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We are delighted to publish the first-ever list of Women in Global Health Chapter Sweden (#WGHSweden).

The status of women in global health calls for improvement! This concerns especially the field of global health governance where women do only represent 25% of all leadership positions, while making up 75% of overall global health workforce. Gender equality is both a goal and a means to contribute towards healthy lives for all.

The international organization Women in Global Health is the representation of a growing global movement addressing the gender equality gap within global health leadership. Sweden has a long-standing history of championing for gender equality in global policy, development cooperation and humanitarian assistance where health interventions form a central aspect. Hence, it was evident that Sweden would join this movement by forming a WGH Sweden chapter through the Swedish Institute for Global Health Transformation (SIGHT). The purpose of SIGHT is to promote an interdisciplinary approach, to strengthen and bridge Swedish research and education, and to provide a scientific basis for national and transnational collaborative policy work and recommendations in the field of global health.

The WGH Sweden chapter and list was initiated by Sara Causevic, Wiebke Mohr and Helena Nordenstedt from SIGHT and Karolinska Institutet, and founded in collaboration with Caity Jackson, Karolina Nyberger, Jessica Påfs, Mirja Sjöblom, Emma Svensson, Anna Wahlberg, and Emilie Weiderud.

WGH Sweden chapter will advance the vision and mission of the global organisation, focusing on advancing work nationally, but also regionally and globally as an active member of the growing WGH global organisation. With this list we wish to show the broad and deep experience and expertise, passion and diversity that exists among women working in global health in Sweden. Please use it to find new and maybe surprising collaborations, for us all to assist in improving the global health, especially for those most in need.

We are grateful for the support in this journey and we look forward to hear from you and expand this list in the future!

WGH Sweden working group members

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The Women in Global Health (WGH) Sweden list was developed by direct nominations and self-nominations leading to more than 300 women being nominated and recognized. The nominees were invited to submit their information to be included in this list and booklet and have thereby consented to share their personal information for this purpose. The nominees are ordered alphabetically with short biographies.

The list features information provided by the nominees who are liable for the accuracy, content, completeness, or reliability of the information included in this document. The opinions of the nominees featured in this list are their own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the working group, nor of the Swedish Institute for Global Health Transformation (SIGHT). The founders of WGH Sweden disclaim all legal responsibility for any information provided by individuals on the list and as we have the list for information purposes only.

WGH Sweden acknowledge that we have most likely not captured everyone and that there are larger elements of diversity that we may have missed unintendedly. The wide range of expertise, knowledge and diversity of leadership, as well as leadership to be – that is out there and which is crucial for global health progress – cannot be captured in one go nor is it work that we can do alone. This global movement and work is a starting point, an inspiration and a conversation where visibility to women will hopefully lead to incremental visibility to all.

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Beth Maina Ahlberg: a holder of PhD in sociology is retired Professor of International Health at the Unit of International Maternal and Child Health, Department of Women's and Children's Health, Uppsala University. She is also a co-ordinator of research at the Skaraborg Institute for Research and Development, a local research foundation mandated to promote research capacity within health care and build infrastructure for trans- and inter-disciplinary research. Has long experience in researching international health in Europe and Africa, with special focus on sexual and reproductive health as well as questions around gender and migration.

In 2002, she was involved in large collaboration with five EU countries regarding the access to health services for immigrants. Was also involved in a government evaluation on structural discrimination, her focus being mainly health. Has special interest in methodological issues particularly the applications of participatory and collaborative methodologies in research and development. She has organised courses and teaching qualitative research methods, sociology of health and development and has supervised many students at Masters and PhD levels.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Mentoring young African women scholars.

Tove Ahlström

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Tove is a civil engineer with solid experience in sustainability and unique expertise in climate change and pharmaceutical in the environment. Since 2018 she is the CEO of think tank Global Utmaning and is affiliated with Al Gore's initiative Climate Reality Project since 2013. Most recently she came from a position as Sustainability Manager at Apotea, a web-based pharmacy, where she developed the company's sustainability strategy. In 2017 Tove was a finalist in Sweden's best sustainability manager and in 2018 she was on the list of Sweden's 101 most powerful sustainability people in Sweden.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Pharmaceuticals in environment, Climate Change, Women Empowerment and leadership.

Hannah Akuffo

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Prof. Hannah Akuffo from Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), and affiliate Professor of Parasitology at Karolinska Institutet (KI) has studied infectious diseases that disproportionately affect the poor, including leprosy, leishmaniasisis, and river blindness.

After years of research and training of students, has worked with research cooperation at Sida since 1998 in various roles and is a Senior research Advisor within the Department for Partnership and Innovations. Hannah had the privilege to start the research cooperation between Sida and Makerere University in 1999 when the University was trying to emerge from a major crisis. Long term financial support to enhance the research capacity at the university at all levels has contributed to Makerere University's current possibility to assert its role as a prominent university with enhanced research capacity. Hannah has served as the Swedish representative in the General Assembly of the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) from the onset (for 4 years as the chairperson), Chairperson of the European Malaria Vaccine Initiative (EMVI), Chairperson of the ESSENCE on Health Research initiative a collaboration amongst funders of research for health. She has served in various research committees of the World Bank/UNDP/WHO Special programme on Tropical Disease Research and Training (TDR), including 5 years as the chairperson of the Research Strengthening Group of TDR, 6 years as a member of TDR's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee, and as Member then Chairperson of the TDR governing organ, the Joint Coordinating Board. Hannah currently serves on scientific committees of DFG (the German Research Foundation), MUII2 (Makerere University / UVRI Centre of Excellence Infection and Immunity Research and Training), THRiVE (Training Health Researchers into Vocational Excellence in East Africa) as well as the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) "Research Networks for Health Innovations in Sub-Saharan Africa".

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Neglected infectious diseases; research capacity strengthening in low income countries; I am a Leishmaniac!

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Maissa Al Adhami is currently conducting her PhD studies on the topic of values and their role for equity in reproductive and sexual health. Maissa holds a degree in Oriental studies from Uppsala University and has a master's degree in international health from Karolinska Institutet. She has fifteen years of work experience as a coordinator and analyst in field of international collaboration, international relations and management.

Through her work with international research collaborations between Swedish institutions and partner institutions in low- and middle-income settings, she became interested in global health issues as well as the interplay between migration and heath. In recent years Maissa has been working in research projects related to different aspects of migrants' health in the Swedish setting, specifically equity and integration, health care encounters and sexual and reproductive health and rights. "Born in Damascus, Syria and raised in Sweden, I was exposed early in life to the meaning of migration and its effects on life and well-being. I am interested in understanding the mechanism behind health disparities between foreign born and native born women in Sweden. With the knowledge we have about social-economic factors, what role does differences in values and perceptions about sexual and reproductive health and rights play? And how can we use this knowledge to avoid misconceptions and to improve health care encounters in a diverse setting such as the Swedish one?"

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Migration and health, equity and integration, sexual and reproductive health.

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Åsa Andersson is an international development specialist with more than 20 years progressive experience in public health, especially in SRHR incl. HIV. Her educational background is in media & communication and public health from Stockholm University and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Her work experience stems from Europe, South & South-east Asia and East and Southern Africa, where she has worked in various capacities with civil society, the UN and the Swedish International Development cooperation Agency (Sida).

Åsa has extensive experience of rights-based health programming that has facilitated change for adolescents, young women and mothers. In her roles as advisor, coordinator and manager she has engaged with a multitude of stakeholders that have resulted in stronger joint multilateral or bilateral positions and support for gender transformative strategies in Global Fund programmes, strengthening of SRHR including safe abortion & HIV in national health programmes and joint UN Development Assistance Frameworks. She has successfully managed joint UN teams that accelerated SRH – HIV integrated service delivery in 7 countries in Southern Africa. Åsa has used diplomacy and evidence based advocacy to find the "win-win" situations, which in a transparent and accountable way built the strategic alliances to advance positions and support aimed to contribute to universal access to SRHR for all. She is currently working as a Senior Programme Specialist in Health and SRHR at Sida HQ in Stockholm where she manages Swedish support to global social development, particularly focusing on RMNCAH, Health systems and SRHR including safe abortion.

Åsa is passionate about building comprehensive and resilient systems that contribute to development and social justice for women, adolescents and vulnerable populations; and deliver results that have an impact on people's lives.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

SRHR, Gender, Health System, HIV, Abortion.

Carin Andrews

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I am a PhD student looking at the prevalence and functional abilities of children with cerebral palsy in Uganda. The aim of my PhD project is to establish an understanding of the number of children with cerebral palsy living in Uganda, and to see what interventions and mobility devices that could be tested to improve their life situation.

Previously I worked in Uganda for four years as a research assistant and Karolinska Institutet representative at the Iganga/Mayuge Health and Demographic Surveillance Site, a research platform for population-based research. The site provides a platform for external studies and twice a year covers basic statistics as well as verbal autopsy and birth outcomes in around 16 000 households. This is also the site for my own PhD studies. I am a physiotherapist by training with a master in Global Health. I have previously worked and studied in Ethiopia, India and Lao PDR.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global Health, Childhood disability, Epidemiology, Health systems and policies.

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Salla Atkins is an associate professor at the University of Tampere, Finland, and affiliated researcher at Karolinska Institutet. She is a social scientist, with over 15 years of global health research experience. She started her career working in South Africa, on issues surrounding tuberculosis particularly from the patient perspective. Her expertise is on qualitative and mixed methods, and programme evaluations. Her current projects focus on multisectoral collaboration between health and social services.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Qualitative methods development, qualitative systematic reviews, programme evaluation, patient perspectives, multisectoral collaboration.

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Beatriz is an experienced health systems strengthening, procurement and supply chain management consultant specializing in access to affordable, quality medicines, vaccines and medical supplies, through the removal of barriers to achieve equitable, resilient and sustainable delivery systems. She has nearly 30 years experience in the private sector, academia and international development. In the last 20 years Beatriz has been working in resource limited countries to assess, design, review, problem solve, project manage, monitor and evaluate health system strengthening, procurement and supply chain management systems.

Her interests include sustainable delivery systems, supply chain resilience, information systems integration and private sector lessons applicable to resource constrained environments. Beatriz has gained experience in over 30 resource-limited countries working for The Global Fund, GAVI, UN agencies, DFAT, DFID, USAID, Asian Development Bank and international NGOs. She has previously served in the UNITAID Proposal Review Committee as a supply chain expert (2010–2017), the WHO GAVI HSS Pre Review (2015–2016), the Global Fund Technical Review Panel (2008–2013), and the GAVI Independent Review Committee (2008–2014). She has also served at Cranfield School of Management UK and Luleå Technical University (Sweden) as a visiting fellow. She is currently a member of the Global Fund Technical Evaluation Reference Group (TERG). She holds a Bachelors Degree in International Relations from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico and a Masters Degree in Logistics and Supply Chain Management from the Cranfield School of Management UK. She holds Mexican and British citizenship and speaks English, Spanish with working knowledge of Portuguese.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health Systems Strengthening, Procurement, Supply Chain, Project Management, Evaluations.

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I am a medical doctor and researcher with a passion for systems thinking and improvement work in Sub Saharan Africa where I have lived and worked for nearly six years. My main research interests include evaluating the implementation of health programs and quality of care in low resourced contexts.

I have worked as a volunteer for UNICEF in Eritrea (1994–1995) and as a clinician and program manager in HIV/AIDS and home-based care in rural Tanzania (2005–2006). I completed my MSc in Public Health in Developing Countries at LSHTM in 2009 and my PhD at KI in 2017, focusing on health system bottlenecks and quality improvement strategies for maternal and newborn care (MNC) in rural areas of Tanzania.

