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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

1997/98: Certificate in Medical Anthropology, Harvard Medical School, Department of Social Medicine

1985: Ph.D. Anthropology
University of Cambridge, England

1979: M. Phil in Anthropology
University of Cambridge, England

1977: B.Ed. Upper 2nd Class (Honours)
University of Nairobi

WORKING EXPERIENCE

2001 to date: Associate Professor, Department of Community Health, University of Nairobi

1990 –2000: Senior Lecturer, Department of Community Health, University of Nairobi.

1985- 1990: Research Fellow, Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi.

1980 – 1985: Junior Research Fellow, Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

1986-87: Culture and Development, Diploma in Cultural Studies, Institute of African Studies
University of Nairobi.

Ethnology of African societies for undergraduate, Anthropology

1988–1990: Development Anthropology, M.A. in Anthropology

1990 to date: Medical Anthropology/Sociology and field supervision for Under-graduate 2nd Year and (5th) Year Medical Students, Department of Community Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Nairobi.

Postgraduate, MPH, Department of Community Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Nairobi:

Social Science and Health and Research Methods

Research Methods

Qualitative Epidemiology for the Certificate Course in Epidemiology (Funded by WHO)

Qualitative methods to M ED students under the Clinical Epidemiology Unit, University of Nairobi

INTERNAL EXAMINER

M.A, Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi.

MSc. Applied Nutrition Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nairobi

Master of Science, Applied Nutrition Unit, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nairobi

PhD Department of Community Health

PhD Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi

PhD Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Nairobi

EXTERNAL EXAMINER

- Department of Community Health, MUCHS, University of Dar-es Salaam, Tanzania
- MPHE Programme, Department of Zoology, Faculty of Science, Kenyatta University,
- School of Public Health, Moi University.

RESEARCH GRANTS/AWARDS

2006/2007 International AIDS Vaccine Initiative Grant

1993/94: GTZ/CHP Research Grant

1982: International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Research Grant.

1981: Grant from British Institute in Eastern Africa.

Overseas Research Student (ORS) Award

1978/79: British Council Scholarship

RESEARCH

- 2007/2008 Principal Investigator; Assessment of health related quality of life (HRQoL) of people living with HIV and AIDS in Kenya under RATN and in conjunction with LSTM (ABBA consortium)
- 2007/2008 Team member, Assessment of the practice of injection safety in Health facilities in Kenya. For CDC and Ministry of Health, Kenya

RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

- 2006/2007 Team leader; AIDS Vaccine Research Participation in Kenya: Understanding Gender-related barriers and social impact. Funded by IAVI New York 2006-2007
- 2004/2005: Sexual Networking among Students in Public Universities in the Eastern Africa region: A rapid Analysis in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Funded by UNFPA.
- 2000–2005: Safe Motherhood: A demonstration project in Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma and Lugari districts

This project is under the auspices of Population Council, funded by DFID. The project draws on resources from departments of Community Health and Obstetrics/Gynecology, University of Nairobi. The project focused on the assessment of service utilization, quality of care from the perspective of the serving institutions and the beneficiaries and suggestions for improvement of service delivery. Participatory Needs Assessment of safe motherhood and neonatal care in Teso, Busia, Mt. Elgon and Butere-Mumias Districts, Western Kenya was completed in June 2004.

1990 to 2006: Strengthening STD/HIV control in Kenya Project

Since 1990 to data I am a member of a team working on a project: "Strengthening STD/HIV control in Kenya"; a joint project between the University of Manitoba, Canada and the University of Nairobi, Departments of Community Health and Medical Microbiology. The project has clinical and community components. I was in charge of the community component. The community health component focused on special groups, mainly women. It addressed the areas of education, counseling and income generating activities as a strategy for empowerment and a possible alternative to commercial sex work. Between July and October 2004, I participated in the assessment of "Health seeking behaviour of Truck drivers and Health facility of STI services along the Trans-African Highway between Mombasa and Kampala".

1980 –1984: District Socio-Cultural Profiles Project

I was the coordinator of this joint research project between the Ministry of planning and National Development and the Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi. Besides coordination I participated in research in six of the districts namely: Busia, Meru, Embu; Kilifi, Nyeri; Laikipia, Narok and Elgeyo-Marakwet In each of the districts I covered areas of traditional diet, Health and Health care delivery. The findings are documented in a series of monographs titled “District Socio-Cultural profiles”.

