Emory University, Ms. Curry was involved in the early stages of the CGPP and later implemented child health programming in Latin America and Southern Africa, including for a USAID Child Survival Grant child health and HIV/AIDS project. She has had the privilege to work with leaders and communities in a wide range of settings from rural Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa, to refugee camps and host communities in southern Chad, and from flood-affected, rural communities in Pakistan to urban slums in Angola. Atlanta, Georgia, USA is her home base and her hometown.



# Nana Dagadu, Senior Research Officer, Passages Project, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University,

Nana Dagadu, MPH, is a Senior Research Officer and Instructor at Georgetown University's Institute for Reproductive Health (IRH). At IRH, she is responsible for supporting Monitoring, Learning, and Evaluation, research, and technical assistance efforts across projects. She obtained an MPH with a concentration in Reproductive Health and International Health and Development from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and

has over nine years of experience designing and implementing sustainable development and sexual and reproductive health programs in sub-Saharan Africa and the US. Nana's current research focuses on transforming social norms to prevent gender-based violence, eliminate health disparities, and empower adolescents throughout the life course. She is most enthused by her work documenting systematic approaches of scaling up evidence-based programs that expand reproductive choice and improve lives globally.



# Jessica Daly, Senior Portfolio Lead for Chronic Care at Medtronic Foundation

Jessica Daly, MPH, is the Senior Portfolio Lead for Chronic Care at Medtronic Foundation, where she leads global programs and strategy to expand access to care for chronic conditions like diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Previously, Jessica led strategic partnerships for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Center for Global Health, and as the Director of Private Sector Engagement at the Office of the US Global AIDS Coordinator. In this capacity she led public-private partnerships that leveraged over \$40 million annually in investments from multi-

national corporations and other private sector entities for the global AIDS response (PEPFAR). She started her career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala. Jessica holds a BA from Wesleyan University and an MPH from the Johns Hopkins.



# Serigne Mbaye Diene, Technical Advisor Nutrition and Infectious Diseases, Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III Project (FANTA), FHI 360

Dr. Diene has more than 40 years of experience working in public health nutrition, including 22 years with AED/FHI 360. Before joining FANTA, Dr. Diene worked for 8 years for the USAID-funded BASICS I and II projects as West and Central Africa Regional Nutrition Advisor based in Dakar/Senegal and as Nutrition Team Leader based in Arlington/Virginia. He was seconded to Helen Keller International in 2005 and 2007 to provide technical support to the MOST

project and USAID/OFDA in the areas of micronutrients, nutrition and HIV, food security, and emergency programs for West Africa. His technical expertise includes program planning and evaluation in public health and nutrition, food security, and community development. Dr. Diene holds a PhD in nutrition from Cornell University and an MPH in nutritional epidemiology from Tulane University, as well as a Diploma of Specialized Studies (DESS) in public health and nutrition from the University of Paris Sorbonne/France. He speaks English French and Wolof.



### Rebecca Dirks, Technical Officer and NCD Lead, FHI 360

Rebecca Dirks, M.A., is a public health expert with experience in public health project management, technical assistance, business development, and assessments of health and social service programs. Rebecca Dirks serves as a Technical Advisor at FHI 360 in Washington, D.C., where she provides technical leadership and project management for FHI 360's noncommunicable disease (NCD) initiative. She is the Project Director for the Abundant Health Project, a community-based hypertension and diabetes project in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. She also serves

as a Technical Advisor for the Community Hypertension Improvement Project (ComHIP) in Ghana. Rebecca is experienced in the areas of communicable and non-communicable disease, including the integration of HIV and NCD service delivery.



# Keith Dokho, Senior Technical Advisor, Public-Private Partnerships, World Vision

Keith Dokho leads World Vision's efforts to create shared value partnerships with local and multinational companies in conjunction with grants from the US government, multilateral donors, and selected foundations. He empowers and equips World Vision country offices to undertake innovative, practical, and scalable collaborations with businesses to advance the success of field programs by developing tools for partnership development, structuring, and management. Keith also oversees strategic planning for private sector collaboration and monitors the effectiveness of corporate collaborations across World Vision's partnership portfolio.



### Mychelle Farmer, Chief Medical Officer, Advancing Synergy, @drmychelle

Mychelle Farmer is a pediatrician with subspecialty training in adolescent medicine. She has extensive experience with global adolescent health programs and public health. She is the Chief Medical Officer for Advancing Synergy, an organization that seeks to improve access to technology and research for the prevention and control of NCDs. Currently, she focuses on the integration of non-communicable disease (NCD) screening and prevention into primary care and community-based settings. She is an active member of the Governing Council for NCD Child, the

NCD Roundtable, the Global Health Council, and the International Association of Adolescent Health. She has a strong commitment to innovative adolescent health services that are culturally relevant and technically excellent.



### Allison Annette Foster, Senior Advisor for HRH and Health Systems, IntraHealth International

Allison Annette Foster brings more than 20 years of experience in health systems strengthening and health workforce development. Foster has worked at national level in health systems and HRH strategic planning and policy development with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in the Americas, and at the local level through USAID funded projects in Africa, Asia, and India. Currently Foster works with IntraHealth International where she aims to improve access to quality primary health services and advance UHC.



### Paul Freeman, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Global Health, University of Washington

Paul Freeman, DrPH (Johns Hopkins), MBBS, MHP(ED) MPH (TH), has over 4 decades of experience in the design, management, implementation and evaluation of national and regional health programs as well as human capacity building from national and University to community levels. He has worked in 14 developing countries. He lived in remote indigenous communities in Australia for 6 years and in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam and other developing countries for 6 additional years. He particularly enjoys facilitating interactive workshops in the area of management,

and capacity building. He is an independent consultant and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Washington. He was Chair of the International Health Section of the American Public Health Association in 2012 and 2013. He and Dr. Henry Perry worked over a decade on the "Comprehensive Review of the Evidence Regarding the Effectiveness of Community-based Primary Health Care in Improving Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health."



### Debora B. Freitas López, Director, Chemonics International, @Chemonics, @debofreitas

Debora B. Freitas López has over fifteen years of experience in global health. She has led or taken part in designing, implementing, and monitoring and evaluation multilevel initiatives for social and behavioral changes in health and other sectors. Through her work and consultancies with international development organizations and donor entities, she has supported establishment of sound SBC initiatives for specific social issues and strengthened capacity of stakeholders, decision- and policy-makers, among others, so that they are better-prepared to address challenges

in their nations. As a Director in the Global Health Division, she serves as the SBC point person, providing leadership and technical expertise and support to current and future projects across Chemonics to ensure technical integrity. She has served on various local and national boards. Currently, she is a SBC Working Group co-chair for CORE Group. She holds a MS in health evaluation sciences/ epidemiology from the University of Virginia.



### Lynette Friedman, Independent

Lynette Friedman, MPH, is an independent consultant committed to strengthening organizational collaboration and strategic planning. Her work focuses on analyzing the knowledge and evidence base around key technical issues and designing and facilitating meetings, conferences, and workshops where diverse individuals and organizations can work together to solve common problems and improve community-based programming. Lynette was previously the Deputy Director of CORE Group, where she supported the member organizations to share effective community-based approaches, facilitated organizational collaboration to reach more children, and brought member's

community-based perspectives into policy dialogues. Lynette's background includes management of community development and community outreach programs with the Texas Department of Health, facilitation of health planning efforts with VISTA programs in Texas, and development of organizational partnerships at international and U.S. levels. Lynette is a certified practitioner in the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator.



### **Christy Gavitt, Independent**

Christy Gavitt is a global health consultant with expertise in multiple aspects of community health, including noncommunicable diseases, HIV and AIDS, MCH, and humanitarian relief. She started her 32-year overseas career with Peace Corps/South Korea and subsequently worked for 18 years in nine countries with CARE-USA in emergency and development programs. Later, she did consultancies in Somaliland, Mali, Togo, and North Korea and worked in Tanzania as the Country Director of the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. After moving to the US, she was

the Senior Health Coordinator for the American Red Cross, providing technical leadership and support for Red Cross-funded health programs worldwide. Christy has worked as a consultant for Medair in Lebanon and for the IFRC/Geneva. She is a member of the NCD Roundtable, Washington, DC. Christy has a Master's in International Administration from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, and an MPH from Tulane University.