In Sweden, I have focused on immigrant health and conducted an evaluation of the Health communicators program targeting immigrant populations in Stockholm County in 2011–2012. In 2012, I started my specialist training in Family Medicine, based at Husby Akalla primary care centre – a true global health clinic.

I have been based in Malawi for the past 3 years where I hold an honorary position at the School of Public Health and Family Medicine at the College of Medicine in Blantyre. I contribute to research, supervision and teaching and have also worked as a clinician with maternal care at a local health centre. I continue to have strong links with KI and Tanzania, and am currently part of the Ongeza project, investigating the feasibility of a new technology to improve health management information systems for MNC. I am also engaged as a consultant for UNICEF Tanzania to conduct a national situation analysis of newborn health in the country led by the Ministry of Health.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health systems research, implementation science, quality improvement, maternal and newborn care, primary care.

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Marie Berg holds a position as Professor in Health and Care Sciences specialising in Reproductive and Perinatal Health (RPH) at the Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy (SA), University of Gothenburg (UGOT), Sweden. The position is combined with clinical work as a University hospital consultant midwife at Sahlgrenska University Hospital. Marie has a dual master degree in Nursing and in Public Health sciences, and a PhD in Medical Science. She is holding the chair/responsible for the discipline RPH which includes a midwifery program and a master program in RPH for midwives. Berg was responsible for the development and establishment of the bachelor and master one-year programs in RPH (year 2003) and the development and establishment of the full master program in RPH (2008) at UGOT. Marie has earlier been head of the Midwifery program (2006–2013), and head of the PhD program in Health and Care Sciences at SA (2012–2015). She has also been member of the Sahlgrenska Academy board at UGOT (2015–2018). Marie is since 2005 member of the scientific board of the Swedish Midwifery Association, which among diverse responsibilities has initiated and still runs the scientific journal Sexual and Reproductive HealthCare.

Marie is active in low-income countries promoting maternal and infant health and professional competencies. She is working in Democratic Republic of Congo (former Zaïre) since 1981. The research by Marie Berg aims at promoting a normal physiological positive labour and birth, and a healthy outcome of pregnancy and birth in case of complications, with focus on maternal type 1 diabetes. Midwifery- and person-centred models of care are prioritised in her research.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Promotion of normal physiological birth, Minimising maternal and neonatal Mortality and morbidity, Midwifery professional education programmes.

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Anna Bergström is an implementation scientist with a particular focus on how to systematically implement evidence and use locally derived data and how context influence implementation in low- and middle-income countries. Further Anna has an interest in behavior change and appropriate measures and methodologies to study implementation. Anna has developed a course in Implementation Science in Global health that has been running at Uppsala University since 2014 and she is currently involved in implementation research in Uganda, Mozambique, Sudan, India and Nepal.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Implementation science.

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I am a PhD student at the Centre for Global Health, Department of Public Health Sciences, Karolinska Institutet. My PhD project aims at contributing to a better understanding of the development and the implementation of community-based tuberculosis screening policies in Nepal and Vietnam, and globally. The project is part of the Horizon 2020-funded IMPACT TB.

Previously, I worked as a consultant in knowledge translation at the WHO Regional Office for Europe (2014–2017) where I provided technical support to the Evidence-informed Policy Network (EVIPNet) Europe. My work included conducting situation analyses of national research-to-policy contexts, designing and facilitating capacity building activities, and producing technical documents. From 2012–2014, I worked as a research assistant in health systems and policy research at Karolinska Institutet.

I worked and studied in Ecuador, India, Nicaragua and South Africa, and hold degrees in global health (MSc) from Karolinska Institutet and health communication sciences (BSc) from Bielefeld University.

In addition to my academic activities, I am the President of the non-governmental organization Foundation Human Nature, supporting community-based rural health and development projects in Ecuador, Ghana and Nepal.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health systems, health policy, knowledge translation, implementation.

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Martina Björkman Nyqvist is an Associate Professor at the Department of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics since 2011. Before that she was at the Department of Economics at Bocconi University in Milan. Her work focuses on health and education in low income countries. In particular, Martina's research is mainly related to health interventions aimed to improve child and maternal health as well as the provision and impact of public services to poor populations in Sub Saharan Africa. She has worked on research projects related to child and maternal health in Uganda, Lesotho, and Nigeria. Martina is an affiliate Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) and a Fellow of Swedish Institute for Global Health Transformation (SIGHT).

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Public service delivery, child and maternal health.

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My research areas are in injury prevention and epidemiology and mHealth with a specific interest in social inequalities in the occurrence and consequences of injuries. I recently defended my doctoral thesis "mHealth for image-based diagnostics of acute burns in resource-poor settings: studies on the role of experts and the accuracy of their assessments" that was built on four studies taking place in South Africa prior to the implementation of a burns app for emergency teleconsultation and focusing on the experts in the mHealth system. I have an undergraduate degree in Public Health and a Master's in Global Health. My current position is research coordinator within the research group Injuries Social Aetiology and Consequences (ISAC) at the Department of Public Health Sciences at Karolinska Institutet.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Injury prevention, injury epidemiology, mobile health, social inequalities.

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Born in France, I have a BSc in biomedical sciences from UCL (UK), and a Master in Global Health from Karolinska Institutet (Sweden). My research interest fields are diverse, and my first encounter with global health occurred when working on genetic polymorphisms associated with variations in metabolic functions between different ethnic groups in south-west Ethiopia and comparing them to other worldwide populations.

I am currently a PhD student at Karolinska Institutet. I have now been working at Karolinska Institutet since 2014 where I focus on injuries in a global health perspective. I am currently a PhD student and conducting most of my research in South Africa where I focus on the development of remote diagnostic assistance tools for burn injuries. My main task is too assess the current situation with regards to admission to local burn centres, as well as to develop an artificial intelligence algorithm that could assist with burn diagnosis in resource-scarce settings.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Epidemiology, injuries, artificial intelligence, mHealth.

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Karin is an educational developer and research and project coordinator in the Global and Sexual Health research group at the Department of Public Health Sciences at KI. While her research interests primarily focus on gender norms and decision-making regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights, her educational responsibilities mainly include developing and teaching courses in global health for both students and staff as well as internationalizing the curriculum.

Karin has studied and worked at universities in Sweden, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Germany and the United States. She holds a Masters of Arts in Visual and Media Anthropology at the Freie Universität in Berlin, Germany and received her Bachelors of Arts in Anthropology and International Relations from the University of Sussex, UK in 2007. Earlier in her career, she facilitated Participatory Video projects with traditional birth attendants in Ghana and asylum seeking unaccompanied minors in Sweden. She has worked with LGBTQ rights in Sweden, and with cultural heritage as a method for building peace in the western Balkans through the organization Cultural Heritage without Borders. She currently holds a seat on the Educational Products Subcommittee of the CUGH (Consortium of Universities for Global Health) Education Committee.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

SRHR, gender norms, refugees and migrant health, curriculum development.

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Sara Causevic is a doctoral student at the Karolinska Institutet and a research assistant at the Swedish Institute for Global Health (SIGHT) at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. Sara is coming from both Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and Macedonia and earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees in chemical engineering from the University of Sarajevo.

She was awarded the Fulbright scholarship to pursue her studies in Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and later a Global Health Policy Master program from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She was the Program Analyst at the United Nations Population Fund in BiH, working to advance women's health with a focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights, comprehensive sexuality education, emergency preparedness and HIV/AIDS.

Prior to this, Sara was working for the pharmaceutical sector, namely Novartis Pharma AG and consulting for Sanofi. She has over 10 years of experience in design, implementation and evaluation of sexual and reproductive health and rights programs and projects, focusing largely on young people, migrants and men who have sex with men. Sara is advancing her knowledge and interest in women and gender equity, low- and middle-income health policies, and Swedish position in a global health context. With experience in working in the healthcare sector and development issues, she has also collaborated with different partners such as the WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, GFATM, World Bank, CARE International, etc., in various countries in Europe, as well as in the United States.

She is one of the initiators of the SRHR Humanitarian Network in Sweden, and co-founder of the first-ever Women in Global Health Chapter Sweden and list.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global health, SRHR, emergency preparedness, SDGs, UHC.

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Mariam Claeson, M.D., MDhc Karolinska Institute, M.P.H., DTMH, is Director of the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents, hosted by the World Bank. She was previously Director for the Maternal Newborn and Child Health team at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (2012–2016).

She served as Program Coordinator for AIDS in the South Asia Region of the World Bank (2005–2012), living three years in India, financing innovations by civil society organizations to reduce vulnerability and marginalization caused by stigma. Before that, she was the Lead Public Health Specialist in the Health, Nutrition and Population, Human Development Network of the World Bank (1998–2004), promoting core public health functions and multi sector approaches in analytical work and operations.

She contributed as editor of the Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries, second edition, and coauthored the World Bank report on The Millennium Development goals for health; Rising to the Challenges (2004). Her main contribution to the health chapter of Poverty Reduction Strategy program (2001) was a life-cycle approach to identify multi sector determinants to maternal and child health and nutrition.

Prior to joining the World Bank, Dr. Claeson worked for the Global Program for the Control of Diarrheal Diseases, World Health Organization (1987–1995); in clinical practice at the district level (Tanzania, Bangladesh) and in leprosy and tuberculosis control in East Bhutan); in national immunization and diarrheal disease control (Ethiopia 1984–1986); and, for the World Bank in health sector development programs including in Egypt, Jordan, Uzbekistan, China and the Philippines.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition outcomes (RMNCAH-N); lifecycle approaches to women and child health; public health; child mortality reduction; innovative financing for development.

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Meena is a senior lecturer at the Dept. of Food Studies, Nutrition and Dietetics at Uppsala University (UU) and affiliated to the International Maternal and Child Health Division, Dept. of Women's and Children's Health, UU and Dept. of Public Health Sciences, Karolinska Institutet in Sweden. Her research interests mainly focus on behavioural interventions and implementation research, specifically relating to community-based complex interventions for non-communicable diseases (NCDs). She leads the SMART2D consortium, responsible for developing and implementing self-management support interventions for type 2 diabetes in Uganda, South Africa and Sweden (https://ki.se/en/phs/smart2d).

In addition, she has worked with household level dietary behavioural interventions in the India. Her research also includes evaluating food and physical activity (PA) environments, their interactions with diet and PA behaviours and how this influences intervention processes and outcomes. She also chairs a working group within the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD) research network to study the role of context in implementation research. Meena is a medical doctor and holds a PhD in Public Health.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Non-communicable diseases, Implementation research, Complex interventions, Food and physical activity environment, high-risk and population-wide prevention approaches.

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Dr. Sarah Dickin is a health geographer working on topics related to environment and health, with a focus on water, sanitation, and hygiene in low-income contexts. She has an inter-disciplinary background with a Ph.D. in Geography and a B.Sc. in Environmental Science from McMaster University, Canada. As a Research Fellow at the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Dr. Dickin co-leads an initiative on sustainable sanitation that comprises research, policy engagement and capacity development focused on improving understanding and uptake of sustainable sanitation, including environmental, institutional, social dimensions.

Her current research interests include measuring the links between water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH) and health and wellbeing, including development of robust tools for assessing social and gender outcomes. Her research also seeks to link health, climate change, and sustainability, and she coordinates SEI's participation in the Planetary Health Alliance. Prior to joining SEI, Dr. Dickin was a researcher at the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health in the water and human development programme.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Water, sanitation, gender and social equality, climate change, planetary health.