1985 –1990: Women Studies Project at the Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi

Between 1985 and 1990 I coordinated a Women Studies Project at the Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi, funded by NORAD. The research focused on broad facets of development and the place of women in the development process. My special interest was on women and health; specifically the role of women as primary health care providers and in household nutrition. Under the same project I also researched on factors influencing the use of family planning services in Siaya District. The findings were produced in a series of districts reports and recommendations that were disseminated at District level seminars and have since then been published.

1994: A cultural analysis of maternal use of health services in Vihiga and Kakamega Districts. Funded by GTZ/CHP

In the area of reproductive health I have undertaken research on the cultural analysis of the use of maternal services in Vihiga and Kakamega districts. The findings indicate that use of maternal services is to a large extent influenced by the cultural perception of maternity but also a comparative analysis of the quality of services at the community and health facility levels. Overall there is a tendency to use community level services more than health facility services. The latter are only used selectively or as a last resort; especially when complications arise. Findings revealed that poor health provider- client interaction, more than cost and distance was one of the key reasons for low use of health facilities for maternity services.

1996-98: Paediatric AIDS Project Phase II: Socio-economic impact on the family. Funded by IDRC

This research was undertaken at Pumwani Hospital together with colleagues from the department of Medical Microbiology. It comprised both clinical and social components. The findings indicate that a sero-positive status impacts negatively on the family but particularly so for women and children. This has implications for disclosure and decision-making for future protection for the couple and other partners. The problem of AIDS orphans was seen as an important area for future research

1996-1998: Multi-centre study on Factors determining the differential spread of HIV in four African cities, namely, Ndola, Yaounde, Cotonou and Kisumu (Funded by UNAIDS and the European Union (EU)).

I was a member of the research team that worked in Kisumu, Kenya. The study revealed that a society's socio-cultural belief system and behaviour has a major role in determining their health. These must be fully understood and addressed in the control of the spread of HIV/AIDS. Additionally economic factors, especially poverty plays a major role in determining observed behaviour across the board of population categories. This was more revealing when additional data indicated that child prostitution is a major problem in Kisumu town.

1996-97: Community Perception of Infertility (Jointly with others)

This project was funded by WHO. Qualitative approaches were employed to investigate community perception of infertility. Several communities were represented (largely Luo, Luhya and Kikuyu). On the whole infertility is stigmatized as well as feminized. Service providers inadvertently seemed to foster this notion by focusing at first on the female partner and involving the male partner rather late. This notion contributed to delay in care seeking.

1999: Enhancing the Use of Emergency Contraception in a Refugee Setting, Kakuma

This research was sponsored by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and was conducted with others from the Population Council. The project focused on emergency contraception as an aspect of reproductive need of refugee women and men of reproductive age in Kakuma refugee camp. There is a low level of knowledge on EC. Given the cultural diversity and the general status as refugees, community members did not at the onset appreciate the need for EC, construed as family planning. However on discussion they appreciated the fact that given the high rate of sexual violence in the camp EC was necessary but should handled with caution.

1998-99: Integrating Men into the Reproductive Health Equation: Acceptability and Feasibility in Kenya

This project was funded through Population Council and undertaken with others. It was based at Kenyatta National Hospital and Kakamega Provincial Hospital, to provide both a rural and urban perspective. Both quantitative and qualitative methodologies were utilized. The findings revealed what partnership expectations perceptions are, of and desired level of partner participation. Social and institutional constraints of partner participation were also identified. These would have to be addressed in a focused intervention to enhance partner participation.

2000: Reproductive Health Needs Assessment

Jointly with others, under the auspices of Population Council, this was a project funded by UNFPA. It covered eight districts namely: Mombasa, Kwale, Nakuru, Narok, Kisumu, Samburu, Kiambu and Thika. I was in charge of the qualitative component of the project. The focus was on women and youth. Across the board it is evident that RH services are inadequate. This was significantly so for youth that expressed the fact that the health system does not acknowledge their needs. They acknowledged that they operated on advice provided by their peers and this was not always accurate

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

The findings from the cited research above are published in refereed journals: local and international, dissertations and thesis in fulfilment of academic degrees, book chapters, conference papers, reports/working papers and monographs. I have realised over fifty publications as detailed below:

DISSERTATION AND THESIS FOR ACADEMIC DEGREES

1985: Ph.D. Thesis

"Social and Economic factors in the Incidence of Malnutrition among the Samia of Busia District, Western Kenya". Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, England

1979: M. Phil. Thesis

"Social Change and Marriage Stability in East and West Africa." Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, England.