# Bette Gebrian, Grand Anse Special Women's Health Program, Grand Anse Health and Development Association

Bette has spent the last 30 years living and working in rural Haiti. She combines nursing, public health and medical anthropology to provide health services through community participation. Her work with families has shifted in the last 6 years from infectious diseases and maternal and newborn/child health to non-communicable diseases that affect women including breast cancer and iodine deficiency disorder. She is working to create a public-private

partnership including a locally-based NGO, the government hospital and surgical unit, international breast health providers and their Haitian counterparts. It is a challenge considering that breast cancer is not noted in government monthly reports, there is no cancer registry, the essential medicine list does not include breast cancer pharmaceuticals (tamoxifen and arimidex) and the world view of breast cancer in the family is not yet fully understood. She is on the faculty of the University of Connecticut Department of Community Medicine



# Kristina Granger, SBCC Manager, SPRING, The Manoff Group, @krgranger

Kristina Granger is a social and behavior change specialist with proven expertise in designing, implementing, evaluating, and managing behavior-centered interventions to improve maternal, infant, and young child nutrition (MIYCN). She is experienced working across sectors to integrate WASH, reproductive health, early childhood development, agriculture, and nutrition. She has worked on curriculum and materials development for a number of MIYCN training packages used in Haiti, India, Niger, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Bangladesh. In her

role as SBCC Manager on the SPRING Project, Kristina also leads the development of SBCC program strategies; community media approaches to nutrition SBCC; as well as designing and leading research on WASH and nutrition. Kristina has a diverse background in marketing and communications, project management, and MIYCN and has her MPH in Global Health Communication from George Washington University.



# Marcia Griffiths, President, The Manoff Group

Marcia Griffiths, President of The Manoff Group (TMG), is a global leader in social and behavior change programming to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of health and nutrition investments. She has served as TMG president for 25 years, and as a senior advisor in social and behavior change and communications/social marketing for numerous USAID, World Bank, and government programs. She is recognized for her ability to elevate the voice of program participants in program design and implementation, for her strategic programming skills and innovation

in solving recurring resistances to the practice of health-promoting behaviors. Ms. Griffiths is also well known for her work with community-based volunteers as facilitators of household and community dialogue, decision-making and pro-health improvement. She developed Behavior-Centered Programming, a strategic framework for analyzing critical behavioral and social change elements through an ecological approach.



# Danielle Heiberg, Senior Advocacy Manager, Global Health Council, @daniheiberg

Danielle Heiberg is the Senior Advocacy Manager at Global Health Council (GHC). In this role, she manages GHC's domestic and global advocacy strategy and coordinates GHC's relationship with the global health advocacy community. She oversees GHC's appropriations and legislative work; manages the publication of "The Global Health Briefing Book" and other advocacy resources; and coordinates the work of several thematic roundtables. Prior to joining GHC, she was a Senior Program Associate at InterAction, where she was responsible for managing thematic

working groups on global health, food security and agriculture, and climate and development. Danielle also managed communications and outreach for NGO Aid Map, an initiative to map the work of InterAction members. Previously, she worked in the Public Policy office of Yahoo and in the Congressional and Public Affairs office of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent federal agency. She also worked on Capitol Hill for Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). Danielle holds a BA in International Relations from Mills College.



### John Hembling, Senior Technical Advisor Health Evaluation and Research, Catholic Relief Services

John Hembling is the Senior Technical Advisor for Health Evaluation and Research. In this position he provides technical leadership in research and monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning associated with the agency's health programming. John is currently spearheading multiple rigorous evaluations of CRS' early childhood development programming in multiple countries in Africa. Prior to joining CRS, John served as a Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. In this capacity, John worked

on multiple projects, including MEASURE Evaluation. Before completing his graduate work at Tulane, John coordinated health and environmental education programming at the Gads Hill Community Center in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. He is fluent in written and oral Spanish and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nicaragua (1999-2002). John is originally from Oak Park, IL and received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University.



# Brad Herbert, Managing Director, Brad Herbert Associates

Brad Herbert has over 30 years of experience in international development with a focus in the social sectors including health and education. Mr. Herbert was with the World Bank for 27 years where he spent the majority of his tenure based in developing countries. In 2002, he left the World Bank to join and help establish the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDs, TB and Malaria. At the Global Fund, Brad was the Chief of Operations, with the equivalent rank of Assistant Secretary General at the World Health Organization (WHO) and was responsible for their multi-billion

grant program in over 130 countries. As a result of years of development experience and leadership roles, Brad brings a practical, results-oriented approach to program policy, development, and accelerated implementation of health and education projects. Brad holds a BA in business administration from the University of Maryland and an MBA from George Washington University.



### Phyllis Heydt, Vice-President, UN Special Envoy for Health

Phyllis Heydt is a Vice-President at the Office of the UN Special Envoy for Health, and the Global Health Alliance. She focuses on frontline health delivery systems. As part of her current role, she co-founded the Aspen Management Partnership for Health and co-chairs its Advisory Board, and co-founded the Financing Alliance for Health. Phyllis previously worked in the Strategy Team at the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria, and as an Engagement Manager in McKinsey's healthcare practice in Germany and London.



### Jahangir Hossain, Program Director – Health, CARE Bangladesh @CAREBDesh

Dr. Jahangir Hossain is a leading public health expert with over 25 years diversified experience in development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Reproductive Health (RH), Maternal and Newborn Health (MNH), and Nutrition programs in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Myanmar and Cambodia. Currently Dr. Hossain provides leadership and oversight supports to the health program of CARE Bangladesh. Dr. Hossain has hands on experiences to manage the life cycles (design, implementation and evaluation) of more than 20 MNH and RH projects including operation

research initiatives in developing country settings, which mostly focused on community health system. He is the pioneer to devise Community Support System (CmSS) model to foster societal partnership and Birth Planning to promote self-care and household preparedness for improving maternal and newborn health. Along with relevant stakeholders, he has been successful to influence the policy makers and practitioners in replicating these community based approaches/models through existing health structure and system in Bangladesh. Dr. Hossain is a registered physician having Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree from Dhaka University, Bangladesh, and MSc, Public Health in Developing Countries degree from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, UK.



# Kristin Hughes Srour, Director, Global Community Health Programs, Special Olympics, @hughes\_kristin

Kristin Hughes Srour, Director for Global Community Health Programs at Special Olympics International, leads Special Olympics' Healthy Communities initiative working to increase access to health care and improve health status for people with intellectual disabilities around the world. Prior to this role, Kristin served as Senior Manager for Communications and Marketing at Special Olympics International. Before joining Special Olympics, she served at the U.S. Department of State working on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and at the White

House in the Policy Development Office focusing on disability issues and HIV/AIDS and as a member of the White House Presidential Advance team. Kristin graduated from Bucknell University with a B.A. in International Relations and holds an M.B.A. from the University of Notre Dame.



# Susan Igras, Senior Technical Advisor, Passages Project, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University

Currently a Senior Technical Advisor at the Institute for Reproductive Health, Susan has over 25 years of experience in international health and development focused mostly in Africa. With an eye towards scale up, Susan has collaborated with NGOs and different Ministries to explore and evaluate programs addressing social determinants of sexual and reproductive health and their linkage to adult and adolescent behavior change. Her work has centered

on community-based programming using dialogical approaches to foster change. Committed to gender and social equity and the use of evaluation and research for program improvement, she has led the development of formative assessment tools using PLA approaches, including a social network mapping tool to engage communities in identifying and analysing influential social network actors to catalyse normative change. Within Passages, Susan is overseeing development of a community-centered social norms exploration tool referenced in this workshop.



### Leia Isanhart, Senior Technical Advisor, Catholic Relief Services

Leia Isanhart is Senior Technical Advisor for Health at Catholic Relief Services. She currently supports the agency's health system strengthening strategy and disability inclusion. She serves as the coordinator for CRS' global partnership with Special Olympics International to expand health access for people with intellectual disabilities. Over the past 12 years, Leia has worked in various technical and management roles with CRS on HIV treatment, SGBV, home-based care programs in Tanzania, Rwanda, Zambia, and Benin. She served in Peace Corps in Burkina

Faso and holds an MPH in Behavioral Sciences and Health Education from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health.