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Affiliated professor in multicultural health and care research, research group leader of Cultural Medicine, the Department of LIME, KI, Stockholm. Certified psychologist, work part-time in primary care in a suburb of Stockholm. My dissertation in psychiatry (1986) was entitled "Social Determinants of Aggressive Behavior in a Sample of Chinese Primary School Children". Have been a visiting professor at Malmö University, the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, lectures in their Global Mental Health seminar. Present guest professor at Arad University in Romania.

Research area
Global mental health and my research design is mixed methods, ie., quantitative and qualitative (GT). Also work with systematic reviews. During ten years, coordinator of a national and international network of doctoral students and researchers. During nine years, one of the international facilitators and coordinator at Harvard course Global mental health: trauma and recovery. Experience as a consultant for UNHCR and WHO and travelled in 100 countries. Of family reason, lived in Tokyo, Beijing, Singapore and Hong Kong during eight years (1976/77–1985). **Supervision on Graduate level:** (PhD) completed 10 as main supervisor (2 Uganda, 1 Iran), 1 as assistant supervisor, 2 lic, 3 ongoing (1 in Uganda, 1 in Romania), 1 as assistant supervisor, 2 as experts (1 Uganda). **Supervision on Undergraduate levels:** 31 (20 weeks/30 ECT, 3 ongoing), 18 (C-level 10 weeks/15, 1 ongoing), 32 medical students own project, 7,5 hp,1 CHESS traineeship (7,5hp), 38 VESTA (CeFam, residence doctors in family medicine), 6 ongoing, Intl Federation of Medical Students' Association: 1

Publications: 92 original articles, peer reviewed journals, 51 Swedish, 51 book chapters (English), 49 (Swedish), 21 Stress research reports & other research reports,152 Abstracts for presentation on international conferences, 148 in Swedish, 1 book (co-editor, APA), 1 book (Swedish)

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global mental health, refugee women and children, health promotion literacy course in groups for new-comers, interprofessional learning by virtual patient with feedback.

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Anna is affiliated to the Department of Public Health Sciences-Global Health, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, where she holds a Professorship in Global Infectious Disease Epidemiology, specifically HIV. Anna has extensive experiences of leading research focused on HIV, SRHR, Ebola and TB in the areas of epidemiology, gender, health systems and implementation research, in low-income settings and in vulnerable groups.

Her current work with WHO also involves emergency response normative work on Ebola and SRHR as well as Zika research. Anna has a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Health from Université Paris VII, a Master in Public Health and a PhD in International Health, from Karolinska Institutet. She finalised her university medical degree (MD) in 1995, and fulfilled training to get her license to practice medicine in 1997. She became a full clinical specialist in 2011 following work at the Infectious Disease Medicine unit at the Karolinska University Hospital. Anna is an Honorary Professor at Hanoi Medical University since 2011 and has served as member of the Technical Expert Reference Group (TERG) of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), HIV, Ebola, Tuberculosis, implementation research.

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Anna-Theresia Ekman recently graduated with a master of medicine from Karolinska Institutet, and throughout her studies, she has taken an active interest in global health. She has spent four years as a board member of the Swedish branch of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations and was one of the organizers of the Swedish Global Health Research Conference: How can Sweden contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals? From Research to Action.

Anna-Theresia has also been an intern at the WHO Emergency Risk Management and Humanitarian Response Department, trained fellow students in disaster medicine and was responsible for planning and delivery of the health sessions during the Children and Youth Forum at the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2015. Having a special interest in representation and a right based approach, she and her colleagues' coordinated youth engagement during the World Humanitarian Summit process 2016. Her interest in the right to health led her to also develop international trainings on human rights in clinical practice. She is currently serving as the president of the Swedish Society of Medicine's student and junior doctor section, is a member of the Swedish Society of Medicine's committee for global health, and is starting up research on global mental child health.

As an educator, advocate and member of civil society, she hopes to continue her engagement as a junior doctor.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global mental child health, Youth engagement, Health and human rights.

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I have a combined clinical professorship position as a researcher at the Karolinska Institutet (KI) and a senior clinical specialist in Infectious Diseases and HIV at the Karolinska University Hospital. Previous education includes a Master of Public Health (MPH) in quantitative methods from Harvard School of Public Health (1995), Medical Doctor (MD, 1998, KI) and PhD in medical epidemiology (KI, 2000). I lead the Global and Sexual Health (GloSH) research group, a multidisciplinary research group with international collaborators and students (ki.se/phs/glosh).

Over the last two decades I have lead multiple international research projects across Europe, Africa and Asia in partnership with universities, public and private institutions, non-governmental organisations and global actors. Supervision of international PhD students, global health teaching, and awareness work to improve sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and quality of life for people living with HIV are other features. The research is often operational in close collaboration with local actors, aiming at improved access to prevention and treatment and more effective program implementation in resource-poor health systems, high-risk contexts and in key populations (e.g. migrants, adolescents, young people with multiple partners, men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs).

Current focus areas include social and gender norms and values, risk behaviours, gender-based violence, sexual education, contraceptives, prevention and treatment for HIV, m-Health to improve retention in care, and program evaluation and health economics, non-communicable diseases, health communication and epidemiological surveillance.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global health, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), HIV/AIDS, epidemiology, health systems.

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Food and nutrition security is a cornerstone for achieving global sustainable development. Good nutrition is not only a prerequisite for attaining good health but will also affects individuals' ability to participate in and contribute to the society she is a member of. To ensure good nutrition in early life is in particularly important as it has both short- and long-term health consequences for individuals.

My research evolves around the mother and infant dyad in low- and middle-income countries such as Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Nicaragua. By increasing the understanding of biological and socio-behavioural determinants for their food and nutrition security the aim is to identify factors of importance for developing effective community-based interventions. As most interventions are directed to mothers and young children women's empowerment and their capacity to make use of in their environment existing food, health and other resources is critical. Rapid urbanisation makes food and nutrition security an increasing concern in cities where unemployment and widespread poverty affect a large share of the population. Access and affordability of safe and nutritious foods may depend on social and economic strata in a context where social safety systems may be weakened by frequent shifts due to unsure housing situations. Large-scale efforts to promote food and nutrition security needs also to consider the contribution of food systems to planetary health but little is known about urban context in low- and middle-income countries.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Nutrition epidemiology, Food and nutrition security, Maternal and child nutrition, Women's empowerment, Food environment.

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Kristina Elfving is a paediatrician and senior consultant working at Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg mainly with paediatric infections. She serves as the vice president of the board of pediatric infectious diseases in the Swedish Paediatric Society. Kristina is also a researcher at the University of Gothenburg on malaria as well as non-malarial febrile illness and fever aetiology in children in Zanzibar, Tanzania as well as Malawi.

Kristina has worked in the field for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in different parts of Africa with hospital and out patient paediatric care and severe acute malnutrition. In addition, she is part of the core Scientific Committee of the conference MSF Paediatric days. She is also a lecturer on child health and malnutrition in the University of Gothenburg in the Global Health Masters Programme.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Paediatric infectious disease, severe acute malnutrition, humanitarian paediatrics.

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Pia Engstrand is the Lead Policy Specialist for Health & SRHR at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida. She has close to 20 years' experience in the areas of health, SRHR and HIV, including from bilateral, multilateral and civil society organisations.

Within Sida, she has held a variety of roles, including Head of the Regional HIV-SRHR Team for Africa, located in Lusaka, Zambia. In her positions at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Sida she has represented Sweden in multilateral boards, such as GFATM and UNAIDS, and in technical advisory groups, including the advisory group for the Guttmacher Lancet Commission on SRHR and the expert group for the International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education.

She holds a Master of Political Science from Uppsala University, Sweden.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, HIV/AIDS.

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Anneli Eriksson is a registered nurse, specialized in anesthesia and with a master in international Health. She works as project manager at Karolinska Institutet at the Department of Public Health, in the Centre for Research on Health-Care in Disasters (KcKM). Anneli develops and manages courses focusing on health care in disasters.

In her own research, she focuses on how to assess the severity and needs in disasters. In 1995 Anneli went on her first mission with MSF, to the war-torn Chechnya. Since then, she has worked in many conflict and crisis settings, now most recently in the Ebola-affected North Kivu in Congo Kinshasa. Four years ago, she also worked in Liberia during the extensive Ebola eruption that hit West Africa. Anneli has been the president of MSF-Sweden for several years. In 2007 she received the prestigious "Florence Nightingale International Achievement Award".

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Disaster medicine and health care in disasters. Global nursing. Humanitarian assistance.

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Birgitta Essén is Professor in International Maternal and Reproductive Health at the Department of Women's and Children's Health/ IMCH Uppsala University, Sweden. She is a Senior Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University Hospital of Uppsala where she is running a clinic especially for immigrant women. She has extensive research and field work experiences from both low-resource as well as multi-cultural settings, globally. Her research profile is related to sexual and reproductive health and rights in a globalized society with special focus on maternal & perinatal mortality, female genital cutting, and honour violence. In more than 20 years she has had research collaborations with social scientists. It has resulted in what she calls "Anthropological Medicine," where theoretical knowledge of social & cultural aspects of reproductive phenomena are made applicable in health promotions or in clinical practices such as maternity care.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Reproductive health, maternal and women's health.

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SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Infectious diseases, Tropical medicine, Paraditology, Gender medicine.

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Sara helps manage the Secretariat of the Commission on Investing in Health, chaired by Lawrence H. Summers and Dean T. Jamison, where she analyzes investments in global public goods for health. She serves as a faculty member to the UCSF Center for Global Surgical Studies. Before joining UCSF, Sara worked on reproductive health, gender-based violence prevention, and political organizing. Sara has a Master in Public Policy and a Master in Public Health. She is based in Stockholm, Sweden.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Policy, health systems, transitions, malaria, gender equity.

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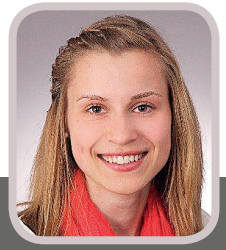
Helena Frielingsdorf is a specialist in psychiatry, combining clinical work with Global Health research and education. She is currently the Chair of the Swedish Society for Medicine's committee for Global Health.

In 2008 she joined Médecins Sans Frontières, and has done four field missions, most recently as medical team leader in Bossangoa, Central African Republic. During her work with Médecins Sans Frontières in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar and Central African Republic she was closely involved in the implementation of care for persons living with HIV and TB, survivors of sexual and gender based violence and psychiatric care.

Her current research interests include exploring risk and resilience factors, and improved treatment strategies for post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use, as well as integrating psychiatric services and care for survivors of sexual violence in humanitarian emergencies. She is also involved in epidemiologic studies of child and adolescent mental health in a collaboration with UNICEF.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Social determinants of health, Global Mental Health, Sexual and gender based violence.



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SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Child health, health policy and management, infectious diseases.

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Anna Färnert is a Professor in Infection Medicine, especially Tropical Medicine at Karolinska Institutet, and a Senior Consultant at the Department of Infectious Diseases at Karolinska University Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden. Her research focuses on understanding immunity to malaria to guide vaccine design, as well as on the clinical management of malaria and other tropical infections.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Infectious disease, Malaria immunity, epidemiology, immunology and clinical aspects.

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Rosanna leads the global health programme at the Swedish independent think tank Global Utmaning. The programme takes a broad approach to Swedish development aid priorities and global health issues, and contributes to new ideas and policy proposals for how Sweden can strengthen its development work and support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

She has previously worked as a research assistant at the Karolinska Institute, the Department of Global Health (IHCAR), Project Coordinator for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care at UNODC in South Africa, as well as a trainee at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Unit for Multilateral Development Cooperation, where she was supervised by the Ambassador for Global Health. Rosanna is a political scientist and holds a Masters Degree in International Health from Uppsala University.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Development assistance, Agenda 2030, climate change, SRHR, women empowerment, gender equality.

