

## Technical Working Group Members

### **Gerald Yonga, Working Group Chair**

Gerald Yonga is Professor of Medicine and Head of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Research to Policy Unit at Aga Khan University, East Africa. He is also The National Chair, Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance Kenya. Prof. Yonga is a medical graduate of University of Nairobi with MBChB and MMed (internal medicine) degrees respectively. He trained as cardiologist in International Heart School in Italy and Tel Aviv University in Israel and attended numerous short courses in valve heart disease super-specialization. He also has an MBA (healthcare management) degree from Regent Business School, Durban, South Africa and is a Fellow of Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (FRCP-Edin), European Society of Cardiology (FESC) and American College of Cardiology (FACC).

From 1986 to 1996 he worked in the Department of Medicine, University of Nairobi and in Kenyatta National Teaching Hospital (KNH) rising to position of Consultant Cardiologist, KNH and Senior Lecturer Department of Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics, University of Nairobi. September 1996 to August 2006, he led the team that established a sustainable and comprehensive multi-disciplinary cardiac programme for diagnosis and interventions for structural heart diseases at The Mater Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya.

July 2007 to January 2015, he worked at The Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi as Associate Professor and Chair of Department of Medicine. His spearheaded growth and development of the Masters in Medicine (MMed) programme and development of high quality internationally benchmarked comprehensive clinical service units in cardiology, medical oncology, endocrinology & diabetes, critical care, gastro-enterology, neurosciences, nephrology and other sub-specialties.

His current research projects are in health systems strengthening for prevention and care of Non-communicable diseases and improving care and outcomes in hypertension, valvular heart disease and heart failure. He has published over 50 articles in scientific peer review journals, has supervised over 50 thesis and dissertations and has extensive experience in undergraduate and post-graduate medical education.

### **Catherine Kyobutungi, Working Group Co-Chair**

Catherine is a Senior Research Scientist and the Director of Research at the African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) where she joined as a post-doctoral fellow in May 2006. She has about ten years of experience conducting research and providing technical assistance in the epidemiology of non-communicable diseases (NCD) in the African region and in health systems strengthening. She has been, and is, the PI on several projects ranging from health systems research to genetic studies among African populations. Catherine holds a Master of Science degree in Community Health and Health Management (2002) and PhD in epidemiology (2006) both obtained from the University of Heidelberg, Germany. She is a qualified medical doctor (not active) and has excellent skills in study design, research management, data analysis and scientific writing, with about 60 articles published in high impact scientific journals. Before joining APHRC, she was an Assistant Lecturer and later a Lecturer in the Department of Community Health at the Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda. She worked as a medical officer at Rushere Hospital, a rural health facility in Western Uganda for three years.

### **Amelia “Mia” Crampin**

Amelia Crampin, “Mia”, is a London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Clinical Epidemiologist and Public Health Physician who has been living and working in Malawi for nearly two decades. She is Deputy Director of the Malawi Epidemiology and Intervention Research Unit. She leads the Karonga Health and Demographic Surveillance Site and has published extensively on population-based health research. Her interests include the epidemiology of HIV, TB and chronic non-communicable diseases. She teaches on Masters programmes in the UK, Malawi and South Africa, and is part of the Malawi Knowledge Translation Platform steering committee.

**Paolo Reggio D’Aci**

Paolo Reggio D’Aci is the Regional Coordinator for the NCD Synergies program, supporting various Ministries of Health in Africa in planning and M&E for NCDs. Supported countries included Liberia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda where he is currently living. He holds an Master degree in Economics and MBA with several years of experience in strategy consulting and business modeling from Ernst & Young. In Kenya, he mentored micro-entrepreneurs and developed business plans submitted to micro-lenders. After a brief experience as Finance Manager in Iraq, he moved to Rwanda. Since 2012, he has supported the Ministry of Health in Rwanda in planning, costing, and budget negotiation related to national strategic plan in the health sector, HIV, TB, and NCDs.

**Danielle Doughman**

Danielle Doughman is the Policy Outreach Manager at the African Population and Health Research Center, where she is a member of the Policy Engagement and Communications Division (PEC). She has a Master of Science in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health, Department of Health Policy & Management. She has experience working in health policy and advocacy at the state, national, and global levels. Before pursuing graduate studies in global public health, she worked for a decade in disability policy and advocacy and as a social worker with the urban poor. Her work is driven by a belief that sound, evidence-based policy can indeed change the world for the better, and that each of us has a role to play in bring about a healthier society.

**Andre Pascal Kengne****Joseph Kibachio**

Dr Kibachio Joseph is the head of the Division of Non Communicable Diseases in the ministry of health in Kenya. He is a medical doctor with public health training from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Field epidemiology training program. He has speciality on NCD programming and policy issues on prevention and control with a keen focus on integration of NCDs into primary care platforms. He is the lead facilitator for the Kenya WHO STEPwise survey for NCD risk factors and is also the focal person for the Kenya national public health institute that is a coordination mechanism for core public health functions. He is the convener of the Intersectoral coordinating committee for NCDs and sits in advisory boards on NCD projects at PATH, AMREF and RTI providing insights into government perspectives and the role of public sector in NCD prevention and control. He is an adjuvant lecturer of public health at Kenyatta and Moi Universities and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health.

**Rachel Kitonyo Devotsu**

Rachel has 11 years experience in cancer control ranging from drafting and lobbying for tobacco control legislation in Kenya, working on enforcement campaigns including training of government enforcement officers, media advocacy and defense as amicus curiae of 2 court cases filed by the tobacco industry challenging the Kenyan tobacco control legislation. Rachel has also worked with grantees in 10 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa to support national and regional advocacy campaigns for the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). In recognition of her work at national and regional level, in 2009 Rachel was awarded the Judy Wilkenfeld Award for International Tobacco Control Excellence by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids based in Washington DC. Rachel also has experience in capacity building and project management.

