

Health Symposium

**Integrating Quality into Health Systems for HIV Care Services in Tanzania
Monday January 20th, 2020.**

Speakers and Moderators Biographies

1. **Prof. Muhammad Bakari, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Officer, MoHCDGEC, Tanzania**

Prof Mohammad Bakari is the Chief Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health who is the technical overseer of all health matters in Tanzania. He is also a professor of internal medicine at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) in Dar es Salaam. Prof Mohammad is a trained medical doctor with a PhD in Dermato-Venereology including HIV (Natural history of HIV and preparations for HIV vaccine studies). His previous work history includes being the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Planning, Finance and Administration (DVC-PFA) at MUHAS as well as the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies, School of Medicine at MUHAS. He was also the study director of the DAR-DAR Health Project which was a TB vaccine trial. Prof Mohammad has a total of 95 in peer reviewed journals, mostly on HIV/AIDS and TB.



2. **Prof. Mark Elliott, B.A, M.A, Ph.D., Vice Provost of International Affairs, Harvard University**

Prof Mark Elliott is the Vice Provost of International Affairs at Harvard University and the Mark Schwartz Professor of Chinese and Inner Asian History in the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations and in the Department of History in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. He oversees and works to advance international academic initiatives, extending the global reach of Harvard's research and teaching activities. Prof Elliott serves as the University's representative in negotiating agreements with foreign governments, receiving senior-level international delegations, and representing Harvard to peer institutions and alumni worldwide. In addition, he shares responsibility for supporting the community of international students, scholars, and faculty in Cambridge and Boston, as well as for guiding Harvard's overall global strategy and sustaining its ongoing development as a global university.



3. **Prof. Sylvia Kaaya, M.D., PHD., Professor, Psychiatry and Mental Health, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences**

Sylvia Kaaya, M.D., Ph.D., is a Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences located in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. She previously served as the Dean of the School of Medicine and was involved in the training of medical undergraduate and postgraduate students. During her period as chair of the Department of Psychiatry, she worked with colleagues to initiate the postgraduate Master of Medicine Psychiatry program. Her clinical commitments include mental health service provision within a mental health team for a catchment area where residents with the lowest socioeconomic status in the Dar es Salaam region reside. Her research interests have focused on interventions to reduce risky sexual and drug use behaviors in adolescents, and recognition and prevention of depression in perinatal women living with HIV. She also served as the Co-Investigator for a technical support subgrant for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief-supported HIV care and treatment program in Dar es Salaam.



4. **Dr. Eunice Mmari, M.D., MPH., Associate Director for Programs at HHS/CDC-Tanzania**

Dr. Eunice Mmari is the Associate Director for Programs at HHS/CDC-Tanzania with a major role in overseeing and providing guidance to the three CDC Branch Chiefs and serves as a key Tanzanian advisor to the CDC Country Director. She is a medical doctor with a master's in Public Health with a rich experience in HIV. Dr. Mmari's professional history includes years of providing technical support to the Tanzania Ministry of Health, Tanzania Commission on AIDS and HHS/CDC implementing partners in the areas of antiretroviral therapy, basic health care services for people living with HIV and TB/HIV. She previously worked as a Programme Officer for Health, HIV/AIDS, Water and Sanitation at the Royal Netherlands Embassy (RNE) where she provided technical support in the national response to HIV/AIDS led by TACAIDS, including monitoring and evaluating the impact of the programs jointly with the host government. Dr. Mmari devotes her spare time to her family that include her husband Obедie Kimaro, son Kevin and daughter Linda. She also devotes her time in religious activities.



5. **Dr Prosper Faustine, MD, MSc, Senior Epidemiologist, NACP**

Dr Prosper Faustine is a Senior Epidemiologist for the National AIDS Control programme (NACP) of the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDEC). He is coordinating strategic information for Health Sector AIDS response at NACP. Dr Prosper is an avid researcher with special interest in HIV testing, Linkage to care, ART adherence and retention. He is studying innovative ways to link, retain and return People Living with HIV (PLHIVs) to ART care. Focusing on the last 10% of the 90-90-90. He is interested in human centred design to interventions and robust evaluation methods.