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Carolina is the secretary of the Swedish Network for International Health of the board 2018. Carolina coordinates the structure of a strong team work of the student-lead organization by facilitating tools to connect global and public health students and professionals mainly in Sweden.

At the same time, Carolina, currently based in Sweden, is studying the 3rd semester of the master programme in Global Health at Uppsala University. She is convinced that the experiences during her formative years in Mexico and now in Sweden has given her a clear vision to improve individual and collective health.

At a young age she developed an empathy for the most vulnerable. This has fueled her dream to change the world. All these years she has worked to change in a positive way the environment where she studies, work and live. The academic research, global vision, and high social sense are the fundamental axes of her work as a health professional in favor of promoting policies and innovative practices with humanism and responsibility.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Public, global and oral health.

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Giulia is an postdoctoral researcher working in the development and clinical test of low-cost point-of-care diagnostics for paediatric infectious diseases in poor resource settings. With a background in biotechnology and medical science, she contributes to her interdisciplinary team by bridging the knowledge gap between biotech developers and clinicians, with a field-to-bench-to-field philosophy for global health innovation.

Giulia is a Karolinska Institutet alumni, and her research was awarded international grants including the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and EIT Health PhD Transition Fellowship silver award. Giulia has international experience in global health, advocacy, scientific coordination, including scientific and public outreach in sectors ranging from academia, NGO and non–profit. In parallel to her scientific work, she has worked pro bono for various organisations such as the Swedish Organization for Global Health and others, to provide public health and scientific outreach to the general public.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global health diagnostics, Point-of-Care, Neurobiology, Biotechnology, Infectious diseases.

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Emilia Goland holds a Bachelor of Medical Science in Public Health from Karolinska Institute and a Master of Medical Science in International Health from Uppsala University. Besides her academic work, she has served within public, private and civil society sectors in Sweden and various countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

In her current role as International Programme Manager at RFSU, a Swedish non-for-profit organisation promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Emilia manages partnerships in Sub-Saharan Africa, and provides technical support to SRHR programs at local, national and regional levels. Together with members of the International Planned Parenthood Federation and other like-minded organisations, she also coordinates advocacy and accountability engagements at the global level. Through her academic and professional career, Emilia has gained extensive experiences in the field of public health, human rights and international development cooperation. She has developed a deep understanding of health as a human right and a driver for global development, peace and security. Her research engagements and key areas of interest focus on bridging the gap between research, policy and action for global health.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; Maternal and Child Health; Adolescent Health; Health Equity; Policy Development.

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Malin Grape is a senior expert in the field of antimicrobial resistance and healthcare associated infections with extensive experience from international cooperation and research in low- and middle-income countries. In her current position as Head of the Unit for antibiotics and infection control at the Public Health Agency of Sweden she is responsible for national and international cooperation on antimicrobial resistance and provision of evidence based recommendations and best practice for prevention of antibiotic resistance and healthcare associated infections in the Swedish healthcare system. She holds an MSc in Pharmacy and a PhD in clinical microbiology with research focusing both on molecular resistance mechanisms and health communication on responsible use of antibiotics.

Previous experience includes a position as a senior consultant providing expertise on pharmaceutical and health products management at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute in its mandate as Local Fund Agent to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. As international coordinator at the Swedish Institute for Communicable Disease Control she was responsible for several collaborative projects, e.g. one with China, later developed into a substantial joint research project still ongoing. Dr Grape is the current chair of the national sector-wide coordinating mechanism on antibiotic resistance including 22 governmental agencies. She is a member of the programme committee of the national research programme on antibiotic resistance recently commissioned by the Swedish government and is also director of a WHO Collaboration Centre for antimicrobial resistance containment in the Public Health Agency.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Antimicrobial resistance, infection prevention and control, healthcare associated infections, rational use of medicines, health systems, implementation.

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I am a registered nurse with a master in Global Health from Karolinska Institutet. My master thesis focused on coping strategies & resilience among former girl soldiers in Northern Uganda. I have done field-missions with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Sierra Leone and South Sudan. I have clinical experience from Primary healthcare, inpatient care and coordination of gynecological daysurgery. Since August 2017 I am working at Karolinska Institutet in the Health Systems and Policy research group, at the Centre for Research on Healthcare in Disasters.

I am involved in the research project "Ethical challenges in disasters", -to better understand how healthcare professionals working in disasters are affected by moral challenges and moral distress. The project is a collaboration with National Centre for Disaster Psychiatry at Uppsala University and the Department of Learning, Informatics, Management and Ethics (LIME) at KI.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global Health ethics, Ethics in disasters and humanitarian crises, healthcare in disasters, SGV in Global Health.

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Sofia Hammarstand is a medical doctor and researcher in the field of occupational and environmental medicine at Sahlgrenska University, Gothenburg, Sweden. Her research is focusing of the health effects in women and children due to the persistent chemicals called PFAS in drinking water. Through the position as the president as Swedish Medical Associations working group for climate and change and health Sofia is aiming for improved knowledge about the global health effects of climate change.

She has been leading and being part of the World Medical Associations delegation at the UNs COP meetings in various locations. By raising her voice nationally and globally through social media, debate articles and national television she shows that thought mitigation strategies, global and public health can be improved. As part of the board for the organization Health Care without Harm, Sofia is also working for improved knowledge about the environmental damage and climate footprint from healthcare.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global health, environment, climate change, childrens health, mitigation.

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Sarah is a Dentist with clinical experience in Sudan, currently doing master's degree of Public Health at Umeå university as Swedish Institute Scholar 2017–2019. She works as an Advisory Board Coordinator for Swedish Network for International Health (SNIH), and a board member in the Swedish Institute (SI) Network for Future Global Leaders Umeå (NFGL Umeå).

Sarah's research interest is in the field of Tobacco control, Oral Health, Cancer-related public health and Health inequalities. She has experience in Health education, Health promotion, and Tobacco cessation programs. Also, a good knowledge and skills in Quantitative, Qualitative research methodologies and Health Economics Evaluation. Sarah aims to improve public health and population health practice to support healthier communities, and dream of being a leader in public health research and education with local impact and global significance.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Tobacco control / Oral Health / Health Inequalities / Cancer-related public health.

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I'm Nada Hanna, from Syria, I graduated with a First Class Honours Bachelor degree in Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Chemistry from University of Pharmacy, Aleppo, Syria. After my graduation I took up jobs in different health sectors. Moreover, I did my first master degree in Biomedicine at the University of Skövde, Sweden. I also completed an advanced level course in global health at the University of Göteborg in Sweden. I did second Master degree in Environmental and Public Health at the Cyprus International Institute for the Environment and Public Health in association with the Harvard School of Public Health.

I worked in Environmental Medicine/ Nutrition Epidemiology at Karolinska Institutet/ Sweden, I'm PhD student now in Global Health-Health System and Policy focusing antibiotic in the environment and health risk assessment at Karolinska Institutet/ Sweden.

My main goal to work in a very competitive environment with an international community and help those who need care and peace as I do firmly believe that in life we are created to achieve our aims and elevate humanity so that we can get a peaceful world with less pain, less suffering, fewer diseases and be able to make history.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Antibiotics in the environment; health risk assessment.

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I'm an Associate Professor in health systems research at Karolinska Institutet, Sweden. I also hold a position as an associate professor at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). I started to work in Global Maternal Health in the early 1990s at the German Cooperation GIZ, later specialised in gynaecology and obstetrics and trained as an epidemiologists with focus on measuring maternal mortality and its determinants (MSc & PhD from LSHTM).

My main interest lies in health system research on how to best organise and design care structures to support that evidence-based interventions adapted to the context support quality maternal, reproductive and neonatal health care. I lead and co-lead several projects in Africa (Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique) and Asia (India) focussing on quality improvement through quality management approaches, capacity building, and health system strengthening. I also work on indicator development to support the evaluation for maternal and newborn health care.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health systems, maternal and newborn health, integration and patient-centred care.

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I am a paediatrician and associate professor in global health at Karolinska Institutet. My PhD and postdoctoral work concentrated on the management and diagnostic issues of common childhood illnesses in sub-Saharan Africa and how the recent role out of rapid diagnostic tests for malaria influences the diagnosis and treatment of other causes of paediatric febrile illness. More recent interests, and the main focus of my current research, involve the quality of care and health facility emergency management of severely sick children in low-income countries.

I have ongoing projects in Malawi, Uganda and Tanzania whereof one clinical trial on the mortality impact of a changed treatment cutoff level for hypoglycaemia in severely sick children. Related studies investigate causes of dysglycaemia among severely sick children in resource poor settings. Another research project is assessing opportunities to improve paediatric emergency care in frontline health facilities in two districts in Malawi.

I am a teacher at the Master of Global Health program at Karolinska Institutet. I am supervising master and PhD students and mentoring both PhD students and postdocs. I am also a supervisor in the institutional collaboration between Karolinska and Makerere University (Uganda).

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Paediatrics, Emergency care, Community Health, Pneumonia, Malaria.

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She is the founder and director of Art of life and birth whose purpose is to increase equal and quality health care as well as a person-centered care for vulnerable groups in health care context globally. As a midwife she is specialized in process-oriented group dialogues, based on science and experienced based knowledge and she support health organizations and education systems at different levels and collaborate closely with universities, organizations and NGOs.

Ongoing mission is to support the Panzi hospital and Dr Denis Mukwege (The Nobel peace prize winner 2018) in DR Congo to be a center of excellence. In Sweden she is responsible for bilingual community based doulas who supports migrant women during pregnancy and childbirth to improve migrant women's experiences of care during pregnancy and birth, and ultimately, pregnancy outcomes.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Sexual and reproductive health in low income context, migrant women given birth abroad, working processoriented with staff groups.

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Anna-Clara Hollander is a clinical psychologist with a PhD reserching psychiatric epidemiology among migrants, espcially refugees at the Karolinska Institutet in Sweden. Anna-Clara has lived and worked in Tajikistan 2006–2008 studying PTSD and depression after their civil war and did a post doc period at the Division of Psychiatry, University College London (UCL).

She is now using novel total-population register-based approaches to study how the refugee-experiences and migration affects psychiatric morbidity and mortality and utilisation of psychiatric care among both children and adults. This research awarded her the European Psychiatric Association Research Prizes 2017 in the category "Biological correlates and treatments of mental disorders". In addition to the register-based epidemiology Anna-Clara has also been using field epidemiological methods to study the risk of suicide among undocumented unaccompanied refugee minors and been leading various validation studies, making register studies possible among other than the native Swedish population such as refugees and ethnic minorities. Anna-Clara is also now leading projects using qualitative methods of how migration affects psychiatric morbidity and mortality and utilisation of psychiatric care among both children and adults. She is also teaching Global mental health and Ethnicity and health at the bachelor, master and PhD-level at the Karolinska Institutet and engaged in committees of trust focusing on health among refugee and asylum seekers in Sweden.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Refugees, migrants, psychiatric epidemiology, global mental health, social determinants of mental health.

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Bronwen is an expert on antibiotic use and resistance with an interest in behavior change initiatives that promote the implementation of evidence-based practices in health and health care in low- and middle-income settings. As a young engineering graduate, her early focus was in planning and logistics. In search of more meaningful work, Bron landed in Peru where she spent three years building capacity with various women's groups, at risk youth, a support group for disabled people, and finally as a technical trainer for a large international development organization.