Rachel currently works as Regional Coordinator, Africa, for the McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer, a joint initiative of the International Union for Cancer Control and The Cancer Council Victoria. The McCabe Centre's mission is to contribute to the effective use of the law for cancer prevention, treatment, supportive care and

research. The McCabe Centre conducts research, policy development and capacity building in the areas of tobacco control, alcohol control and access to pain relief, within the context of developing coherence between health, trade and investment laws, policies and sectors.

### **Naomi (Dinky) Levitt**

Naomi (Dinky) Levitt is Professor and Head of Diabetic Medicine and Endocrinology at the University of Cape Town and Director of the Chronic Disease Initiative for Africa (CDIA), a network of multidisciplinary researchers drawn from six universities in South Africa, the South African Medical Research Council, researchers from Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania and Harvard University, and representatives from South African Departments of Health. She has participated in numerous national, regional and international diabetes activities. She has led multiple epidemiological and health system studies, has published over 200 articles in peer-reviewed journals and written 12 book chapters and has a H Index of 36 (Google scholar).

### **Jean Claude Mbanya**

Jean Claude Mbanya is Professor of Medicine and Endocrinology at the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Director Biotechnology Center and Postgraduate Dean Doctoral School of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences University of Yaoundé 1. He is immediate Past President of the International Diabetes Federation. He initially studied in Cameroon where he obtained his MD and trained at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, England, where he obtained a PhD and later Member of the Royal College of Physicians. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London and Doctor *philosophiae honoris causa*, University of Oslo, Norway. Prof. Mbanya also currently serves on several international scientific and WHO advisory groups.

### **Amit Prasad, World Health Organization**

### **Vincent Onywera**

Dr. Vincent Onywera is a Senior Lecturer at Kenyatta University, Department of Recreation Management and Exercise Science. He is a Physical Activity and Active Transport Researcher with extensive national and international research networks. Vincent has published his work widely and has been involved in a number of national, regional and international academic endeavours aimed at capacity building, surveillance and research for focusing on healthy active living in the greater Eastern Africa and Great Lakes Region and beyond. He is involved in various research endeavors and collaborations including The Kenyan International Development Study- Canadian Activity Needs (KIDS-CAN) Research Alliance.

### **Pamela Juma**

Pamela is an associate research scientist working at African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC). Pamela holds a master's degree in community health and development, and a PhD in nursing with a focus on Health policy and health service management from the University of Ottawa, Canada.

She works within the Health challenges and systems (HCS) program where she leads a multi-country study on Analysis of Non-Communicable disease (NCDs) prevention policies in Africa project in 5 countries ( South Africa, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria and Cameroon). She is also a team member of IDRC funded project on innovating for maternal and child health in 13 countries in Eastern Africa. In this project, she is responsible for capacity building for researchers, policy analysis and knowledge synthesis and uptake. She has also worked in the Research Capacity Strengthening (RCS) program where she coordinated the training component of the Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA) program.

Prior to joining APHRC, Pamela worked as an Assistant Professor and Regional Research Coordinator for the Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery, East Africa. Prior to that, she worked as a Senior

Lecturer and Campus Director at Great Lakes University of Kisumu, (GLUK) Nairobi Campus. Pamela's main areas of work and research interests are health systems improvement and policy analysis, maternal and child health, primary/community health care, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and knowledge translation.

### **Samuel Oji Oti**

Sam coordinates field work for two main projects at APHRC, the first being a study aimed at implementing a cost-effective, sustainable and scalable model for the primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases in resource poor settings (*SCALE UP* project). The second is the *Verbal Autopsy* project which aims to determine cause of death and burden of disease profile among slum residents in Nairobi.

Samuel holds a Master of Science (Medicine) degree in Epidemiology & Biostatistics from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa (2008), and a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree from the University of Jos, Nigeria (2004). He is a qualified medical doctor and trained epidemiologist with about eight years' experience in medical and public health research and practice.

His work experience spans the African continent including Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa. Samuel has also served on various technical committees such as the UNAIDS working group on measuring concurrency, and the World Health Organization/Kenya Ministry of Health working group on the review on the National Health Policy Framework. He is published in several peer reviewed journals and has made several presentations at conferences across the world.

Prior to joining APHRC in 2008, Samuel worked as a health intern with a Monitoring & Evaluation company in Johannesburg, South Africa where he was involved in several case studies for PEPFAR-funded Orphans and Vulnerable Children programs in South Africa. He is also a trained data quality auditor and has performed several assessments of data management systems for USAID/PEPFAR partner organizations in South Africa. Between 2004 and 2007, Samuel worked as a medical officer at General Hospital Kabba, Nigeria; and as a house officer with Jos University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria.

Samuel's research interests include maternal and child health and infectious disease epidemiology. He is driven by an irrepressible desire to change the world we live in for the better.

### **Shukri Mohamed**

Shukri works under the Health Challenges and Systems Program. She holds a Masters degree in Public Health (MPH) – International Health with a concentration in Child Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg school of Public Health (2006) and a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree (PharmD) from the University Of Maryland School Of Pharmacy (2004).

Prior to joining APHRC, Shukri interned at National AIDS/STDS Control Programme Kenya (NASCOP) where she took part in the management and supply of Antiretrovirals to Health facilities across Kenya at the Kenya Medical Supply Agency (KEMSA).

Prior to this, She has also worked as a Pharmacist in the US from 2004-2008. Her research interests include maternal and child health, infectious diseases, strengthening of health systems and translating research to policy and action.

**Kaushik Ramaiya**