### Scott Jackson, President & CEO, Global Impact

Scott Jackson is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Global Impact. A global development, fundraising and marketing veteran with more than 20 years of experience, Jackson provides leadership, direction and oversight for all aspects of the organization, which has raised \$1.8 billion since inception to help the world's most vulnerable people. Previously, Jackson served as Vice President for External Relations at PATH, as Senior Vice President of World Vision US and as President of APCO Seattle. He sits on boards and advisory councils of several nonprofits.

Mr. Jackson received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Edinburgh. He also holds a bachelor's degree and an honorary doctorate from the University of Puget Sound.



# Patricia Jodrey, Child Health Senior Advisor and Team Lead, Child Health and Immunization Division, Office of Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition, USAID

Dr. Patricia Jodrey currently serves as a Senior Advisor and Team Lead for Child Health at USAID. Patricia has over 30 years of experience in child health, TB and malaria. She worked with MSH as a Deputy Director for Technical Strategy and Capacity Improvement for the Pharmaceuticals and Health Technologies Group, and as Technical Director of the first Grant Management Solutions project, supporting countries receiving Global Fund grants. Patricia worked

previously at USAID as Senior Advisor for Global Health in the research area and in the introduction of new technologies. In the 1990s, she served as adviser to the Minister of Health of Peru to establish a partnership with communities to improve oversight of investments. She holds a MD from the University of San Marcos, Lima, a DrPH from the JHU Bloomberg School of Public Health, and an MSc from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



# Maureen Kapiyo, Program Manager, THRIVE II, THRIVE Project, Catholic Relief Services East African Region

Maureen Kapiyo is coordinating the implementation of the THRIVE Project in Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi. THRIVE is an integrated early childhood development project targeting pregnant women and caregivers of children below two years. Maureen provides technical backstopping to both CRS and her partners implementing the project in the three countries. she has well developed competencies in rights based and gender responsive programming

and has implemented various projects for over 10 years. Her experience revolves around providing oversight in conception, design, implementation, M&E and learning. She has an education background by training with experience in child development and health related programming. Maureen also represents CRS in the African ECD network.



# Dyness Kasungami, Senior Child Health Adviser, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, John Snow, Inc.

Dr. Dyness Kasungami is a public health physician with 17 years of experience managing reproductive, maternal and child health programs. She works for John Snow Inc. as a child health technical adviser for USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program. Dyness is an advocate for child health with special interest in health systems strengthening, collaborating across organizations involved in child health across the continuum of care from community to the

hospital. For the past five years, Dyness leads the Secretariat of the global Task Force on Integrated Case Management of Childhood illness. The Task Force has led several efforts to raise the visibility of child health including resource mobilization for case management of diarrhea, malaria and pneumonia, the leading causes of death in children under-five in most low income countries



# Anthony Kisanga, Director, South Sudan Secretariat, CORE Group Polio Project

Anthony Kisanga holds Master's degrees in Health Services Management and Monitoring & Evaluation, including Post-graduate Diploma in Monitoring & Evaluation. He is a Public Health Specialist with over 12 years' experience. Prior to joining CORE Group Polio Project as Secretariat Director; Kisanga worked with Population Services International as a Malaria and Child Survival Program Manager in South Sudan, he also worked with GOAL Ireland as a Community Health Officer in Blue Nile State-Sudan and a Project Coordinator with Southern Sudan Onchocerciasis

Taskforce for Eastern and Central Equatoria States. He managed TB/Leprosy Program, Community Directed Treatment with Ivermectin, Community Health Program, Malaria, Child Survival and Polio Eradication Programs. He understands several donor policies notably USAID, Global Fund, Gates Foundation, DFID and worked closely with the Ministry of Health, WHO, UNICEF, JSI, CDC-Afenet in South Sudan. He lives in South Sudan and is married with three children.



# Tara Kovach, Technical Advisor, Advocacy, and Social and Behavior Change, Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III (FANTA) Project, FHI 360, @TaraKovach

Tara Kovach, MPH, has 17 years of experience in the development and implementation of social and behavior change (SBC) programs - with a focus on advocacy - in maternal and child health and nutrition, family planning, reproductive health, and infectious disease prevention. Tara has a Master's of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University with a dual focus on maternal/child health and health communication. Her expertise includes working with stakeholders

to develop consultative national and sub-national SBC strategies and operationalizing them with partners; planning and coordinating advocacy and media programs; designing and implementing country-level SBC interventions based on best practices; developing evidence-based tools and materials on SBC including conducting formative research and assessments; effectively translating technical information into practical guidance and context-specific materials for target audiences using cultural sensitivity; facilitating trainings and workshops using participatory methods; and conducting capacity strengthening activities for partners and government agencies.



# Naoko Kozuki, Technical Advisor, Health Research, International Rescue Committee, @nkozuki

Naoko Kozuki, MSPH, PhD, is the Technical Advisor for Health Research at the International Rescue Committee. She leads the organizational research priority of reducing under-five deaths through the use of community health workers, and is the organizational focal point for MNCH and nutrition research. She is currently the PI of a pilot study in South Sudan on low-literate community health workers delivering acute malnutrition treatment and the M&E lead for a coalition of NGOs testing the same protocol in different contexts. She is also the PI on an operational

research study in Somalia testing a protocol that combines treatment for moderate and severe acute malnutrition. She completed her Masters, Doctoral, and Postdoctoral training with the Department of International Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and currently serves as Associate Faculty for the same department. She has authored nearly 30 peer-reviewed publications, focusing on RMNCH in LMICs.



# Molly Kumwenda, Senior Program Manager, Catholic Relief Services Malawi

Molly Kumwenda has approximately 20 years of experience in managing projects and programs within the Health and Nutrition Sector including HIV/AIDS related projects. She has held various positions as HIV/AIDS coordinator, Project Officer, Project Manager, Senior programs manager. Molly currently is working with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Malawi country program office as Head of Health and Nutrition unit responsible for program development and grants management. She represents CRS in the National Nutrition Care, Support and Treatment Technical

Working Group. Molly holds a Master's Degree in Project Management, a Degree in Business Administration, advanced Diploma in Project Management, Diploma in Global Health, Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs. Under the Scaling Up Nutrition movement, she is a community mobilization trainer.

### Nazo Kureshy, Team Leader, Community Health Team, USAID



Ms. Kureshy guides community and civil society priorities for USAID's goal to end preventable child and maternal deaths through the Child Survival and Health Grants Program, the Integrating Community Health mechanism, USAID's flagship Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP), and for USAID/Pakistan. In this role, Ms. Kureshy provides strategic contributions to USAID's policy dialogue on partnerships with civil society organizations in the health sector with senior leadership in GH with other U.S. Government and with leadership among the PVOs, faith-

based organizations and other development partners such as UNICEF, WHO, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



### Karen LeBan, Independent

Karen serves as an international consultant on community health. In her tenure as the Executive Director of CORE Group from 2002 - 2015, she created a learning and knowledge management network among CORE Group members and partners that improved the health and well-being of some of the most vulnerable infants, children, mothers, and communities around the world. Karen provided strategic and operational leadership for the growth, visibility, and effectiveness of the network while authoring community health tools and journal articles. Karen has worked

in Bolivia, Maldive Islands, Sri Lanka and Thailand and has provided short-term technical and management support to community programs in Sub-Saharan Africa, south Asia, and Latin America/Caribbean through various positions with the USG and NGOs over the past 25 years. Karen holds Master's degrees from American University/National Training Laboratories and Southern Illinois University.