PAPERS IN REFEREED JOURNALS, BOOK CHAPTERS AND EDITORIALS

Olenja, Joyce.; Pamela Godia, ; Josephine, Kibaru; Thadeus ,Egondi 2009. *Influence of provider training on quality of emergency obstetric care in Kenya*. Kenya working paper no.3. Calverton, Maryland, USA:Macro International Inc.

Njoroge PK, **Olenja JM**, Kibaru J Obstetric Fistula: An Avoidable Outcome of the Three Classic Delays. In *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in East and Central Africa* JOGECA 2006

Olenja, J. M. Health Seeking Behaviour in context. *East African Medical Journal*. (EAMJ). 2003

- Olenja, J.;** Ndavi P.; Muia, E.; Curtis S, Kizito, P.; Hyslop, A; Ng'ang'a, S. Client satisfaction as a measure of quality of care among Antenatal clinic clients. *In Factors That Contribute To The Utilization Of Quality Reproductive Health Care.* Chapter 5 pages 37-55. 2003. Measure Evaluation.
- Ndavi P.; Muia, E.; **Olenja, J.M.;** Curtis S; Kizito, P.; Hyslop, A; Ng'ang'a, S.; An analysis of training in the provision of family planning services in Kenya. *In Factors That Contribute To The Utilization Of Quality Reproductive Health Care.* Chapter 4 pages 23-35. 2003. Measure Evaluation.
- Muia, E.; Ndavi P.; **Olenja, J. M.;** Curtis S; Kizito, P.; Hyslop, A; Ng'ang'a, S.; Can the service environment influence the use of services for antenatal care and delivery? . *Factors That Contribute To The Utilization Of Quality Reproductive Health Care.* Chapter 3 pp 9-20. 2003. Measure Evaluation.
- Ngugi, E; Kimani, V; Mwanthi M; **Olenja, J. M.** Community Home Based Care in Resource Limited settings. WHO. 2002
- Olenja, J.M.** Kimani.V. N.; Poverty, Street Life and Prostitution: The Dynamics of Child prostitution in Kisumu, Kenya. Pp 47-68 in the book: Poverty, AIDS and Street Children in East Africa (Studies in African Health and Medicine) Edited by Lugalla, Joe and Kibassa Colleta. Edwin Mellen Press Publishers. 2002
- Muia, E; Blanchard, K; Lukhando, M; **Olenja, J. M.** Liambila, W. Evaluation of an emergency contraception introduction project in Kenya. *In Contraception* 66: 255-260, 2002
- Kimani, V. N; **Olenja J. M.** Infertility: Cultural dimensions and the impact on women in selected communities in Kenya, *Journal of African Anthropology.* 8 :(2) pages 200-214. 2001.
- Muia, E; Fikree, F; **Olenja, J.M.** Enhancing the Use of Emergency contraception in a Refugee Setting: Findings from a baseline Survey in Kakuma Refugee camps, Kenya. IRC/Population Council Publications. 2000.
- Muia, E; Ellertson, C; Lukhando, M.; Elul, B; Clark, S; **Olenja, J. M.** Emergency contraception in Nairobi, Kenya: Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice Among Policymakers, Family Planning providers and Clients, and University Students in *Contraception.* 60:223-232. 1999.
- Muia, E; Westley, E; Clark, S; **Olenja, J.;** Ellertson, C; Lukhando, M. Conflicting attitudes towards the use of Emergency Contraception by young people in Kenya. *In Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Eastern and Central Africa.* 15: (1).1999