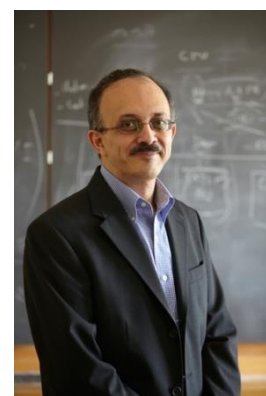
6. **Dr. Redempta Mbatia, M.D., MsC, Executive Director, Tanzania Health Promotion Support, (THPS).**

Dr Redempta Mbatia is the Executive Director of Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) who brings more than 25 years professional experience in managing and supervising implementation of comprehensive HIV care, treatment and prevention programs as well as health systems strengthening across all regions in Tanzania. She is a medical doctor with postgraduate training in internal medicine intensive care, invasive and non-invasive cardiology, MSc in epidemiology and clinical care skills. Her main focus is on community systems strengthening for HIV prevention, care and treatment as well as maternal, neonatal, sexual and reproductive health. Working in close collaboration with Ministries of health in mainland and Zanzibar, she has supervised implementation of over 19 donor funded programs targeting HIV treatment and prevention across Tanzania. She previously worked as a Country Director ICAP Tanzania where she successful led the scale-up of HIV prevention, care, and treatment in Kigoma, Pwani, Lindi, Kagera and Zanzibar. Dr. Mbatia also participates in research and public health evaluations. She has authored and co-authored more than 18 papers published in peer-reviewed journals.



7. **Prof Wafaie Fawzi, MBBS.,MPH.,MS.,DrPH Prof. of Nutrition, Epidemiology and Global Health**

Prof. Wafaie Fawzi, is the Richard Saltonstall Professor of Population Sciences, Professor of Nutrition, Epidemiology, and Global Health at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He served as Chair of the Department of Global Health and Population at Harvard between 2011 and 2018. Over the past 25 years he has led the design and implementation of more than 20 randomized controlled trials and set up numerous observational epidemiologic studies of maternal, child and adolescent health, and major infectious diseases. He has published over 450 scientific journal articles, reviews, editorials, and book chapters. Establishing and fostering global health education and sustainable research capacity and knowledge translation has been long-term goals pursued as a faculty member and during his tenure as Department Chair. He completed his medical training at the University of 2 Khartoum, Sudan and his Master of Public Health, Masters of Science in Maternal and Child Health, and Doctorate of Public Health in Epidemiology and Nutrition at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.



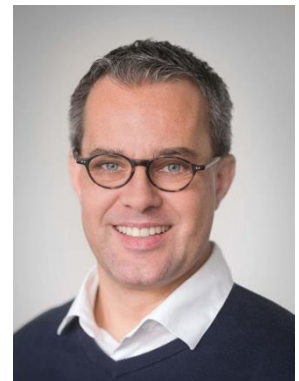
8. **Dr. David Sando, M.D, MSc., PhD, Research fellow, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.**

David Sando is a Postdoctoral research fellow with Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He has a PhD in Global Health and Population Science. Dr Sando is a trained medical doctor and prior to working with the Harvard, has worked with National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) in Tanzania and Management and Development for Health (MDH). His work includes design and implementation of rigorous monitoring and evaluation systems for health programs. Has led several impact evaluations of health interventions, as well as implementation science projects. His current research work focuses on low-income countries, and seek to contributes to evidence-based health delivery systems and policies that optimize care and result into best health outcomes for people and populations.



9. **Prof. Till Bärnighausen, MD., ScD., Director Heidelberg Institute of Global Health, University of Heidelberg, Germany**

Prof. Till Bärnighausen is an Alexander von Humboldt University Professor Director, Heidelberg Institute of Global Health. Prof Till is a trained medical doctor with a Doctor of Science (ScD) in Population and International Health with a passion in population health research mainly focused on: (i) establishing the causal impacts of large-scale global health interventions – such as HIV treatment and HIV prevention on health, economic and social outcomes; (ii) identifying and testing innovations to improve the delivery of global health interventions through public-sector health systems, and (iii) developing new methods for applied population-based health research. He has been the principal investigator on grants from various science funders, such as the European Union, the Wellcome Trust, Elton John AIDS Foundation, and the Clinton Health Access Initiative. He has also received research funding from Harvard, Rush Foundation, the German Academic Exchange Service, USAID, WHO, UNAIDS and World Bank. Prof Till has published more than 300 articles in peer-reviewed journals.