# Judy Lewis, Professor Emeritus, University of Connecticut School of Medicine

Judy Lewis is a public health sociologist in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center for over 40 years. She is Professor Emeritus of Community Medicine and Pediatrics. She has served in many leadership positions including president of the Global Health Education Consortium, chair of the APHA MCH Section International Health Committee, Co-Chair of APHA's new Global MCH Network and founding member of Women and Health: Together for the Future. Judy has worked with Dr. Bette Gebrian in rural Haiti for the past 30 years. Her

articles include, "The Health of Women/Mothers and Children," in the text Understanding Global Medicine and Health, as well several articles about maternal newborn and child health in Haiti, Ecuador and Sri Lanka. She has worked in over 40 countries conducting research, program evaluations and training. Judy served on the CORE Group Board of Directors 2008-2017, and as Chair for 6 years.



### Isabelle Lindenmayer, Senior Vice President, Rabin Martin

Isabelle has over 15 years of experience in designing and scaling public health programming, with expertise in noncommunicable diseases, HIV care and treatment and sexual and reproductive health. As a Senior Vice President at Rabin Martin, she leads the firm's non-communicable disease portfolio, with a focus on diabetes, hypertension and cancer care. Isabelle provides leadership for Rabin Martin's global access work, bringing her on-the-ground implementation experience to clients and overseeing a dynamic team responsible for program design and

implementation, access model development, and public-private partnerships. Before joining Rabin Martin, Isabelle drove strategy development for the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), including the establishment of the organization's first country program in Haiti where she served as Country Director. Isabelle holds a BS from Yale University and an MA from John Hopkins SAIS.

# Lee Losey, Deputy Director and Technical Lead, CORE Group Polio Project

Lee Losey has more than 25 years of experience working in International health and development starting as a Peace Corps Volunteer to Tanzania and working for the CDC, WHO, CRS, Save the Children, CARE International, Mercy Corps, the Chicago Department of Health and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Lee is a recognized leader in global polio eradication representing civil society at various global polio planning meetings. He is currently the Deputy Director and Technical Lead for the CORE Group Polio Project providing technical guidance and senior

leadership. The project is active in seven countries with more than fifty sub-grants to International and national Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Lee has a B.A, M.A., M.Phil and an MPH and speaks six languages. He lived and worked overseas for 15 years and travels extensively in support of global polio eradication.

### Zeina Makhoul, Nutrition Scientist, SPOON, @SPOONFoundation



Zeina has worked in international nutrition for more than 10 years. She is currently working with SPOON as a Nutrition Scientist, designing assessment and intervention tools to improve nutritional status and promote safe feeding for children living outside of permanent family care and children with disabilities. Zeina has conducted trainings and implemented programs in institutions and foster care systems in Asia, Africa and the Americas. Before coming to SPOON, she worked at Fred Hutch in Seattle, WA, leading several research studies investigating the role

of nutrition in HIV-associated malignancies in Uganda. She is a Registered Dietitian and holds a PhD in Nutritional Sciences with a focus on international nutrition.



### Elena McEwan, Senior Technical Advisor Maternal and Child Health, Catholic Relief Services

Elena McEwan, pediatrician by training, with 29 years of experience in various national and international public health service positions, has worked with the Ministry of Health and non-governmental organizations in areas such as management, human resources development, program support, monitoring and evaluation, and institutional strengthening. Since 2006, Dr. McEwan has served as the Senior Technical Adviser for Maternal and Child Health and technical backstop for the global maternal and child health and early childhood development projects in Catholic

Relief Services. She provides technical assistance to the CRS and local partners to develop proposals, implementation plans, behavior change strategies, and supports in designing baselines, evaluations and operation research. She also represents CRS in global forums related to maternal and child health and early childhood development.



# Diwakar Mohan, Assistant Scientist, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Diwakar Mohan is a physician by training, with a Doctorate in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He is an Assistant Scientist with International Institute for Programs within the Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Currently, he is the technical lead for the development of Implementation Strength and Quality of Care tools for the RADAR project. He has 12 years of in-country experience in Africa and Asia with a thematic focus on outcomes research and impact evaluations.

His interests are in evidence based policy and practice in public health programs, with a focus on the use of quantitative methods. He focuses on design and implementation of studies in Maternal, Newborn & Child Health. He plays a strong role in supporting the monitoring and evaluation of digital health programs and their integration into community-based service delivery.



# Melanie Morrow, Community Health and Civil Society Engagement Team Lead, USAID's Maternal & Child Survival Program, ICF

Melanie Morrow is a global health practitioner with expertise in multiple aspects of community health, including community mobilization, social and behavior change communication, monitoring and evaluation, and maternal and child health interventions. Ms. Morrow joined ICF in 2013 and leads the Community Health and Civil Society Engagement Team on USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program. Prior to joining ICF, Ms. Morrow spent 13

years in health technical and leadership roles at World Relief and served as an interim technical advisor on gender violence at USAID Tanzania. She was a Rainer Arnhold Fellow for her work on Care Groups and collaborated with the Ministry of Health of Colombia as a Fulbright Scholar. Ms. Morrow has a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University and a B.A. in anthropology with a minor in biology from the College of William and Mary.



# Mary Kandikole Mpinda, Maternal Child Health and Nutrition Technical Integration Lead, Catholic Relief Services Malawi

Mary works with Catholic Relief Services in Malawi as Maternal Child Health and Nutrition Technical Integration Lead for the USAID Food for Peace funded United in Building and Advancing Life Expectations (UBALE) project. In this role, Mary provides overall leadership and guidance to UBALE project's consortium members on maternal and child health and nutrition interventions, ensuring consistent, high quality implementation, effective integration with

the other program sectors and strong linkages with line ministries and other implementers in the UBALE targeted districts. Mary holds a Bachelor of Science (Health Science Education) degree, a Diploma in Nursing, and University Certificate in Midwifery and is currently in the final stages of her Master of Public Health degree (finalizing thesis reviews). She has more than 20 years' experience working in maternal child health and nutrition, HIV and AIDS and general reproductive health programming, grants management and research working with Government health system, Government Trust organizations and INGOs.



# Gabrielle Nguyen, Reproductive Health Specialist, Save the Children

Gabrielle (Gaby) Nguyen is a Reproductive Health Specialist at Save the Children, providing technical and management support to the USAID Fertility Awareness for Community Transformation (FACT) project in Nepal and Johnson & Johnson-funded portfolio of Maternal & Newborn Health programs in Malawi, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Nigeria. She also provides technical support to programs in Vietnam, Indonesia, and Myanmar to mobilize communities for health and social change. Gaby has an M.P.H. in Global Health from the George Washington University and speaks French and Vietnamese.



### Jennifer Nielsen, Senior Nutrition Advisor, Helen Keller International, @JNielsen\_HKI

Jennifer Nielsen received her AB from Harvard, an MA from the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, and a PhD in International Health and Human Nutrition from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. As Senior Nutrition Advisor for Helen Keller International since 2006, she provides technical guidance to country programs in sub-Saharan Africa and in Asia and the Pacific on the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive strategies. HKI's nutrition portfolio is guided by the Essential

Nutrition Actions-Essential Hygiene Actions framework, which integrates nutrition interventions into platforms ranging from health clinics to agriculture, WASH and education and promotes appropriate social and behavior change. HKI builds the capacity of local government and community partners to assume long-term responsibility for these programs. From 2010-2014 she served as co-chair of the Nutrition Working Group of CORE Group and currently serves on the Board of Directors.



### Ellyn Ogden, Worldwide Polio Eradication Coordinator, USAID

Ellyn W. Ogden, MPH has been the Worldwide Polio Eradication Coordinator and Technical Director for the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and a Senior Technical Advisor for Health and Child Survival since 1997. She is responsible for the USAID's \$59 million annual polio eradication that works in over 25 countries in Africa, South Asia, and the Near East. Recognizing the need for equity and access to health services for all children, Ms. Ogden has directed special attention to children in conflict countries and among marginalized or under-served

communities. A graduate of the Tulane (B.A. International Relations) and the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (MPH Epidemiology and Infectious Disease Control), Ellyn has nearly 30 years of international public health experience in the areas of child survival, disease prevention and control, health communication, and health and human rights. During her career, Ms. Ogden has served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Papua New Guinea and as a John's Hopkins University Health and Child Survival Fellow with USAID's Latin America Bureau. Ms. Ogden is a Member of the Polio Eradication Regional Certification Committee for Europe. In 2008, Ms. Ogden received USAID's Award for Heroism for her successful efforts to negotiate "Ceasefires and Days of Tranquility" in several conflict countries in Africa and Asia. She is also the recipient of Rotary International's prestigious Paul Harris Fellows Award for Humanitarian Service.