- Olenja, J. M.** Assessing community attitude Towards Home-Based Care for People with AIDS (PWAs) in Kenya. *Journal of Community Health. The Publication for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.* 24: (3) 1999
- Muia. E, **Olenja, J. M.**; Kimani, V.; Leonard, A. Integrating men into the reproductive health equation Acceptability and feasibility in Kenya. Final Report for Population Council Publications. 1999.
- Moses, S., Ngugi, EN; Bradley JE; Njeru EK; Eldridge G; Muia E. G.; **Olenja J**; Plummer FA. Health care-seeking Behaviour related to the transmission of Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Kenya, *American Journal of Public Health.*84: (12)
- Moses, S., Muia E Bradley JE; Nagelkerke NJ; Ngugi, EN; Njeru EK; Eldridge G; **Olenja J**; Plummer FA Sexual Behaviour in Kenya: Implications for Sexually Transmitted Disease Transmission and Control in *Social Science and Medicine*, 39 (12) 1649-56.1994.
- Mcpake, B. Ajuo, F. Forsburg B, Liambila, W. **Olenja, JM.** "The Kenyan Model of the Bamako Initiative: Potential and Limitations" in *International Journal of Health Planning and Management* 8, 123-128 1993
- Olenja, J. M.** "Gender and Agriculture Production in Samia. Kenya: Strategies and Constraints" in *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, XXVI. 3-4 published by E.J. Brill, Leiden, The Netherlands,1991.
- Olenja, J. M.** "Factors that influence Child Health in Siaya District: With Specific reference to Nutrition". *Journal of Tropical Paediatrics.* 37 1991
- Ndavi, P. Muia, E. **Olenja J.M.** "A Rationale for a Clinically and Public Health Applied Medical Anthropology (part 1): *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Eastern and Central Africa* 9, (2). pp 85-87.
- Olenja, J. M.:** Family planning in Siaya district in *Cambridge Anthropology* 1990; 14(30); pp54-67.
- Olenja, J. M.:** "Remuneration of Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs). Evidence from Kakamega District, Kenya" in *Health Forum, an International Journal of Health and Development, World Health Organization* 1990.
- Olenja, J.M.; 1986:** "Cultural and Conceptual Factors in the Incidence of Malnutrition among the Samia, Western Kenya" in *Cambridge Anthropology.* 2, (1), 1986
- Muia, E.; Ellerston, C.; Lukhando, M.; Elul, B.; Clark, S.; **Olenja, J.:** Involving Policy Makers and Health care Providers in Enhancing the Use of EC: the Kenya Experience. *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Eastern and Central Africa* 1998, 14(1): 25-30

Olenja J.M.; Kimani V.N. : The Role of Men in Birthing and Postpartum Care” *in Cambridge Anthropology. 20: 1-2, 1998*

Olenja, J. M.: Socio-Cultural, Economic and Demographic Risk factors in STD/HIV/AIDS Transmission among Women in Kenya. In NARESA, 1998

Kimani, V.N. **Olenja, J.M.:** Use of maternal health services: Experiences from three districts in Kenya. In Interfaculty Programme monograph, Health and Behaviour Monograph, 1996

Olenja, J.M.: "The Impact of Change on the Role of Women in Household Nutrition" published in **African Perspectives in Development: Voice from the South**, Edited by M’hammed Sabour. Joensuu University Press, Finland 1994

Olenja, J.M.: “Women and Health care in Kakamega District” in **Women and Development in Kenya; A case Study of Kakamega District**. Chapter 5 pp 56-79 Edited by G.S. Were. Published by Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi 1991

Olenja, J.M.: "Traditional Beliefs, Practices and Child Survival: The case of Samia of Busia District, Western Kenya" Chapter 21 pp 261-266 in **Through the Looking Glass: Children and Health Promotion** edited by Jane Ross and Vangie Bergum, Canadian Public Health Association, Ottawa 1990.

Olenja, J.M.: “Women and Health Care in Siaya District" Chapter 3--- pp-44-70 in **Women and Development in Kenya: A Case Study of Siaya District**. Edited by G.S. Were, Published by Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi 1990.

Olenja, J.M.: "Dietary Patterns of the Marakwet of Kenya" chapter 9 pp 112-119in **Kerio Valley: Present and Future, Proceedings of a Seminar held at the Institute of African Studies**, University of Nairobi. Edited by B.E. Kipkorir, R.C. Soper and J.W. Ssenyonga, Uzima Press, Nairobi, 1983.

Olenja, J.M.: "Food and Culture: Anthropology and its Relevance in the Study of Nutrition" in **Mila**. A biannual Newsletter of Cultural Research. 2. 1983 edited by Nyamwaya D. Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi.

RESEARCH REPORTS /WORKING PAPERS

Njoroge, P.; **Olenja, J. M:** Needs assessment of Obstetric Fistula in Kenya. MOH/DRH and UNFPA Kenya. 2004

Olenja. J M. Muia E, Ndavi P. Liambila, W.:Can Adolescent Reproductive Health be addressed within the context of Safe motherhood initiative? A Policy Brief. Population Council 2003

Muia, E; Liambila, W; **Olenja, J.:** Reproductive Health Needs Assessment in eight districts in Kenya, UNFPA/Population Council, 2001

Wang'ombe, J. K.; Kimani, V. N.; **Olenja, J .M.:** Multi-Centre Study on STD/HIV/AIDS in Kisumu. Final Report for Population Council and UNAIDS. 1999.