10. **Dr. James Kengia DDS, MBA, PhD, Coordinator RHMTs, Health Systems Strengthening Resource Centre, Research and Publication, Po-RALG.**

Dr James Tumaini Kengia works at the President's Office-Regional Administration and Local Government (Po-RALG) as a Coordinator for Regional Health Management Teams, Health System Strengthening Resource Centre, DREAMS project, Research and Publications. He is an experienced Public Health Specialist with a demonstrated history of working in the hospital and the health care industry in general. He is a Dental Surgeon with also an MBA for Medical Doctors from University of Applied Science Neu-Ulm, Germany, and a PhD in Public Health Leadership-majoring in Health Care Economics from Tokyo Medical and Dental University-Japan. He has also worked as a member of Regional Referral Hospital Management Team (RRHMT), Regional Health Management Team (RHMT), Ag. Regional Medical Officer for Mwanza region and Principal Investigator/Director for Mwanza HIV/AIDS services improvement project (MHASI). While working in RRHMT and Po-RALG, he has been involved in Planning, Coordination, Supportive supervision, Monitoring and Evaluation of Health and Social welfare services. Currently he is also involved in teaching Health System Management course for Msc. Public Health students at the University of Dodoma, Tanzania.



11. **Dr. Abuu Maghimbi M.D., MPH, Country Director, University of Maryland Global Initiative, Tanzania.**

Dr Abuu Maghimbi is the Country director for the UMB Tanzania office who possesses experience in working with Government and private health facilities, government institutions and USG donor funded projects with a passion in infectious diseases program implementation. He is a Medical Doctor specialized in Internal Medicine, an assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine as an Adjunct faculty of the University of Maryland Baltimore School of Medicine. He previously worked as Clinical Technical Director, Senior Technical advisor and Technical assistance team lead at University of Maryland Baltimore's AIDS relief program. Dr Abuu is competent in budget development and management; financial management; program monitoring and evaluation as well as project designing, management, monitoring and effective communications. Building on this experience, he has also developed strategic partnerships with the Ministry of Health, National AIDS Control Program, National TB and Leprosy Program, Tanzania Medical institutions such as Muhimbili and Bugando as well as other international organizations. He has authored and co-authored more than 5 papers published in peer-reviewed journals.



12. **Dr. Bonita Kilama, DDS. MPH, Associate Director of Strategic Information, EGPAF**

Dr Bonita Kilama is a public health, M&E specialist with over 15 years of professional experience in national, consulting and international development programs, HIV/AIDS program management, public health strategic information and evaluation. Dr Bonita has expertise in leading and providing technical support in and to government entities including Ministry of Health and Local Government in designing, implementing and monitoring of HIV/AIDS programs, Tuberculosis and Reproductive Child Health Services. She previously worked as head of unit at the National AIDS Control program- Epidemiology unit – the section responsible for all health-related HIV Strategic Information needs including surveillance, M&E and operational research and as a Director for Strategic Information at Deloitte Consulting. She is highly experienced with the ability to drive innovations, design and roll out M&E systems for various HIV and health related interventions that include M&E plans, frameworks, HIV Drug Resistance surveys, implementation research, data quality audits, development and adaptation of training packs for M&E stakeholders. Dr Bonita is also a member to national technical working groups for research, M&E and HIV Drug Resistance based at National AIDS Control Program.



13. **Dr. Mary Mwanyika Sando, MD., MPH, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Academy for Public Health (AAPH)**

Dr. Mary Mwanyika Sando, is the Chief Executive Officer for the Africa Academy for Public Health (AAPH) -Tanzania. Over the past 15 years, Dr Sando has been extensively involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of MNCAH and nutrition interventions within both national and international organizations. She is currently leading efforts at AAPH to advance implementation science research, support capacity building for research and evidence translation into policy and practice. Dr Sando is an advocate for improvement of women's health including designing of women-cantered care to promote the provision of more respectful and dignified care including respective maternity care (RMC). Prior to her current position Dr Sando worked with UNICEF Tanzania as a Health Systems Strengthening Specialist-for MNCH and the Maternal and Child Health Coordinator with Management and Development for Health (MDH). Dr Sando completed her medical training at the University of Dar es Salaam (Muhimbili) and her Master of Public Health at Harvard School of Public Health.