Discovering her passion for global health, Bron moved to Sweden for a Masters in International Health at Uppsala University, Department of International Maternal and Child Health (IMCH). Subsequently she returned to the field working with health systems strengthening in Malawi. Thereafter, back in Sweden she began at ReAct, drawn to antibiotic resistance as an issue that affects all aspects of health and one of the most urgent threats of our time. She developed a web-based Toolbox to facilitate action on antibiotic resistance for civil society organizations, healthcare workers and policy makers. She collaborated with WHO and supported country stakeholders in the development of national action plans. As the global network coordinator, she was responsible for project management including planning, monitoring and evaluation of ReAct's work.

Currently she is back at IMCH, and part of the Uppsala Antibiotic Center pursuing her PhD. She's studying the implementation of interventions to improve the care and management of acute childhood illness and use of antibiotics in Ujjain, India.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Antibiotic use, antibiotic resistance, implementation science, behavior change, diagnostics.

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Dr. Anette Hulth is currently based at Public Health Agency of Sweden and affiliated to Public Health Sciences at Karolinska Institutet. Among other things, Anette has lead work on how mobile technology can support the collection of infectious disease data from rural areas in resource-limited parts of the world. This work includes the development of tablet-based surveillance from participants at religious mass gatherings and informal healthcare providers in India as well as mobile phone-based malaria surveillance in South Africa.

Anette is principal investigator of a One Health collaboration on antimicrobial resistance and antibiotic use in a rural area of China, together with eleven partners from China and Sweden. Anette is also involved in healthcare improvement work in Eastern Europe, including Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in her role as coordinator of the Baltic Antibiotic Resistance collaborative Network.

Anette has a background in computer and systems sciences as well as language technology. Since obtaining her PhD in 2004 she has combined this research with infectious disease surveillance research in innovative ways, including applications for computer supported outbreak detection and fully automatic disease surveillance based on queries submitted to a national medical website, systems which are incorporated into the Public Health Agency's routine surveillance.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Infectious disease surveillance, mobile technology, antimicrobial resistance, infection prevention and control.

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Gabriella Hök has extensive experience in development and coordination of multisectorial health responses with focus on HIV. Strengthening national systems and organisations, promoting and realizing strategic and sector wide partnerships at local and national levels have been central to her work.

Her engagement in public health began in West Africa while at the European Commission Delegation, followed by work at UNAIDS in Central America and South East Asia before joining the Public Health Agency in Sweden. She strives for effective responses and advocates for rights-based and inclusive approaches to sustainable development in health. Gabriella holds a MA in International Studies, Department of Peace and Conflict, from Uppsala University, Sweden, and a BA in Economics and Development Studies from School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Coordination, capacity development, partnerships, hiv.

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Nationally and internationally known for decades of translational coeliac disease research, i.e. gluten intolerance. Her research has contributed to changing the view on celiac disease from a rare childhood disease to a global public health problem with a multifactorial aetiology, which opens the door for prevention. Scientific leader of the Salut Child-Health Intervention Programme in Västerbotten. Founder of the Umeå SIMSAM Lab focusing on multidisciplinary register-based research connecting childhood with lifelong health and welfare.

For several years she was the leader of Epidemiology and Global Health at Umeå University, a successful multidisciplinary international research and educational environment with academic staff and students from all over the world. Many of the alumni move on to influential positions in their home countries, mainly within health care or academia. She has now been promoted to lead the internationalisation of the medical faculty striving for synergies between research, doctoral training and education. High-quality global health education, in Sweden and elsewhere, is necessary to reach the United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Maternal and child health, health care for all, research methodology, implementation science, and empowerment of women in academia and health care.

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Dr. Amina Jama is a public health strategist, who is currently working as a Project Director at Save the Children International, Somalia country office in Nairobi. She is also the director of research and senior gender adivisor at SIDRA Institute in Garowe, Somalia. She has extensive experience of public health in fragile contexts and was a senior policy and planning advisor to the Federal Ministry of Health of Somalia. She has served in various technical advisory and leadership positions in Sweden and Somalia for the last 15 years', providing strategic leadership in evidence based policy, innovative design and implementation of equitable-needs-based, sustainable programs to improve health, education and livelihoods. She holds a PhD in Applied Health Technology, a Masters of Public Health, and a B.Sc. in Nursing.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health Policy and Planning, eHealth, Health Communication, PHC, Gender and Social Inclusion in health, Health System Strengthening.

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SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Nutritional Epidemiology.

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My name is Annabell Kantner and I was born in Germany and grew up near Berlin. I did my bachelor of nursing studies from 2006 to 2010 in Berlin and worked as a nurse for three years in Berlin, but decided to move to Sweden and work here. I have been working in different hospitals in Stockholm for about four years, but I was always searching for new challenges.

I left Germany because of bad working conditions and the general perception that nursing is not a profession and everybody is able to work as a nurse together with a glorification of the medical profession. In Sweden I met a totally different system and finally I felt proud to be a nurse. I still feel very passionate about the nursing profession in general, but after eight years in the field I felt that I want to leave the work on a ward because of the limited possibilities to develop a career. I want to help strengthening nurses in general and to improve working conditions. Furthermore, I have always had an interest in international and global health. I did an internship in Tanzania during my bachelor studies, volunteered for the german red cross and worked with autistic children in England. I think, to improve health systems, it is important to have knowledge about other systems.

I started studying a Master in Global Health at Uppsala university in september 2017 and will finish in 2019. During the last year I have been working with the Swedish Network for International Health (SNIH) and we have organized a conference in Gothenburg in November 2018. My interest in global health is growing with every day and every new person I meet during my studies and connecting through SNIH. For the future I wish to work at place where I can develop while my experiences as a nurse are recognized. I am proud to be part of the Women in Global Health movement to, at the end, live in a world equal for everyone, no matter who you are.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Vaccination, research, nursing, communicable diseases.

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She has worked for more than 10 years as a health economics and outcomes research consultant and manager, focusing her research on quantifying the epidemiologic and economic burden of neurological and stress-related disorders, such as Multiple Sclerosis (MS), PD, dementia, major depression, and anxiety disorders, relating it to other health outcomes as well. In addition, Korinna has been working with economic evaluations and studies focusing on the impact major disorders have on the family, the partners of patients. During her doctoral studies, she utilized information that is available in national administrative registers in Sweden to explore the relationship between longevity, health/morbidity, and quality of life focusing on presenting information regarding the health of the ageing population in Sweden. Currently, she is conducting her postdoctoral research at the Division of Insurance Medicine, aiming to describe the economic burden and health economic outcomes, including sickness absence and disability pension, of MS patients in Sweden, looking for opportunities to expand this research on somatic and mental disorders, such as IBS. Further, Korinna is involved in teaching health economic methods at a master's programme at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden (Master of Health Economics, Policy and Management), collaborating in this way also with several health-economic researchers in the field.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Burden of diseases, cost of illness, health related quality of life, health economics, epidemiology.

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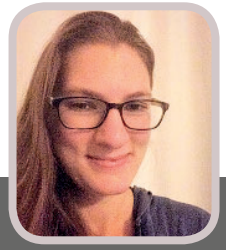
A young enthusiastic physician, currently pursuing Masters degree in Public Health at Lund University as Swedish Institute Scholar. I strongly and deeply believe in the right to health care for all, motivated to work with health equity concepts, with a special interest in the public health of refugees and migrants in Europe.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Migration and health.



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I'm an Infectious Diseases Epidemiologist, with a focus on paediatric pneumonia diagnosis, treatment and management in sub-Saharan Africa. I've worked in Malawi since 2012 on various research projects, including vaccine effectiveness studies, piloting and re-designing novel diagnostic technologies, and developing predictive algorithms to improve treatment decision making. I have also worked in Bangladesh, Nigeria and the UK on a range of topics, including sexual health, non-communicable diseases and healthcare associated infections. I am particularly interested in epidemiological approached to conducting clinical research in low and middle income community settings and primary healthcare.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Pneumonia, infectious diseases, epidemiology, paediatrics, primary healthcare.

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Dorcus Kiwanuka Henriksson (MD, MPH, PhD) is passionate about global health with over 10 years of experience in health systems strengthening, maternal, newborn and child health, evidence-informed policy, HIV, and health policy and systems research. Originally from Uganda, her work experience has taken her from practicing medicine, heading a district health system and working on health sector reform in her native Uganda to international assignments in several countries including Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and South Africa.

She is affiliated to Uppsala University, and Karolinska Institutet in Sweden and her recent work is focused on how context-specific evidence can be used to identify health system bottlenecks and how this information is used for decision making and inform policy to strengthen the health system. She is also passionate about empowering young professionals and is currently the chair for the governance committee of a global network of over 250 young professionals from over 50 countries, the Emerging Voices for Global Health Network (EV4GH). The network engages promising and emerging health policy & systems researchers, decision-makers and other professionals with interest in becoming influential global health voices or local changemakers, particularly in Low- and middle income countries and Fragile and Conflict-Affected States.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health Systems, Evidence-informed policy and decision making, Global health governance, Maternal newborn and child health, Sexual and reproductive health and rights.

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I am a medical doctor, specialised in General Medicine and Social Medicine, holding a position as professor in Public Health Science. My main research areas are Violence in intimate relationships, Collective violence, Maternal health and Mental health. Our studies have been performed in Vietnam, Pakistan, Rwanda and Sweden.

For the time being I am mainly active in Rwanda and Sweden, finalising a five-year programme on maternal health issues in Rwanda (as team leader and supervisor) and in the beginning of a research programme in Sweden on Intimate Partner Homicide in West Sweden during the years 2000–2016. We are planning for a new interdisciplinary research programme in Rwanda on Undernutrition in children and their mothers, a five year undertaking from 2019–2024. I do teaching on several topics within Global public health, directed at international masters students and medical students and act as supervisor to masters and doctoral students from diverse settings.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Interdisciplinary research SDGs; Policy and implementation research; Intimate partner violence/homicide prevention; Undernutrition in children and their mothers; Violence and undernutrition.

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Asli Kulane, MD, MSc, PhD, Associate Professor in International Health at the Equity & Health Policy Research Group, Department of Public Health Sciences, Karolinska Institutet (KI). Throughout her professional life, she has dedicated a large part of her career in working with vaccine research from laboratory to community level. Her experience spans from identifying candidates to be included in new malaria vaccine constructs, to implementing HIV vaccine trial in low income settings and developing tailored intervention to tackle vaccine hesitancy toward existing vaccines such as Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

Other areas of research include HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Migration and Health, Equity etc. She has worked in Africa, Asia and Europe. Asli has a MD from Somali National University with a Masters of Medical Sciences from Karolinska Institutet and a PhD in Immunology from Stockholm University.

Currently she is also serving as the Programme Director for Masters in Global Health and the Erasmus Mundus Master Course in Public Health in Disasters.

She is a senior lecturer with extensive experience in Global Health education and has played a leading role in developing global health courses offered both at the Masters level (Masters in Global Health) and PhD level (World Health Programme) at KI.

Asli has served as a coordinator for the Swedish Research School in Global Health. In addition, she has passion for innovative teaching and learning using technology through co-leading a MOOC course on “Introduction to Global Health” and a web-based One Health training programme to contribute to research development and improved control of zoonoses in Africa.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global Health; Migration Health; Vaccines, Equity, Leadership.

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Dr. Anna Kågesten is a postdoctoral researcher at the Karolinska Institutet department of Public Health, Global and Sexual Health group. She has over 10 years of experience in the design and implementation of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) programs and studies, focused especially on young people such as teenage pregnancy in urban poor environments, early adolescent gender norms, young male's fertility intentions, youth sexual dysfunction, and the quality of comprehensive adolescent health programs.