Ndinya-Achola; **Olenja, J. M.:** Kusimba, J. Final Technical Report on "The Socio- Economic Impact of AIDS on the Family", Submitted to IDRC, Nairobi, January, 1999

Olenja, J. M.; Kimani, V.N.: A Cultural Analysis of Use of Maternal Health Services in three districts in Kenya, Department of Community Health, University of Nairobi, 1996

DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING MANUALS

Olenja, J. M.: Community Reproductive Health Package. MOH/DRH 2005

Olenja, J. M. and others: Curriculum Development for Institute for Tropical and Infectious Disease (UNITID) University of Nairobi.

Olenja, J. M. and others: Facilitation in the Health and Research Training Course for CEU and RATN, November 2004.

Olenja, J.:Mbugua, M; Kamau, J; Beckmann, S: Interactive FGM- Elimination Program Facilitation Guide for Community Based Health Providers. For GTZ, Nairobi, April 2001.

Ngugi, E; **Olenja, J.;** Kiamba, J; Eldridge, G: Training peer educator/counselors Manual for Community Health Workers (TOT) 1994.

Wotton, K; Muia, E; Kiamba, J; **Olenja, J.:** Facilitators' Manual for Health Worker Training in Sexually Transmitted Diseases, November 1993

Eldridge, G; Kiamba, J; Ngugi, E; Moses, S; **Olenja, J.;** Kimani, V.; Muia, E; Greene, P: Counselling Clients with STI & HIV/AIDS: A Training Manual for Care Providers in Health and Community Settings. Strengthening STD/AIDS Control Project, University of Nairobi & University of Manitoba. 1997

SPECIAL CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS

- Olenja, J.M and others-** Presentation of research results on Gender barriers to participation in HIV vaccine study in Kenya at the 2008 AIDS conference in Mexico.
- Olenja, J.M.:** Presentation of paper on: "*Client satisfaction as a measure of quality of care*" at Regional Dissemination workshops on KSPA organized by NCPD/MOH/DRH 2004
- Olenja, J.M.:** "Cultural Dimensions of HIV / AIDS Prevention and Care in the context of Sustainable Development" A Keynote Address to the Sub-regional workshop on the cultural approaches to HIV/AIDS Prevention and care for sustainable development in Africa. Kampala, Uganda. May 2000. Funded by UNESCO
- Olenja, J.M.:** "Female Genital Mutilation: Rights, Enforcement and the Girl Child in Kenya". Invited speaker at the International Paediatric Conference held in Amsterdam, Netherlands, August 1998.
- Olenja, J.M.:** "The cultural dimensions of social and economic development", A Key Speaker at Sub-regional workshop on Culture, Gender and Development held in Addis Ababa; 25th to 28th March 1997, Funded by UNESCO

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATION PAPERS

Olenja, J.M and Njoroge P. Preventing obstetric fistula: the role of transport in averting delays in access to emergency obstetric care in Kenya. Paper presented at the workshop on Mobility and health sponsored by IFRITID and held in Pretoria South Africa, 7th-11th 2008.

Olenja, J. M.; Muia, E.; Ndavi, P.: Factors that influence maternal use of health services in Western Kenya. Paper presented at the 27th Annual Conference of the Kenya Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society, Kisumu. 2002

Liambilla, W; Muia E, **Olenja J:** Assessing safe motherhood service provision needs Among Religious and NGOs/CBOs in six districts in Kenya. Paper presented at the 26th KOGS conference, Holiday Inn, Nairobi, 21st- 23rd February 2001.

Olenja, J. M.; Kimani, V.N:Poverty, Street Life and Prostitution: The dynamics of Child Prostitution in Kisumu, Kenya. Paper presented at the International Conference on Street Children and Street Children's Health in East Africa. Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. April 2000.

Olenja, J. M.; Machoki, J. M: "Reproductive Health Services in Kenya and maternal morbidity". Paper presented at the Annual Conference on Social Change and Health. Harvard, April 1998.

Muia, E; Ellertson, C; Lukhando, M; Elul, B; Clark, B; **Olenja, J. M.;** Wesley, E. "What do Kenyan Family Planning Clients and University Students Think of Emergency contraception?" Paper presented at the American Public Health Association. 1998.

Olenja, J. M.: "The social construction of gender and women's health: Conceptual Issues". Paper presented at the African Anthropologists Conference held in Pretoria, South Africa. September 1996.