# Jane Otai, Adolescent Health Advisor, Jhpiego

Jane Otai has over 20 years of experience working with adolescents and youth living in low resource settings, including several years of social research in HIV and adolescent sexual and reproductive health, in her role as Jhpiego's Program Advisor in Adolescent Health. Ms. Otai has extensive experience with project design and development to promote youth engagement and leadership.

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# Susan Otchere, Project Lead, HTSP, RH/FP Projects, World Vision US

Ms. Susan Otchere currently serves as the Project Lead on healthy timing and spacing of pregnancies, reproductive health and family planning programs at World Vision US. For the past three years, Susan managed a multi-country grant on advocacy and birth spacing funded by the Gates Foundation. She is a certified nurse-midwife with over 25 years of experience designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating integrated programs along the community-to-health services continuum in MNCH, FP/RH/HIV, governance and economic growth initiatives in Sub-Saharan

Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Susan previously worked with Save the Children and with Cardno Emerging Markets Ltd., a for-profit industry where she spent five years. Ms. Otchere's work in Ghana, Mali and Vietnam resulted in national policy changes in MCH and emergency obstetric care services.

### Dan Palazuelos, Senior Health and Policy Advisor for Community Health Systems, Partners In Health



In addition to holding a variety of roles as a clinician-educator at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Dr. Palazuelos is the Senior Health and Policy Advisor for Community Health Systems at Partners In Health (PIH) and the Co-founder/Chief Strategist of PIH-Mexico. Dr. Palazuelos aims to train global health clinicians to understand the perspectives of those they serve, and to design exemplary health systems that are aligned with the real needs of people living in the poorest and most difficult circumstances.



# Henry Perry, Senior Scientist, Health Systems Program, Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Dr. Henry Perry is a Senior Scientist with more than four decades of experience working in the areas of global health, primary health care, community health, program monitoring and evaluation, health services research, and human resources for health. He worked with Dr. Paul Freeman over the past decade on the recently completed "Comprehensive Review of the Evidence Regarding the Effectiveness of Community-based Primary Health Care in

Improving Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health." He is the author of more than 150 reports and articles and has worked in more than 25 countries, including long-term assignments in Bolivia, Bangladesh and Haiti. He is the founder of the NGO Curamericas Global, one of the founding members of CORE Group, and a former member of the Board of Directors of CORE Group.



# E. Anne Peterson, Senior Vice President, Global Programs, Americares

Dr. E. Anne Peterson, MD, MPH, was previously Assistant Administrator of USAID's Global Health Bureau, Virginia State Health Commissioner, consultant for CDC and WHO, research professor at George Washington University and Vice Dean for the Ponce Health Sciences University. She currently directs all Americares health programs, increasing access to quality clinical care and building transforming health programs in mental health, chronic disease and health systems globally. The Emergency Response Program and Access to Medicine Program supplied \$2 billion worth of lifesaving medicines, medical supplies and medical care to more than 90 countries in FY17.



# Joseph Petraglia, Senior Advisor for Behavior Change, Pathfinder International

Joseph Petraglia, PhD., is Senior Advisor for Behavior Change for Pathfinder International. Joseph specializes in behavior change and learning theory. Prior to joining Pathfinder, he worked as a behavior change consultant and visiting scientist for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and as faculty in the rhetoric and cognitive science programs at the Georgia Institute of Technology. The author of several books and articles, Joseph's research centers on target populations' perspectives on what is "authentic" information: information that individuals

recognize as useful in understanding themselves and their circumstances as they relate to health. As part of the authentication process, Joseph's work in behavior change emphasizes extensive both the use of narrative (in the form of dramatic stories), dialogue, and participatory approaches. Additional areas of interest include adaptive management, accommodating complexity and context in program evaluation, and theories of implementation.

### Jerome Pfaffmann, Health Specialist, Child Health Unit, UNICEF

Jerome Pfaffmann is a health specialist at UNICEF headquarters in New York and is responsible for all community health matters. Prior to this position, he held leadership roles at UNICEF's West Africa regional office and at UNICEF Nigeria. He is the author of extensive works on community health and on integrated Community Case Management (iCCM). Prior to his work at UNICEF, Jerome was a Project Manager at the Intercaribbean Partnership for Maternal and Child Health and a Medical Coordinator, Doctors of the World UK and France. Jerome holds a Masters Degree chool of Hygiane and Tropical Medicine

from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



# Gogontlejang Phaladi, Youth Constituency Lead, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (PMNCH), @GogontlejangP

Gogontlejang Phaladi is an African woman leader who believes that a world free of poverty, with equity and dignity, is possible if youth become change agents in the development agenda. Gogontlejang is Executive Director of the Gogontlejang Phaladi Pillar of Hope Project (GPPHP), an NGO she founded 10 years ago to serve orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV in Botswana. She is a Board Member of the Global Partnership for Maternal,

Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), where she leads the Youth Constituency. Gogontlejang has played a leadership role in many groups: African Youth and Adolescents Network (AfriYAN), African Union High Level Advisory Group on Humanitarian Effectiveness in Africa, Botswana Presidential Task Team of Vision 2036, UNICEF Botswana Child Ambassador, WHO advisory group on Accelerated Action for the Health of Adolescents (AA-HA) Framework. Gogontlejang is a radio personality, motivational speaker, and undergraduate student. She mentors girls and women through an initiative dubbed #SIMI (She Is My Inspiration) and enjoys farming.



# Kevin Phelan, Nutrition Referent, The Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)

Kevin P.Q. Phelan, MSc, is the nutrition referent for the Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA). As part of ALIMA's Operational and Medical Support Unit, he develops and documents operational research and translates this research into improved practice. Before joining ALIMA, Kevin worked for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) for 13 years, most recently as the Nutrition Working Group Leader from 2013-2015. Previous field assignments include head of mission in South Sudan, crisis communications officer in Angola, Niger, Iraq, Haiti, Sudan (Darfur), and elsewhere. Kevin earned his Master's degree in nutrition science from Columbia University.



### Matt Price, Health Financing Advisor, Last Mile Health

Matt worked closely in Liberia with government, donor, UN, and NGO partners to develop evidence-based revisions to Liberia's Revised National Community Health Services Policy and Strategic Plan, which created Liberia's National Community Health Assistant Program. He played a significant role in mobilizing financing for Liberia's National Community Health Assistant Program, sustaining robust political commitment to institutionalize the program, and in synthesizing available evidence to inform policy implementation. Matt has spent more than a decade developing,

scaling, and evaluating health interventions across East, Southern and West Africa. With support from Harvard's University-wide Committee on General Scholarships' Caroline Cady Hewey Fund and the Department of Global Health and Population, Matt received a Master of Science degree in Global Health and Population from the Harvard School of Public Health. He serves on the Board of Directors of Universities Allied for Essential Medicines.



### Shannon Pryor, Family Planning/Reproductive Health Senior Specialist, Save the Children

Shannon joined Save the Children in August 2011 and is currently the FP & RH Senior Specialist. In her current role, she provides program management and technical support to FP and ASRH programs including the integration of family planning into other health and non-health programs. She is currently adapting Save the Children's Male Motivator approach for use with couples to improve couples communication around FP use. Before joining Save the Children, Shannon worked at Pathfinder International, where she supported a range of FP/RH, ASRH, and HIV

and AIDS programs and activities. Shannon holds a Bachelor's degree in Women's Studies from Union College and Master's degree in International Development Studies with a concentration in Global Health from the George Washington University.



### Serge Raharison, Senior Child Health Advisor, USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, John Snow, Inc.