Anna received her MPH (2012) from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and subsequently completed her PhD in the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health (2017). For her dissertation, she studied the prevalence and patterns of early adolescent sexual experiences and its association with gender norms in Nairobi informal settlements, as part of the Global Early Adolescent Study. At Karolinska Institutet, she is currently involved in several projects to assess the evidence, impact and mechanisms behind SRHR programs, ranging from comprehensive sexuality education Indonesia, adolescent sexual violence prevention in Nairobi, migrant SRHR information in Sweden, to the development of a new gender norms module as part of the World Values Survey. Anna is a research consultant on SRHR to several international organisations including the Guttmacher Institute and World Health Organisation (WHO) department of Reproductive Health and Research. At the WHO, she led the development of new program reporting standards for sexual, reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health to improve the reporting of program implementation processes.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR); Adolescent health; Epidemiology; Gender norms; Systematic reviews.

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Dr Karin Källander is a Senior Health Specialist in the Implementation Research/Delivery Science Unit in the Health section at UNICEF, where she is the unit lead for child health, community health & digital health. She previously worked as Senior Research Advisor at Malaria Consortium in London, UK, where she was heading the organisation's research group, leading and guiding research and evaluations in the areas of maternal, newborn and child health, including digital innovations for effective health service delivery. She is a specialist in health systems research, child health epidemiology, and community-based primary healthcare, and is Associate Professor at the division of Global Health at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden. Dr Källander has over 15 years' experience as researcher, lecturer, programme coordinator, and consultant in both development and emergency settings, whereof seven years living in an African low-income country.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Community health, child health, digital health, pneumonia, health systems research.

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SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Tuberculosis, Global Health.

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I started as a dentist 1980 and specialized as paediatric dentist at the same time as I finished my PhD on epidemiological studies of periodontal disease in adolescents at Umeå University. Then I migrated to Epidemiology and Public Health at the same university and started to work with the main part of my research on evaluations of dental prevention in the ten-year long project "Evaluation of caries preventive actions" that I started after finishing my doctoral thesis. A continuation of this is the project where the first evidence of a possible genetical susceptibility for caries was found in a case referent study that was nested into the evaluation study. We have continued with a larger case referent study where we have shown a genetically susceptibility for caries.

Being at the Umeå epidemiology and public health department I was involved in setting up a master program in public health and also in a project on children's and adolescent's health in Nicaragua. In Nicaragua, beside setting up a master training and a PhD training in cooperation with colleagues in León, we also evaluated prevention programmes for sexual and reproductive health among youth. I was also part of setting up and running a Health and Demographic Surveillance system in three parts of Nicaragua. This resulted in living in Nicaragua for 3 years.

Coming back to Sweden from Nicaragua having spent five years at the Swedish National Institute of Public Health working mainly with systematic literature review methods, I moved to Uppsala university and became responsible for the global health master training. After spending ten years teaching global health in Uppsala I am now in Addis Ababa on a project coaching health analysist to increase the quality of health information in Ethiopia. Research wise I am involved in a data mining project using the Cuatro Santos, Nicaragua HDSS for multidimensional assessment of poverty. I also act as a co supervisor in projects on sub typing of caries for decision on risk and prevention.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Public Health, Epidemiology, Dental prevention, Research methods.

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Maxine has experience as a health educator, medical scribe, and health journalist. She has an MPH with a concentration in epidemiology. Her master's thesis was about diet change after a diagnosis with rheumatoid arthritis. Maxine also has higher degrees in international relations and global health, and her studies have included diverse science courses from medicine-related disciplines. In her free time, Maxine enjoys travel, tacos, and spending time with family.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Noncommunicable disease, autoimmune disease, tobacco control, nonprofit.

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Åsa Leufven works clinically in Stockholm as a specialist in Family Medicine. She is also clinical lecturer at Karolinska Institutet and course director of clinical rotations in primary care for exchange students.

For many years she has been Director of Studies for Global Medicine, a program providing clinical training in low and middle income countries for medical doctors during residency.

Åsa is involved in the global health course at Karolinska Institutet as seminar facilitator and accompanying teacher for the field trip.

Member of the Committee for Global Health at the Swedish Society of Medicine.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global Health education.

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Désirée Lichtenstein is one of the founders of Women in Global Health(WGH) globally, initially as the gender specialist, but now as an honorary member of the board, and is currently working as a Programme Analyst for UNFPA in Myanmar, focusing on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Gender Based Violence (GBV) in the development/humanitarian nexus. Before joining UNFPA, she worked as a medical doctor at Karolinska University Hospital and Danderyd's Hospital, worked with Women on Web in El Salvador, to support women's access to safe abortion, and is a Clinical Innovation Fellow from Karolinska Universtiy and the Royal Institute of Technology. She has a background in organizational work and youth advocacy on SRHR issues, including being president of the organization Kärleksakuten in 2011–2012, working with peer education and comprehensive sexuality education, and Director on Reproductive health including HIV/AIDS for International Federation of Medical Students' Association 2012–2013.

Désirée is also the initiator of the word Klittra. As a member of RFSU, she put forward the motion that lead to the naming of a word for female masturbation and the international debate about a need for such word.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Youth Engagement, Gender equality, Development, Humanitarian.

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The majority of the most recent 18 years of professional work has taken place in sub-Saharan African countries. Work experience is achieved from settings such as academia, private consultancy companies and the multilateral and bilateral environment. The current position held is SRHR Specialist for UNFPA Kenya Country Office since 2016.

Previous work for the past 18 years has been in positions such as Health Specialist/deputy head of development cooperation, Embassy of Sweden in Kampala; Senior Health Advisor for Sida, Stockholm; Thematic Lead on HIV/AIDS consultancy, Nigeria; Team Leader, Basic Services/ Health Advisor, South Sudan; Regional HIV/AIDS Program Manager for sub-Saharan Africa based in Zambia and Junior Professional Officer for UNICEF in Malawi.

The above mentioned positions have included technical profiles on health/ SRHR, HIV/AIDS and social protection. Since five years back this has been shaped by result orientation in designing strategies and operational plans for health and HIV/AIDS. Work has also included administration, personnel responsibilities, budget planning, follow-up, coordination, capacity development and organizational changes. All previous positions have included close collaboration with a variety of agencies and organizations such as public sector (primarily Ministry of Health), civil society, private consultancy companies, and multilateral agencies such as World Bank, UNFPA, WHO and UNICEF, as well as a range of bilateral agencies.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health system strengthening, SRHR, gender, HIV, management.

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Ms Lindén is currently a MSc student in economics at Stockholm School of Economics (SSE), and a research assistant at the Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI) at Stockholm University. Ms Lindén has chaired the Effective Altruism society within the student union at SSE and participated in a panel debate organised by the Swedish Institute for Global Health Transformation (SIGHT) in Stockholm called “Youth, Health and the Global Goals: Dialogue with Melinda Gates”.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

UHC, pandemics, technological innovation, governance and policy.

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Ann is currently the EPI Coordinator in the Department of Immunization, Biologicals and Vaccines at WHO in Geneva. The EPI team is responsible for developing policy guidance and strategies on immunization, supply and global vaccine markets, service delivery and global monitoring and surveillance of immunization. Before joining WHO in September 2018 Ann worked as the Program Manager of the National Immunization program at the Public Health Agency in Sweden for 5 years.

She has worked abroad several years including with MSF in Angola Guinea Conacry and Mozambique and as head of MCH services in French Guyana for 2 year. In 1999–2002 she was the President of the Board in MSF in Sweden and she has been a member of MSF since 1997, serving on the Board in total 7 years.

She is a pediatrician and specialist in social medicine and public health, has a MPH from Harvard and PhD from Karolinska Institute in Sweden. She has worked as a lecturer in global child health, vaccinology and humanitarian work for more than 25 years and has co-authored a textbook in Global Health with Hans Rosling.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Immunization, Child Health, Humanitarian aid.

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Anna Ljunggren is a change consultant and learning designer, and teaches planning and leadership in public health. She has led international, cross-functional teams and has experience of change communication from a range of sectors. Today, part of her work involves identifying and developing strategies for organizational learning and development, and teaching how these processes support effective public health practices.

With an academic background in science and communication and 20 years' work experience as a consultant and learning designer, she has expertise in creating clear, simple and engaging messages and learning tools. She enjoys exploring how large-scale dialogue can be combined with gamified activities and simulations to create meaningful and lasting learning experiences. After completing an MPH at Lund University in 2013, she has been involved in curriculum development and teaching, and has managed the development of a MOOC in Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Anna Ljunggren also has a degree in Journalism from Lund University and a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Yale University.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Leadership in Public health, change management, learning design and capacity development.

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SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Sexual and reproductive health and rights, abortion rights, SRHR in humanitarian settings, global processes on population and development.

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Dr Emelie Looft-Trägårdh is a medical doctor with a special interest in women´s health and sexual and reproductive health and rights. In 2016, she founded the non- governmental organisation Mother and Child Health Association (MACHA). The organisation works with women's and children's health through cooperation projects in Sweden, India and Ethiopia, among these volunteer- and sponsorship programs, rural development, paediatric rehabilitation and women empowerment initiatives. Emelie was also an initiator and project manager for the student-led initiative Global Health Night at Karolinska Institutet, a now annual event at several medical universities in Sweden with the purpose of highlighting Global Health amongst students and professionals. Emelie has experience in epidemiological research and has worked and lived in India, Guatemala and Uganda.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Women's health and rights, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), epidemiology, obstetrics/gynaecology, non-governmental organisation.

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International speaker and facilitator, trainer, program developer, entrepreneur, and team leader. I'm an expert in gender issues, the Sustainable Development Goals, Political Leadership at the local level, and inclusive development. Born and raised in the United States and have lived in Kenya and Sweden. My passion is enjoying the outdoors and inspiring others. I was also a firefighter and have run two marathons.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Gender Equality, Sustainable Development Goals, Leadership, Training, Inspiration.

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Anna Machowska is a postdoctoral researcher in Global Health since 2017 when she joined the Health Systems and Policy group at the Department of Public Health Sciences at Karolinska Institutet. Her current research focuses on improving use of antibiotics and addressing the problem of antibiotic resistance, mostly in low and middle- income countries.

She is working on two international collaborative projects on antibiotic surveillance in private sector hospitals in Central India as well as interventional study to improve antibiotic use in pregnancy, childbirth and young children in Laos and Vietnam.

Anna obtained her PhD degree in 2016 at Karolinska Institutet as a Marie Curie fellow, which was a joint collaboration between industrial and academic institutions. During her doctoral education she investigated the role of education and patient empowerment to facilitate choice of and access to dialysis therapy with ultimate goal to improve patients' clinical outcomes. Since then she has developed a keen interest in Global Health and decided to apply her skills and knowledge to intervene in the rapidly growing threat of antibiotic resistance.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global Health, Antibiotic Resistance.

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Infectious diseases constitute one of the most important present and future challenges for human and animal health. A wide range of new and/or so far "unknown" infectious diseases has emerged during the recent years and more are predicted to threaten animal and humans.

Many of these infectious diseases may be appearing from hitherto unknown agents. Considering this global problem, there is an urgent need to develop powerful novel methods, which are able to trace down new infectious agents and study the possible complex nature of several infectious agents acting together to cause a disease.

The novel science of viral metagenomics opens a completely new path and good possibilities to solve the above listed problems and can for example provide insights into the composition of viral populations.

I'm fascinated by infectious diseases, in particular the agents causing the diseases and their interactions with the surrounding microorganisms. The overall aim of my research is to address questions in infection biology using high-throughput sequencing technologies.

Part of my research is based in Uganda where the specific focus is on ticks and tick-borne diseases. The overall goal is to improve cattle and human health through increased understanding of microbial communities in cattle and ticks. The research also aims to describe Ugandan cattle owners' perception of ticks and tick-borne diseases, disease management and general farm challenges in order to provide future advice and policy that are taking these aspects into consideration.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Malaria, tick-borne diseases, drug resistance, high-troughput sequencing, equality.