Olenja, J. M.: "Socio-cultural, Economic and Demographic Risk factors in STD/HIV/AIDS Transmission among women in Kenya". Paper presented at Women and AIDS Conference in Nairobi.1996

Olenja, J. M.: "Assessing Community Attitudes towards home-based care for people with AIDS (PWAs) in Kenya". Paper presented at the Society for Women and AIDS Conference, Gaborone, Botswana. 15th - 19th December 1996.

Kimani, V.N. and **Olenja, J. M.:** "Maternal Use of Health Services in Three communities in Kenya" Paper presented at the Inter-faculty Annual Conference held at the Garden hotel, Machakos. August 1995.

Olenja, J. M.: "Social change and Nutrition in Kenya". Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Interfaculty Programme. Garden Hotel, Machakos. August 1994.

Muia, E; **Olenja, J.;** Eldridge, G: "STD counseling in PHC in Kenya". Presented at the APHA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, October 1993.

Olenja, J. M.: "Household Level Strategies that Influence Nutritional Outcomes among the Samia, Western Kenya." Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Meetings in Phoenix, Arizona, 1988.

Olenja, J. M.: "Perceptions of Health and Disease: Implications for Development" Paper presented at the meeting for Applied Anthropology, Oaxaca, Mexico, 1987.

Olenja, J. M.: "Malnutrition and Infant Mortality among the Samia of Busia District, Western Kenya: Methodological and Conceptual Issues. Paper presented at the East African Workshop on Perinatal and Infant Mortality and Health, Arusha, Tanzania, 1987, Sponsored by IDRC.

Olenja, J. M.: Workshop on the Ethnology of Childhood, Camrose, Alberta, Canada. Presented paper on "Traditional Beliefs, Practices and Child Survival: The case of Samia of Busia District, Western Kenya", 1987

Olenja, J. M.: "Rural Female Roles: Some Reflections", Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi, Seminar Paper No. 180, 1980

EXAMINED DISSERTATIONS

The dissertations span the broad areas of applied social science and public health; specifically Primary Health care and community partnerships; MCH/FP and Community based nutrition Sexual Health particularly among the youth; STDS/HIV/AIDS; Home-based care and care seeking in general. Some of the theses and dissertations are cited as follows:

a) **Ph.D. 1994/95**

Kimani, V. N; 1995: African traditional health care: The place of Indigenous Resources in the Delivery of Primary Health Care, Department of Community Health, and University of Nairobi.

b) **M.A./ 1989/2000**

Osero, J; 1991: "Health Care Decision-Making in Siaya District", Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi.

Musila, S; 1991: "Irrigated Horticulture and Household Welfare, Yatta", Institute of African Studies, Nairobi

CURRENT MPH STUDENT SUPERVISION 2009

Rael Mutali	HIV risk taking behaviour in prisons in Nairobi.
Esther Njuguna	Relationship between mental illness and adherence to ARVs among the mentally ill patients in Mathare hospital
Wanjiku Mwakio	Community reintegration of clients recovering from repair of obstetric fistula.

COMPLETED MPH STUDENT SUPERVISION:

Opwora Aso	2008	Barriers to health care for children under five in Butere division, western Kenya
Wesonga,B; Ngonde, A;	2007: 2006	Home based care in Busia district: opportunities and constraints Gender segregated knowledge, attitude and practices on health risks and benefits associated with urban dairy production in Dagoretti division, Nairobi
Ogonda, M.	2006:	Epidemiology of Malaria in Mwea Irrigation Scheme
Musyoka, L.	2006	Treatment Seeking for Malaria in Mwea Rice irrigations scheme.
Njeru, D. W	2006:	Adherence to Antiretroviral Therapy Among patients receiving ART at Kericho district hospital.
Ngure, M.	2005:	Male perspectives on abortion in Kiambu district.
Muhia, L.;	2001:	A comparative study of Community based and Institutional based care of People with AIDS (PWAS)
Gathece, L;	2000:	An Evaluation of the Impact of Peer Education among Commercial Sex Workers in Korogocho and Kibera.
Ongong'a, J;	2000:	Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Drug Use among Students in Boarding and Day Schools in Nairobi
Ali, Z;	1998:	Knowledge about Sexuality among youth in and out of School in Kibera.
Irimu G;	1997:	Perception of Pneumonia Among caretakers and Health Seeking Behaviour in Waithaka, Division. Department of Pediatrics, University of Nairobi.