Serge Raharison is currently the Senior Child Health Technical Officer for the Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP), USAID's flagship maternal, newborn and child health program. He provides leadership and technical direction in the development, implementation and documentation of child health programs at global and country levels. He supports ministries of health in child health related policies and strategies and manages MCSP's child

health interventions in Haiti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, and previously in Guinea, Liberia, Mali and Yemen. With more than 20 years of experience in public health programs, Serge has worked with organizations such as MSF, CARE, JSI and FHI360. In 2008, prior to joining MCSP, he has served as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health in Madagascar, his home country, providing oversight and strategic guidance to the health department. He is a graduate from the University of Antananarivo and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine



# Taufiqur Rahman, Vice President, Technical Unit, Americares

Taufiqur Rahman is the Vice President of Technical Unit at Americares, an emergency response and global health organization based in Connecticut. Taufiqur has worked for international NGOs, health financing organizations such as The Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, and UNITAID, and managed major health and education projects funded by USAID and private foundations in Bangladesh and Nepal. He also served as Regional Strategic Advisor for UNAIDS in MENA region and was head of UNAIDS program in Sudan. Taufique received a Masters degree in Business Administration and a BA in Economics from the University of Wisconsin.



### Alfonso Rosales, Maternal and Child Health Senior Technical Advisor, World Vision US

Dr. Alfonso Rosales has worked at field level in African, Asian and Latin American countries, as well as headquarters positions. For the last 20 years, he focused on Facility and Community IMCI, providing technical assistance to country programs. Likewise, he worked in the development of maternal and neonatal interventions for hard to reach communities in rural settings and in fragile state context. Dr. Rosales has published and presented several studies on strengthening health systems to provide essential health coverage among hard to reach populations of

women and children, including fragile state context. He served on the board of directors of CORE Group, and is currently chair of the Community-centered Health System Strengthening Working Group. Dr. Rosales graduated in medicine from National University of El Salvador and received his Masters of Public Health and Tropical Medicine from Tulane University.



### Julia Rosenbaum, Senior Behavior Change Specialist, WASHPals, FHI360

Julia Rosenbaum is an internationally recognized health behavior change specialist with extensive experience providing technical direction, project oversight and leadership for a variety of health issues, notably WASH, HIV, nutrition, dengue and child health. Currently, Rosenbaum serves as Senior Behavior Change Specialist for the USAID-funded WASHpals Project, where she leads a task on Hygienic Playspaces for Children, to build evidence-based programming guidance around the neglected pathways of the "F-Diagram". She has played a key leadership

role in integrating WASH into HIV, nutrition and education programming; developing key documents with USAID, WHO and UNICEF as well as pioneering country-level programming. She also contributes to the Malawi DREAM Innovation Challenge of keeping girls in secondary school to reduce HIV/AIDS.



### Leo Ryan, Senior Vice President, International Health and Development Division, ICF

Leo Ryan leads ICF's International Health and Development (IHD) Division, which includes a portfolio of projects that address global development priorities related to health design and implementation of effective community based health programs; health demographics; food security; monitoring, evaluation and survey research (including assessments of organizational effectiveness); health information systems strengthening support to local host-country institutions; and biodiversity and adaptive management. He has led major projects in these areas for

organizations including USAID, the Global Fund, GAVI, WHO, and the US Centers for Disease Control. He most recently facilitated the design and implementation of the country-led, multi-donor sponsored Institutionalizing Community Health Conference, held in Johannesburg, South Africa in March 2017.



### Harshad Sanghvi, Chief Medical Officer, Jhpiego

After receiving his medical and obstetrics and gynecology education in Kenya, Dr. Sanghvi completed postdoctoral training in both the United Kingdom and United States. As Vice President for Innovation and now Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Sanghvi is responsible for leading Jhpiego's technical and clinical approaches by designing and implementing effective, low-cost, hands-on solutions to strengthen the delivery of health care services for women and their families worldwide. He has extensive experience assisting more than 45 low-resource countries to adopt

evidence-based guidelines, design training systems, develop health leaders, scale up programs, and seek innovative solutions to improve the performance of health services for women. He is currently developing more effective labor decision support systems and a novel low-cost cryoablation technology and leading a global effort to make surgery safer. He is also leading an initiative to harness the private sector to accelerate the achievement of national public health goals.



# Eric Sarriot, Senior Health Systems Strengthening Advisor, Save the Children

Eric Sarriot, MD, is an old friend of CORE Group, having led the collaboration, which gave birth to the Sustainability Framework in 2000-2002, and which years later led to the creation of ICF's CEDARS Center, a community of practice and resources center dedicated on design and research in sustainable health and human development. Eric has 20+ years of field experiences—mostly in community health—in a number of African countries, but also Palestine and Israel, Nepal and Bangladesh. Most recently he led the Community Health and Civil Society Engagement team

of USAID's Flagship Maternal and Child Survival Program, and now he serves as Senior Health Systems Strengthening Advisor for Save the Children.



### Jennifer Schechter, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Hope Through Health

Jennifer Schechter, MSW, MPH, has been building innovative healthcare solutions since 2005, when she opened Hope Through Health's first rural HIV treatment center while serving as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in Togo. Since taking on the role of CEO in 2012, Ms. Schechter has helped to expand Hope Through Health's impact in the fight to end preventable deaths of women and children. Working in the marginalized nation of Togo, Hope Through Health collaborates with the Togolese Ministry of Health to implement and test proactive, integrated, community health

delivery innovations. The innovations developed by Hope Through Health and the Togolese Ministry of Health are contributing to the global movement to bring about systems-level change in the way primary healthcare is delivered. Under Ms. Schechter's leadership, Hope Through Health has been recognized by the Clinton Global Initiative and supported by a number of social impact investors. Ms. Schechter is a Rainer Arnhold Fellow with the Mulago Foundation, a recipient of the Sargent Shriver Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service and a recipient of the Cordes Fellowship. Ms. Schechter received a Bachelor of Science in International Politics from Georgetown University and Master's degrees of Social Work and Public Health from the University of Washington.



### Daniel Schensul, Global Agenda Technical Coordinator, Division for Governance and Multilateral Affairs, United Nations Population Fund

Daniel Schensul is Global Agenda Technical Coordinator in the Division of Governance and Multilateral Affairs of UNFPA, the UN Population Fund. In this role, he is responsible for technical support to national, regional and global implementation and review of major political processes including the 1994 Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

and the Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to this appointment, Daniel was a technical specialist in urbanization and environment for UNFPA and conducted a wide range of policy and program relevant research linked to these areas, emphasizing data analysis and action at the local level. Daniel received his PhD in Sociology from Brown University, where his dissertation focused on remaking urban areas in South Africa after the end of Apartheid.



# Janine Schooley, Senior Vice President, Programs, PCI

Ms. Schooley has served as the senior-most technical and programs staff at PCI since 2000. As Senior Vice President for Programs at PCI, she ensures integrated, quality programming for sustainable impact across PCI's global portfolio. Since 2007, she has been on faculty at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, teaching a course on social and behavior change. Ms. Schooley served as Secretary of the Board of the CORE Group from 2002-2011 as well as Co-Chair of the HIV/AIDS Working Group. She is again on the CORE Group Board as of 2014.



### Ryan Schwarz, Chief Operating Officer, Possible

Ryan Schwarz, MD, MBA is the Chief Operations Officer of Possible – a non-profit healthcare company working with Nepal's Ministry of Health building the country's first public private partnership for integrated healthcare delivery, and providing healthcare to over 150,000 patients per year through both facility and community-based services. More broadly, Possible works with MOH to shape the financial and regulatory framework necessary for PPP healthcare delivery to close the implementation gap in Nepal. Ryan is faculty at Harvard Medical School, Brigham & Women's

Hospital Division of Global Health Equity, Ariadne Labs, and is a practicing internal medicine and pediatrics physician at Massachusetts General Hospital's Chelsea Health Center. Ryan's research focuses on innovative healthcare systems design, implementation, and policy, for rural and marginalized populations, and he is the author of over twenty publications. Ryan completed his MD and MBA at Yale University, and completed his clinical training at Harvard University.