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Adelina Mazhiqi is an MD candidate at Lund University, also pursuing a degree in Integrative Health Science at Kristianstad University. As a 2018–2019 Research Associate at the Program in Global Surgery and Social Change (PGSSC) at Harvard Medical School, she'll be focusing on strengthening surgical and research capacity in Tanzania. Her experiences include health system strengthening and clinical work in her native country Kosovo, translating research into policy. With experience in cardiovascular research at UCLA, Los Angeles, she plans on pursuing a career as a global cardiothoracic surgeon. As part of promoting student's global health engagement, Adelina serves as local president of the Swedish Society of Medicine's Student and Junior Doctor Section (Svenska Läkaresällskapets Kandidat- och Underläkarförening).

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global Surgery, Public Health, Health System Strengthening.

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Wiebke Mohr is a master's student within the Health Economics, Policy and Management Programme at Karolinska Institutet. She has a background in Law and Public Health. Additionally, she has explored the concepts of Medical Anthropology during her studies at St. Francis Xavier University in Canada and her bachelor's project about "The incorporation of Traditional Knowledge into mental health promoting practices aimed at preventing suicide among Inuit youth in Greenland". As her initial project at SIGHT, Wiebke wrote a background paper on "Institutional Stickiness concerning Governance in Global Health" as part of the new Lancet-SIGHT commission on linkages between SDG's 3, 5 and 16 under the supervision of Prof. Göran Tomson. For the Nordic World Health Organization 2018 Simulation Conference at UN-City in Copenhagen, Wiebke participated acting as member-state delegate for Germany. She is one of the co-founders for the recently launched Women in Global Health Chapter Sweden initiative, hosted by SIGHT.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

International health system comparison (financing, structure & organization), global (health) governance structures and reformation, knowledge translation at national and EU governance level, mental health among youth, antimicrobial resistance (UTI's & STD's).

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Abela has over 15 years of experience in Global Health and has held positions of increasing responsibilities in Research and Business Development in Sub Saharan Africa, Asia, Europe and for the last three years, globally at the Johnson & Johnson Global Public Health (GPH) organization as Outcomes Research Director.

She believes that every leader needs a platform with a set of values as an internal roadmap that will guide, and hold one accountable going forward. In this critical leadership role at Johnson & Johnson Global Public Health (GPH) organization, Abela is responsible for working on multiple research and business development strategies, tailored to support the successful access to care for the most underserved population around the globe. Importantly, in a role as a female lead in global health, she pays attention to working and supporting other thought female leaders around the globe, to accelerate the pace of innovation for the world's most underserved individuals, families, and communities.

Her vision is that in order to propel the future of women's leadership; we must invest in women leaders platform that masters the art of continuity, increased touch points, and on-demand interventions to forge new alliances for women – the core of the Women in Global Health chapter.

Abela graduated from Södertörn University with a Master of Science Degree in Molecular Biology. She also holds a Ph.D. degree from Karolinska Institute, Sweden.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Disease (HIV, TB, MH).

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I am originally from Tanzania and a medical Doctor by profession. I have practiced Medicine for 3 years prior to beginning my current Master's in Global Health studies at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. It has been a great opportunity being the Vice Chair of the Swedish Network for International Health, the 2018 conference opened up a bigger platform for the student participants to interact with professionals from varying levels in the global/public health field. My passion in Global/Public health is to advocate for access of quality and equitable health from the grassroots up. And to ensure preventive health encompasses everyone globally.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Medicine, Rotarian, Global health.

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Eva Nathanson is passionate about global public health having worked for 20 years at national, regional and global levels primarily at the World Health Organization (WHO), but also at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and Unitaid. At present, Eva works at WHO with the United Nation's Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (IACG) which aims at shaping the global agenda so that we can continue relying on antimicrobials in the future.

Before joining the IACG, she worked at Unitaid contributing to making the best health products on HIV, tuberculosis (TB), malaria and HIV co-infections affordable and available to where they are needed the most. She also worked at the Swedish Embassy in Lusaka, Zambia, where she managed health development cooperation programmes addressing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, the health of women, adolescents and children and nutrition. She served as a representative of Health Cooperating Partners in Zambia and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Country Coordinating Mechanism. From 2010–2014, she worked at WHO's country office in Yangon, Myanmar, managing and coordinating technical and financial partners in the fight against TB, but also strengthening maternal and child health programmes. Before Myanmar, she spent eight years working on prevention and control of multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) at WHO's headquarters. She played a key role in the Green Light Committee, a mechanism that enables access to affordable and high-quality second-line anti-TB drugs for MDR-TB, the Stop TB Partnership's Working Group on MDR-TB, and contributed to several TB guidelines, strategic plans and scientific publications. In the late 1990s and early 2000, she worked on fighting TB and MDR-TB in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union countries. Eva holds two Master's degrees in Molecular Biology from the University of Lund, Sweden, and in Health, Environment and Development from the Free University of Brussels, Belgium.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global Health, TB, AMR.

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I am responsible for surveillance of hepatitis B and C in the EU, based at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control in Stockholm, Sweden. I am also completing a PhD at Karolinska Institute, focusing on HIV in high risk populations. Prior to my current post I completed the Epidemic Intelligence Service Fellowship (EIS) at the United States CDC in Atlanta, focussed on Reproductive Health. I stayed on at CDC for four years as a member of staff in HIV behavioural surveillance. Previously I have also worked for the international Red Cross Red Crescent as the global technical focal point on climate change and health.

I completed my degree in medicine at Oxford University in the UK, followed by UK Foundation Training in clinical medicine. I also completed a Master of Public Health at Harvard, focussed on quantitative methods.

In my spare time I am a stand-up comedian!

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Hepatitis, HIV, Reproductive health, Climate Change.

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Kimberly Nicholas is an Associate Professor of Sustainability Science at Lund University in Sweden. She studies how to manage natural resources to both support a good life today, and leave a living planet for future generations.

In particular, her research focuses on sustainable farming systems, using nature-based solutions to benefit both people and ecosystems, and linking research with policy and practice to support a zero-emissions society that she hopes to live to see. She nearly became a consultant to the California wine industry instead. She holds a BSc and PhD from Stanford University and MSc degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of California-Davis.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Climate change, agriculture, food systems, nature-based solutions, wine.

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Åsa Nihlén works for the Gender and Human Rights programme at the WHO Regional Office for Europe. She is a political scientist with a specialty in human rights protection and promotion through policy and law; the health and social impact of discrimination, gender stereotypes and gender equality; as well as the design of rights-based and gender-responsive/gender-transformative policy and other measures.

Åsa has many years of experience in public health policy and strategy development, political analysis, management of intercountry political consultations and designing and delivering specific technical assistance to governments. Currently, her work focuses on the health impact of gender equality, sexual and reproductive health rights in Europe, the health sector's role in preventing and responding to violence against women, human trafficking, and LGBTI health rights.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health impact of gender equality.

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Barni Nor, holds a PhD in International Health from Uppsala University and is since 2013 working at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Unit for Research Cooperation. Barni is currently based at the Swedish Embassy in Nairobi, leading Sweden's support to the health sector in Somalia. Prior to this, Barni, held a lecture position in global health at the University of Manchester.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health systems, Health policy, Health financing, Human resource for health, Health research.

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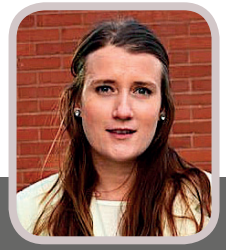
Helena is a specialist physician in internal medicine, but currently works as a researcher in Global health at Karolinska Institutet (KI). She was the first woman ever to graduate from the Swedish Army Language Institute, and spent two years in Russia working at the Swedish Embassy in Moscow. Then she started her medical and research career, in the field of gastroenterology (finishing her MD PhD in 2007), but after having spent a sabbatical year in 2012 to work as a physician in a district hospital in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo for Doctors Without Borders (MSF) she had second thoughts and transferred to Global health. Since then she has also worked for MSF in Liberia and in Guinea during the Ebola outbreak 2014–2015, as an Ebola clinician. Currently, Helena is involved in two main research projects, one regarding the role of risk communication during the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone, and one studying NCDs (especially cardiovascular diseases) in people living with HIV in Uganda.

It all starts with education, and good teachers and/or role models. As for many other people working in the field of Global health, especially in Sweden, Helena has the late Professor Hans Rosling to thank for generously sharing his detailed and sometimes surprising knowledge and his blazing passion for Global health. She is now herself the course leader for a large undergraduate course in Global health, and also for the module of NCDs in the Master's program in Global health at KI, with the goal to share knowledge and passion for Global health to others.

Since 2018 Helena works part-time as a Public Educator for the Gapminder Foundation. In 2017 she became a fellow in The Swedish Institute for Global Health Transformation (SIGHT)'s first Fellowship program. She recently became a member of the Royal Academy of Science's National Committee on Global Environmental Change. Helena is proud to have had the possibility to assist in co-founding Women in Global Health Chapter Sweden.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global health education; Ebola; NCDs; Factfulness.



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Karolina completed her M.D. from the Faculty of Medicine at Lund University. In 2016 and 2017, Karolina underwent a one-year research program with the Program in Global Surgery and Social Change at Harvard Medical School while finishing her Master of Science in Sweden with her thesis: "The Situation of Safe Surgery and Anesthesia in Tanzania: A Systematic Review".

Karolina has gained experience on health workforce issues and National Surgical Obstetric and Anesthesia planning from working within the Safe Surgery 2020 initiative. Additionally, she has worked at the World Health Organization's Health Workforce Department in Geneva, Switzerland on an initiative called Working for Health.

Karolina is currently undergoing her general internship as an M.D. at a provincial hospital in Sweden. She is continuing her work within the field of global health and global surgery as a member of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Surgery and Public Health, specialized on Surgical Workforce at Lund University and as the chair of the Nordic Network for Global Surgery and Anesthesia.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global Surgery, Surgical Workforce, National Surgical Obstetric and Anaesthesia Planning.

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SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global Health, Anthropology, Migration.

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combine health systems research with clinical practice.

I am a senior researcher on noncommunicable diseases at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium. Our research contributes to the development, evaluation and scale up of interventions for the prevention and management of chronic conditions in countries across the globe. Together with Karolinska Institute and Uppsala University, we work in projects to improve chronic disease management for vulnerable people. We have projects in Sweden, Belgium, Slovenia, Uganda, South Africa and Cambodia. We believe in and apply reciprocal learning across contexts, and generate knowledge on how to transfer and contextualise interventions for chronic care in low, middle and high income countries.

My work as a general practitioner in the Netherlands and Belgium at the University of Antwerp, keeps me inspired and aware of the capacity of people to deal with health, and about the needs to develop sustainable support systems for and with them.

I believe in the opportunity of people to grow and live their aspirations. I also believe in our joint commitment to develop the structures and conditions to make this happen. Yes, by doing global health, we can achieve more health and equity for all.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health systems; primary care; noncommunicable diseases; chronic diseases; reciprocal learning.

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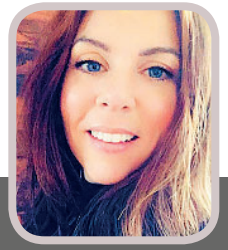

I started the company in 2011 in which I worked with clients in cognitive behavioral therapy. In December 2015 I changed the status from a private company to a shared company and opened a hostel. I started cooperation with social service in Sweden and opened the doors for family's that mainly came from foreign countries as refugees to Sweden.