- Ayallo, J.M; 1996: "Bamako Initiative in Kenya: Assessment of Communities' Ability to Manage Community Pharmacies in Baringo District."
- Onsongo, J. 1995: "A study to assess the client referral service of community based distribution of contraceptives in Nyamira district, Kenya"
- Kibosia, C; 1993: A study to evaluate the capability, constraints and capacity of maternal and child health workers to provide effective oral health care to mothers and children.

d) Diploma

- Oduol, W; 1987: "Urbanization and Socio-economic Status of Women: Case Study of Nubian Women in Kibera Slums", Institute of African Studies, 1987
- Njiru, E; 1987: "Women Entrepreneurs in Nairobi" Institute of African Studies, 1987

e) Undergraduate

- Lidoro, K; 1989: "Household Resource Allocation in Kinango", Nairobi. Institute of African Studies
- Kathurima, P. 1989: "Women's Self-help groups and Development: A Case Study of Githongo Sub Location, Meru District", Institute of African Studies.

CONSULTANCY ASSIGNMENTS AND REPORTS

I have conducted Operations Research, Baseline Assessments and Evaluation in Primary Health Care and Reproductive Health (specifically working in the areas of safe motherhood, adolescent health and female genital cut as well as STI/HIV and AIDS. I have prepared reports for various bilateral and non-governmental organizations and the Ministry of Health in Kenya. Below is a list of completed assignments.

- Development of the Kenya Roadmap for maternal and newborn health. For MSPH/DRH/UNFPA/WHO. October /December 2008
- Leader, Needs Assessment of service provider knowledge on sexuality. For DRH/NASCOP/FHI. June-September 2008.
- Assessment of Young Women Entrepreneurship (YWE) program in Nairobi (Slums and school based Youth) and Maragua rural setting. For TechnoServe, May 2008.

- Review of the Reproductive Health training Plan 2004-2006 and development of Reproductive Health Training Plan 2007-2012. For Division of Reproductive Health, Ministry of Health, Kenya.
- Team leader of consultants undertaking further analysis of the Kenya Service Provision Assessment 2004: ***"Influence of service provider training on quality of emergency obstetric care in Kenya."*** For Macro International, NCAPD and Ministry of Health, Kenya. June 2007 to December 2007.
- Development and Pre- testing of Blood donor screening tool for National Blood Transfusion Service in Kenya. Funded by CDC, Washington. November 2006
- Team member of the Qualitative Study on Poverty and Disability in Kenya. For World Bank October 2006
- Mid-term Evaluation of Kibera CBHCP project. September/ October 2006
- Situation Analysis of Adolescent RH and Stakeholder Analysis in Nyanza Province. For DRH/MOH/DANIDA May –August 2006
- Team member of the ESF consultants undertaking Review of Medical waste management in Kenya for NACC/World Bank. October/December 2005.
- Assessment of the Community Participation Component of the Lake Victoria Environment Project (LVEMP). KARI/World Bank. June/September 2005.
- Team Member of consultants undertaking end of project evaluation of AMKENI Project. Pop-Tech, Washington, DC/USAID, Nairobi. 2005.
- Programmatic Review of condom distribution and mechanisms focusing on IMPACT supported sites. FHI. November/December 2004.
- Needs Assessment of Obstetric Fistula in Kenya (Kwale, Mwingi, West Pokot and Homa-Bay districts) for MOH/UNFPA November/December 2003/January 2004.
- Literature Review on HIV/AIDS Trends in Kenya. For Measure Evaluation, Macro International, Washington, D.C, September/October 2003.
- Team Member of consultants undertaking Expanded Management Review of AMKENI Project. Pop-Tech, Washington, DC/USAID, Nairobi. May-July 2003.
- Team Member of consultants undertaking a Social Assessment in Turkana, Baringo, Garrisa and Tana River districts. For World Bank, Nairobi- Kenya. March 2003.