# Kavita Sethuraman, Senior Technical Advisor, Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition, Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III (FANTA) Project, FHI 360

Dr. Kavita Sethuraman has more than 20 years of experience working on nutrition advocacy and capacity building; maternal and child health and nutrition in community-based nutrition programs; policy-level analysis; program design and management and technical assistance in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the South Pacific. Before joining FHI 360, she spent 6 years working at an international nongovernmental organization, undertaking research on

the linkages between nutrition and gender in South Asia and West Africa. She conducted primary research in South India, looking at the association between women's empowerment and child growth. Her technical expertise includes qualitative and quantitative mixed method research, gender analysis, nutrition advocacy, and capacity building. She has a PhD in nutrition from the Centre for International Health and Development, Institute of Child Health, University College London, UK, and a master's in nutrition from the School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University.



### Sarah Shannon, Executive Director, Hesperian Health Guides, @Hesperian

As Executive Director of Hesperian Health Guides for the past 20 years, Sarah Shannon has been instrumental in developing accurate, reliable, and easy to understand health materials. She has substantial experience in "popular" health education and administering non-profit organizations, having worked for fifteen years in Central America, training CHWs and administering health programs in refugee camps and rural communities. She oversees the development of the new Where There Is No Doctor modules on cancer and diabetes, and recently engaged in a

training for case managers of newly resettled refugees using the modules. Sarah received the APHA Mid-Career Achievement Award in 2003, has been honored with the 2013 Dory Storms Child Survival Award from CORE Group, and the 2015 Ruth Roemer Social Justice Leader Award from the UCLA School of Public Health.



# Pamela Sheeran, Vice President, Comprehensive Cleft Care, Smile Train, @PWsmiletrain

Pamela joined Smile Train in 2007 and is currently overseeing Smile Train's global efforts to provide comprehensive cleft care. She is focused on empowering partners in areas essential to surgery, such as nutrition, speech therapy, and orthodontics, so Smile Train can support the complete rehabilitation of cleft children. Prior to this role, Pamela was the Regional Director for Smile Train's programs throughout the Caribbean and Central/South America. She managed the organization's relationships with 100+ local hospitals across the region as they annually served 9,000+

children. Pamela started her career working for Global Youth Action Network through a number of UNICEF contracted projects. She lived in Guatemala and the Dominican Republic volunteering at health clinics and primary schools. Pamela earned a Masters in International Health Management from New York University's Wagner School of Public Service and a Bachelors in Human Biology and Spanish from the University of Virginia.



# Roma Solomon, Director, India Secretariat, CORE Group Polio Project

A medical doctor by profession, with more than forty years of experience and a strong orientation towards community health, Dr. Solomon has also worked in the fields of reproductive and child health and sexual health, including HIV and AIDS, both at the grassroot as well as managerial levels for various international organizations. Since 1999, Dr. Solomon has been heading the India secretariat (Earlier Regional, including Nepal and Bangladesh) of the CORE Group Polio Project consortium that works to eradicate polio and improve routine immunization in

high-risk states. She has also written about the eradication of polio in Uttar Pradesh. She is a former chair of the Gavi Civil Society Organization (CSO) steering committee and Oversight Advisory Group and represents civil society organizations at forums like SAGE, Gavi and the Transition Independent Monitoring Board of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.



# Kathy Stamidis, Technical Advisor, Monitoring & Evaluation, CORE Group Polio Project

Kathy Stamidis has 10 years of experience working on global health and development programs in Africa, the Caribbean, Asia, and the United States. She joined the CORE Group Polio Project in February 2017 as the Technical Advisor for Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning. Prior to that, Kathy worked as a consultant specializing in program management, design, evaluation as well as qualitative research. She has been part of initiatives for child and adolescent health, HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, and cancer screening. Kathy has

worked with Catholic Relief Services, International Justice Mission, JHSPH, The Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, and the Maryland Department of Health. She has a holds a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and an MPH from Emory University Rollins School of Public Health.



# William Story, Assistant Professor, University of Iowa

William T. Story, PhD, MPH has over 15 years of experience in global public health focused on program design, program evaluation, and operations research related to maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS and malaria in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. He completed his PhD in Health Services Organization and Policy (2013) and his MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education (2004) from the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan. Dr. Story is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community and Behavioral Health at the University of Iowa's College of Public Health where he studies household- and community-level factors that are critical to

the improvement of maternal and child health in resource-poor countries and translates that research into effective interventions and policies. Dr. Story has published multiple peer-reviewed articles using both quantitative and qualitative methods to examine the connection between male involvement and maternal and child health service utilization as well as the role of social capital as a resource that influences access to health care.

### Eric Swedberg, Senior Director, Child Health & Nutrition, Save the Children



Eric Swedberg joined Save the Children in 1993, and in his current role as Senior Director of Child Health, he oversees and guides SC's child health strategic and operational planning. He contributes to the Department of Global Health and SC agency-wide activities and initiatives, and liaises with donors and other collaborating organizations. With 27 years of experience in program management, proposal development, operations research, evaluation and monitoring of child survival programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America, Eric has particular expertise in programming

to improve treatment of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea by front line health workers. He currently provides technical assistance for Global Fund malaria programming in Nepal, Myanmar and Cote d'Ivoire. Eric has authored a number of scientific papers in peer reviewed journals. Eric holds an MPH from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and a BS in Cellular and Microbial Biology from the University of Calgary.



# Annie Toro, Director of International Regulatory Policy and Advocacy, U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP)

Ms. Toro has worked in the field of policy for more than 20 years. She currently serves as U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP)'s Director of International Regulatory Policy and Advocacy and lead expert for global health and nutrition advocacy. She has held senior management level positions at various widely recognized and leading health entities. Throughout her career, Annie has worked on a wide range of issues, including maternal and child

health; HIV/AIDS; tuberculosis; malaria; mental health and substance abuse; family planning and reproductive health; global health security; water, sanitation and hygiene; nutrition and food security; women's health and rights; health disparities; occupational health; noncommunicable diseases; violence prevention; environmental health; food safety; emergency preparedness and response; workforce development; school health; immigration; housing; poverty; and health and education funding. Ms. Toro served as Democratic Staff Director at the U.S. House Financial Services Committee Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, and also as Senior Legislative Counsel to U.S. Representative Luis V. Gutierrez. She has also held positions at the World Health Organization and the Organization of American States, among others. Ms. Toro has earned numerous recognitions and awards, and has served many leadership roles.



# Samuel Usman, Director, Nigeria Secretariat, CORE Group Polio Project, @Usmansam1

From January 2014 to date, Samuel has been the Secretariat and Country Lead of CORE Group Partners Project Nigeria program, which is a USAID-funded health program designed to support Nigeria's Polio eradication and Routine Immunization (RI) programs at the federal level and in five northern states. Previously he was the National Service Integration Advisor for the DFID-funded Partnership for Transforming Health Systems Phase 2 (PATHS2) from November 2010 to December 2013. From October 2007 to November 2013, he was Clinical Associate and

Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) Lead of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Institute of Human Virology Nigeria Program. He worked for FHI-Global HIV-AIDS Initiative Nigeria (GHAIN) from April to October 2007 as Clinical Services officer where he provided technical assistance across six states in Nigeria. As Team Leader of St. Gerard's Catholic Hospital, AIDSRelief ART program from 2005-2007, he led the ART program of the hospital which provided life-saving ART medications and Psychosocial support to over 26,000 HIV infected persons. He has also consulted for the Nigeria Legislature on health care.

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# Joseph Valadez, Professor, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Joe Valadez was CORE Group's first Chair of the Board of Directors. He has 30+ years' experience and is considered a global leader in monitoring and evaluating health programs in low resources settings. Currently he is professor of International Health at LSTM and visiting professor at Harvard School of Public Health. Prior to joining LSTM, he worked for the World Bank as Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist. While a Harvard University faculty in the mid-1980s he developed the state-of-the-art LQAS method. He refined the approach for health facility assessments and integrated it with cluster sampling for application in large countries. Currently, he supports the Gates Foundation

in Bihar, India, and the Ministry of Health in Uganda to institutionalize LQAS. In Southern Sudan he supports the Ministry of Health to carry out nationwide LQAS assessments. On a global level, he supports UNICEF to assess a variety of maternal and child health programs with LQAS.