- Team leader for final evaluation of Bungoma District Malaria Initiative for USAID. December 2002- January 2003.
- Team member of consultants undertaking further analysis of the Kenya Service Provision Assessment 1999 for Macro International and Ministry of Health, Kenya. June 2002 to December 2002.
- Literature review on Female Genital Mutilation in Kenya for National Focal Point/WHO 2002.
- The magnitude of abortion in Kenya: study in three hospitals. For IPAS Nairobi. 2001-2002
- Evaluation of Emergency Contraception in Kakuma Camps for Population Council/IRC 2001
- Reproductive Needs Assessment in Kakamega and Bungoma for AMKENI, 2001
- Baseline survey on Female Genital Mutilation in Koibatek district for MOH/GTZ, May/June 2001
- Evaluation of the community outreach programme in Refugee Camps, Kakuma for IRC Nairobi, 2000
- Reproductive Health Needs Assessment for UNFPA/Population Council, 2000
- Mid-Term Review of the Bungoma Malaria Initiative (BDMI) for USAID, Nairobi 2000
- Evaluation of the Female genital Mutilation (FGM) Pilot Project- PATH/MYWO, Kenya. February 2000 through June 2000.
- Evaluation of Emergency Contraception, Ministry of Health supported by The Population Council, Nairobi, 2000
- Participatory Approaches to Meeting the Needs of the Poor (PAMNUP): The Bamako Initiative Community Based Health care Programme in Mombasa: Evaluation and Planning for the next phase (1997-2001), for Department of International Development (DFID); May-August 1997).
- Rehabilitation of health Facilities in Kenya. 1996/97. A member of the team working in Eastern, North Eastern and Coast Provinces. I evaluated the gender component of the assignment. Sponsored by African Development Bank. 1996/97.

- Evaluation of ANP-Makueni Community based Nutrition project For Family Life Training Programme (FLTP), February 1996.
- A rapid Assessment of operations and process of Community Based PHC& Pharmacies in Bahari and Ganze Divisions; Kilifi District. For KIDP/GTZ, April 1996.
- Baseline assessment for Emergency Contraception. Ministry of Health supported by The Population Council, Nairobi, 1996.
- Community Needs Assessment in Peri-urban areas of Kericho and Eldoret in respect to Water Supply and Sanitation for German Bank for Rehabilitation and Development (KFW), November 1995.
- Co-facilitated a workshop on Basic Concepts of International Health. Organized by the Canadian Consortium for Health in Development in Collaboration with the College of Medical Sciences, Gondar, Ethiopia, April 1995.
- Biotechnology in Primary Health Care in selected districts in Kenya, Nov- Dec 1994. For the Dutch Biotechnology Programme. (Funded by the Dutch Biotechnology Programme through ETC Consultants, Kenya).
- Assessment of Community perceptions of AIDS prevention Strategies for PLAN-INTERNATIONAL in Kiambu, 1994.
- A qualitative study on immunization coverage in South Nyanza District for UNICEF 1992.
- Conducted an evaluation of the Bamako Initiative in Kenya for UNICEF in liaison with SIDA/ODA/LSHTM, 1991.
- Evaluation of the effects of National Programmes of Nutrition and Primary health Care on the Health seeking behaviour of families, Murang'a District; for AMREF 1987.

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On various occasions Acting Chair, Department of Community Health, University of Nairobi

2008/2009 Course coordinator for Diploma in Research Methodology and Social Science and Health for the University of Nairobi Institute of Tropical Diseases(UNITID)

2005 to 2008: Coordinator, HIV/AIDS Course, University of Nairobi

- 1991- 2004: Coordinator of departmental examinations, Department of Community Health, University of Nairobi.
- 2001: Coordinator, Academic Programmes, Department of Community Health, University of Nairobi.
- 1999: Acting Coordinator, Interfaculty Programme (March to June)
- 1987/90: Co-coordinator, Women Studies Project at the Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi, sponsored by NORAD.
- 1984/87: Co-coordinator, Socio-Cultural Profiles Project, A joint project of the Institute of African Studies and the Ministry of Planning and National Development.
- 1985: Member of the Curriculum Development and Planning Committees at the Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi. Participated in the development of the course in Anthropology at the Institute of African Studies. University of Nairobi.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) Ethical Review Committee
- Pan African Association of Anthropologists.
- Social Science and Medicine-Africa Network (SOMA-net)
- Kenya National Academy of Sciences
- Community Health Association of Kenya
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MEMBERSHIP IN ADVISORY/WORKING GROUPS

- 2006:** Member of the Scientific Sub- Committee on the 2nd Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights.
- 2006:** Member of the Gender Advisory Board for HIV vaccine Research
- 1999:** Member of the working group on adaptation of Integrated Management of Childhood Infections (IMCI) materials in Kenya. MOH/ WHO.
- 1999:** Member of a team that developed postpartum policy guidelines and standards for care for Ministry of Health (MOH) supported by UNICEF and Population Council, June 1999.

1999: Member of the Advisory Group on Cancer of the Cervix, Western Kenya (CCWK), PATH, Nairobi.

1999: Board member, Karen Blixen Museum Advisory Committee.

1996: Appointed Board member of the Kenya- Cambridge Commonwealth Trust

SKILLS

- Qualitative/ Participatory Methodologies
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