### Lauren Van Enk, Program Officer, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University

As a Program Officer at the Institute for Reproductive Health (IRH) at Georgetown University, Lauren manages several family planning and reproductive health programs in Africa. Focusing on disseminating research and program results, Lauren provides strategic guidance to the Institute's communications team and has authored and contributed to many of IRH's articles, reports, and curricula. Lauren is particularly passionate about building the capacity of faith-based organizations and religious leaders in family planning and has provided this support across

several countries in Africa. Lauren has over 8 years of experience working in global reproductive and maternal health. She holds a Master's degree in Global Public Health from George Washington University and a BA from Calvin College. Her past experiences involve research in reproductive health and HIV/AIDS with BRAC University in Bangladesh, advocacy in global maternal health, and nutrition education.



### Arti Varanasi, President & CEO, Advancing Synergy

As President and CEO of Advancing Synergy, LLC, Dr. Arti Patel Varanasi is passionate about developing innovations that build stronger communities and enable all individuals to lead healthier and longer lives. She is interested in leveraging technology to address noncommunicable disease (NCD) prevention and management and increase health equity. Arti has over 25 years combined experience in cancer research, advocacy, capacity building, public health, and project management. Arti is an active member of the health, entrepreneurial, and technology communities

in the DC-Maryland-Virginia area. She serves on the Steering Committees for the NCD Roundtable in Washington, DC and the Health Tech Innovators Group of Central Maryland. Arti received her PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and MPH from the Johns Hopkins University. She is a graduate of the National Science Foundation funded ACTIVATE<sup>®</sup> program for women technology entrepreneurs.



### Anne Katharine Wales, Senior Philanthropy Portfolio Lead, Medtronic Foundation

Anne Katharine Wales serves as the Senior Philanthropy Portfolio Lead at the Medtronic Foundation. She brings a passion for social entrepreneurship and healthcare innovation and enjoys developing and executing a high-impact strategic vision. Throughout her career, she has been involved in the social entrepreneurship/innovation space-marketing and raising impact capital at Calvert Foundation and Agora Partnerships, providing strategic consulting to entrepreneurs and foundations at Community Wealth Partners and UNC Health Care, and building the social

entrepreneurship ecosystem through work at the Council for Entrepreneurial Development and Innovations in Healthcare. Anne Katharine holds an MBA from Wake Forest University and a BA in public policy from Duke University.



### Jennifer Weiss, Director of Programs, Concern Worldwide

Jennifer Weiss is the Director of Programs at Concern Worldwide in Malawi. Jenn has over ten years of experience in the design, implementation, and evaluation of community-based maternal and child health, nutrition, and HIV/ AIDS programs; with specific interests in social and behavior change, community health systems, and operations research. In her current role, Jenn provides overall strategic, technical, and management leadership to the Concern Malawi health and nutrition, livelihoods, and education teams; ensuring the highest standards of program design, implementation, and evaluation are attained. Jenn holds a Masters in Public Health from Tulane University.

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# Peter Winch, Professor, Social and Behavioral Interventions (SBI) Program, Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Peter Winch is a Professor in the Social and Behavioral Interventions (SBI) Program, the Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with 30 years of experience in public health research and teaching. His work examines design and implementation of primary health care interventions in low and middle-income countries, and development and evaluation of behavior change interventions. His current research includes

promotion of integrated packages of water and sanitation interventions in Bangladesh (RINEW project); promotion of menstrual hygiene among schoolgirls in Bangladesh; improving ventilation in urban slums in Bangladesh; evaluation of community-level integrated maternal and newborn health interventions in Tanzania; improving coverage of maternal health interventions in rural Mali; public health training program in Bamako, Mali; qualitative process evaluation of Group Antenatal Care intervention in Nigeria and Kenya; and evaluation of programs for at-risk youth in Baltimore.



# Amanda Yourchuck, Program Officer – Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition, Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III Project (FANTA), FHI 360

Amanda Yourchuck has worked on the FANTA project for the past seven years supporting nutrition programming as a Program Officer in Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition. Her work has included technical support to countries such as Ghana, Uganda, and Malawi focusing on strengthening multi-sectoral nutrition governance, the expansion of nutrition services as part of humanitarian response, and community-based management of acute malnutrition.

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# Annie Zhou, Nutrition Specialist, International Rescue Committee

Annie Zhou is a Nutrition Specialist with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) based in New York. In this role, she provides technical support to nutrition country programs including training and tool development, monitoring and evaluation, and roll-out of research initiatives to improve the quality and reach of IRC's malnutrition interventions. Currently, she is leading a global working group committed to building evidence for the simplified tools and protocol for treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) by community health workers. Prior to the IRC, she worked as

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Lisa Hilmi has an extensive career in global health, employing both human rights and community-based participatory approaches to addressing health disparities for women, children and communities. She has a strong commitment to partnership and collaboration. Lisa has worked with several CORE Group members in over 12 countries, the UN, and Foundations, in maternal and child health, disaster recovery and prevention, and health systems strengthening. She

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Marc has over twenty years of experience working in business development, strategic planning, organizational design, and project management. He has worked with or for bilateral and multilateral agencies including US-AID, World Bank, Millennium Challenge Account, Asian Development Bank, Global Environment Facility, and Inter-American Development Bank. In addition, Marc led the development of business development strategies,

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As Operations and Accounts Manager, Erin is responsible for managing the CORE Group's office operations, membership, and event planning, including conferences and webinars. She has worked in operations and administration for varied non-profit organizations, including a charter school located in DC, an alternative energy association, and an international educational non-profit. She served as a volunteer English teacher for WorldTeach

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As Communications and Knowledge Manager, Michelle strengthens communication and knowledge sharing among CORE Group members and the broader global health community to improve community health activities, and to demonstrate CORE Group's value and impact in the field. Michelle has over seven years of marketing and communications experience in both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. Michelle holds a Bachelor of Science in Bacter University In her free time charging any avaluation provide the pr

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David S. Shanklin, MS has over twenty years of experience in community-based health programming in the context of national health system strengthening. His specialties include maternal, neonatal, and child health and nutrition; mortality impact assessment; and health program monitoring and evaluation. His activities include: leadership in the participatory development of project designs together with country staff; overseeing pilot tests of new concepts

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Shelia Jackson is the Senior Knowledge Management Specialist with the TOPS Program. She has experience in envisioning, developing, and directing knowledge sharing programs that focus on the role knowledge management plays in helping people to efficiently accomplish daily tasks while adding to the institutional knowledge of their organization. A lifelong learner, Shelia enjoys the collaboration and training processes. She strives to create

environments where everyone feels comfortable to participate and learn. Shelia earned a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Florida State University. She enjoys traveling, hiking, reading, cooking, volunteering, and doting on her nephews.

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Yemisi designs and executes knowledge management activities and processes to strengthen and expand the TOPS FSN Network. She works to improve food security and nutrition practice by providing support in leveraging new technologies and practices for engaging online communities in knowledge exchange and capacity strengthening. Yemisi routinely develops strategies and forums to facilitate knowledge sharing through meetings, conferences,

field exchange visits, social media and other online collaboration forums, and has previously led the creation and management of webbased platforms for knowledge collection and dissemination. Yemisi holds an MSc in Social Research Methods from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



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As Knowledge Management Officer, Adrienne is responsible for supporting both the CORE Group and The TOPS Program teams with multimedia content creation and management, knowledge sharing event design and production, and overall community engagement through the FSN and Community Health Networks. She holds knowledge sharing and public information essential to effective capacity building and strengthening in the international

development arena. She has experience in content creation, media outreach, and events management from her work with varied nonprofit, non-governmental organizations such as Accion International, The African Foundation for Development, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Adrienne received her B.A. in International Relations and B.S. in Journalism from Boston University in 2015. In her free time, she enjoys exploring different cuisines, collecting scarves from her travels, and spending time with loved ones.



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Holly Collins is a Communications Associate with CORE Group and The TOPS Program. She uses writing and digital communication skills to effectively communicate food security and global health information across multiple platforms. Holly has experience in social media, marketing, media production, and both domestic and international journalism. Her vision for communication is to share stories and information in order to move others to action in vulnerable communities. She has worked for multiple nonprofit organizations focusing on children and education in

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