I started to engage with my guests and tried to help them to find apartments for a more comfortable living situation. I realized that what they needed was an employment contract to be able to get a contract for an apartment. Due to this I started HosHanna- Cleaning service that was a logic step for me to take in my development of the company since I have several years of experience as salesmanager in the cleaning business. I hired my guests from the hostel, presented them with an employment contract and that gave them the possibility to rent their own apartment.

During this period I also started a womens shelter, it is situated in a different location where I welcome women and children who are survivors of domestic violence. I try to present a safe and calm environment for the women and children, I arrange school, daycare and other activities for the children. I work with the women in therapy, I support them in their motherhood, as well as in their everyday life.

When the women are stable and strong enough I offer them the chance to get financially independence and to trust in their own ability thru the positive experience by starting to work in the company, HosHanna Cleaning service. We offer them job, to be part of our team where we work side by side in a friendly environment.

My goal and business ambition is to see people who arrived to Sweden under horrific circumstances and women who have been abused under domestic violence restart their lives with dignity and pride, to have their own platform on which they can stand and develop their and their family's lives.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Behavioral analysis and entrepreneurship.

Caroline Olsson

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Caroline Olsson is one of the two founders and former director of the Swedish nonprofit organization Mother and Child Health Association, MACHA. Through local and international projects in collaboration with partners in India and Ethiopia, MACHA works for equal access to healthcare, rehabilitation and education for women and children. As a volunteer at MACHA's partner organization Institute for Indian Mother and Child and through her earlier work with Indian organizations Asian Sahyogi Sanstha India and Missionaries of Charity, she has first-hand experience of working with NGO's with a focus on education, child- and maternal care and women empowerment projects.

In 2015 she was one of the founders of Global Health Night at Karolinska Institutet, an event aiming to inspire, motivate and connect global health interested students, with more than 800 students participating. The third Global Health Night was held in 2018, as a collaboration with the Swedish Society of Medicine's Swedish Global Health Research Conference at Karolinska Institutet.

Caroline is now in her final year of medical school. Through Karolinska Institutet she has had the opportunity to participate in several international exchanges including a global health course in Tanzania and Global Surgery in Uganda. She wrote a master's thesis based on a field study at the neonatal ward of Mbarara Hospital, Uganda.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Pediatrics, Reproductive Health and Rights, Education, Women Empowerment, Mental Health.

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I am a nurse, senior lecturer and researcher at Dalarna university and Uppsala University. My area of interest is refugee's mental health, parental support for immigrant parents, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. I have for the past 10 years worked in the area of education on sexual and reproductive health and rights in low-resource setting.

I was involved on education on master level in Somalia and in Bangladesh for midwives to capacity build midwifery faculty, increase quality of midwifery education and in the longer term have impact on decreasing maternal and child mortality. My area of research focuses on implementation of culturally sensitive parenting support program for Somali-born parents living in Sweden. Another research area that I am currently involved is psychosocial support for young refugees and migrants in schools.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Refugee health, mental health, sexual and reproductive health, parental support.

Gabriella Overödder

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Gabriella Overödder is the executive director of Effektiv Altruism Sverige. She has promoted and supported effective global health charities for years. Effective altruism is the use of evidence and reason to learn how to benefit others as much as possible, and taking action on that basis. One of the main focus areas of effective altruism and the work of Effektiv Altruism Sverige is improving global health. By using a data and research to inform decisions, individuals and organizations can maximize the amount of good done with the limited resources at hand.

Gabriellas academic and professional background is in sustainability, climate and development, working as a research assistant and consultant. As an effective altruist she works to learn how global health resources can be spent more effectively to reach further, and how individuals can make the greatest contribution to improving global health.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Effective altruism, global health charities.

Dionisia Palmstedt

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Dionisia Palmstedt is currently attending the Nutrition Master program at Karolinska Institutet in Sweden. Dionisia is Master in Public Health, Specialist B.A in Food Security and Nutrition, teacher in home economics and two post graduate diplomas: one diploma in behaviour management of chronical diseases, and one diploma with certification for teaching at university level.

In addition to being a university teacher, she has worked in international organizations, and in private consulting. She has also had a coordinating position in public health in school programs in Honduras. Dionisia is a health and nutrition education manager in the Swedish Organization for Global Health and she has a long experience in global health in developing countries.

Dionisia is founder and creator of the methodology APS/RQ©. It is a pedagogical methodology within the faculties of Health Sciences for development of competencies in health promotion in local communities. The APSRQ schools function as the health and wellness centre of the community. Whereas the school community uses its own resources and technology, the methodology is based on working together with parents, respecting the anthropology of the community, emphasizing empowerment of women, sustainability, gender equality and peace education. The pilot project is in San Marcos de la Sierra, Honduras and works together with DVUS-Universidad Nacional de Honduras . In this project, promoting a healthy lifestyle using the FENVAMH method (plant-based diet, physical activity, meditation, nutrition) plays a crucial role.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Nutrition, Global health, Education, health promotion, food security.

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Alma Pflucker Karlsson is a fourth year medical student at Karolinska Institute, also working at the Swedish Institute for Global Health Association (SIGHT). At SIGHT she works with one of her main interests which is engaging other students in questions of global health and facilitating interdisciplinary work within the 2030 Agenda. She also arranged and moderated a student meeting with the Director-General of the World Health Organization's, Dr Tedros, and was one of the advocators for the students' interest in the Swedish Government's strategy for the country's work with global health for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

She has previous experience as president of the Stockholm affiliation of the International Federation of Medical Students' Association, as well as being responsible for public health. She has also been the External Relations Coordinator for the student organization Mother And Child Health Association.

Furthermore, she was the main facilitator in making the student initiated Global Health Night to a national event which now has been arranged at six Swedish universities and welcomed more than 1 000 students.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Student engagement, Gender equity.

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Dr Raman Preet is a dental public health professional with expertise in global health, managing large-scale projects and working with teams in diverse cultures and contexts. She champions the inclusion of global health across disciplines and professions. She is competent in international research & project management; communication & dissemination; and diplomacy. With bachelor's degree in Dentistry (Punjabi University, India), MSc in Dental Public Health (UCL, London) and Master in Public Health (Umeå University, Sweden) Raman has 20 years of experience in healthcare and global health.

Since 2012, Raman has coordinated and managed research projects, including European Union funded grants (currently, project coordinator of EU H2020 research consortium, ZikaPLAN). She is an enthusiastic teacher and lectures on global health to medical students; global oral health to dental students; and various aspects of collaboration to public health students at Umeå University. Raman enjoys mentoring young professionals, supports their learning by creating platforms for knowledge exchange, and liaises with many networks for exploring opportunities for this work.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Dental health, health ineqalities, gender, communication, collaboration.

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I have a background as a reg.nurse in pediatrics and have, before going into academia, done primarily volunteer work in India, Palestine and Angola. My research interests can be summarized in three concepts: health promotion, health literacy and migration. I have quite recently entered into a collaboration with e.g. HEARD, a research institute at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, and CEDE, an independent policy think-tank (Maputo) focusing on SRHR and universal (public) health coverage. In addition, I lead the new project Health Promotion Interventions for Refugees (HIRE), which has its focus on health promotion for asylum seekers and immigrants in Sweden, method and research ethics development in relation to "hard-to-reach"-groups.

Previous research areas too have been related to participatory research and development processes, e.g. how public health and biomedical research through community based participation can function as a progressive force on the road towards a more democratic, inclusive and equitable society. Teaching duties are currently in strategic positions (rather than lecturing) relating to Master's program in public and global health at the Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Participatory research approaches; Angola; Migrant health; Postcolonial theory; Critical public health.

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Nargis is born and raised in Tajikistan. Her background is in Business Administration and Public Health. She worked with telemedicine, eHealth in Central Asia, Sweden and Africa since 2004. Before co-founding Shifo Foundation, Nargis worked at Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden in the biomedical engineering department.

Nargis is working towards achieving a vision of a day when no child dies or suffers from preventable diseases. She believes in the power of reliable and relevant data and information to strengthen health systems, which is a backbone for continuous quality improvement in the health sector. We can only achieve SDGs when we have reliable information about the actual progress and close the gaps based on evidence and real needs in each health service delivery point.

Shifo Foundation, where Nargis works, figures out radically affordable and scalable solutions as they work with the global community to close identified problems. She co-founded Shifo to do just that, to bring tools and solutions that will empower every key actor in the health system from the community to the global level do their job in the most efficient way.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Data quality and use; Health system strengthening; Transparency; RMNCH; evidence based decision making.

Vasna Ramasar

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I am an interdisciplinary researcher who works on the relations between people and the Environment, including the relationship between development and Health Changes. I am particularly interested in a systems approach to Health and questions of Health Equity. More recently I have been working on how environmental change, including climate change, affects human health and vice versa. I am originally from South Africa and hold South African and Swedish citizenships. I have academic degrees across discplines including bachelors in geology and environmental science, a Masters focused on Health and development, a Masters in development studies and a doctorate in sustainability science.

I worked for ten years outside academia including with HIV and AIDS, sexual and reproductive Health and water-borne diseases. My work has largely been focused in southern and eastern Africa and south Asia although I have also worked in the US, UK and now more actively in Europe. I have advised local and national governments, private sector organisations and NGOs on HIV and AIDS related matters, including developing guidelines for the World Bank and training for UNDP as well as inputs into the Minerals, Mining and Sustainable Development Initiative and GRI HIV/AIDS guidance. I am currently a senior lecturer at Lund University in Sweden with both teaching and research responsibilities. I also engage with policy makers, activists and NGOs in trying to foster a transdisciplinary approach to sustainable development. I am currently a research fellow of the Swedish Institute for Global Health Transformations.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health and sustainable development, HIV/AIDS and development, health equity, political economy of health.

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I am a researcher at the Global and Sexual Health (GloSH) Research Group and research fellow at the Division of Preventive Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston USA.

My research focus is on vulnerable populations (e.g. pregnant women, children, adolescents, and older adults) and resource-poor settings with special emphasis on nutritional status, cardiometabolic diseases and the interplay with infectious diseases mainly HIV. This is done by implementing a personalized medicine approach. My main research goal is to identify new preventable strategies to tackle the growing burden of malnutrition, infectious, and NCDs to strongly align with current UN Sustainable Development Goals.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Nutrition, Non-communicable diseases, HIV.

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When women can choose whether and when to have children – goals can be achieved! My great passion is supporting women, men and adolescents achieving Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.

I have over 9 years' experience with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in sustainable development and promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights,

My educational background includes a Bachelor´s Degree in Nursing, Diploma in Midwifery and a Master's Degree in Public Health in Developing Countries from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of London. Currently I am working on my PhD in Medicine at the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Sexual and Reproductive Health, Midwifery.

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Leah has over fifteen years of experience within UN agencies and international NGOs. She has degrees in international public health and nutrition and has spent most of her career working in the humanitarian sector. Her areas of interest include quality assurance through applying standards in areas such as assessment and monitoring and evaluation. She is also interest in the multi-sectoral nature of humanitarian and development work and has recently actively started contributing to the discussion through her work integrating WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) and health. Leah has diverse country level experience from Asia and Africa and extensive experience at the global level that has enabled her to strengthen her strategic analytical thinking and to stay abreast of larger themes affecting the international development arena.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Public Health, Emergency Nutrition, Multi-sectoral integration, Quality Assurance.

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Ulrika Richardson took up her function of UN Development Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Kosovo in April 2018. Prior to joining Kosovo, she served as the UN Resident Coordinator and Representative of UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA in Cabo Verde from March 2013.

Ms. Richardson was also the UNDP Representative a.i. in Gabon, and Deputy UNDP Resident Representative in Turkey (2007–2012) and Cuba (2004–2007). Ulrika's professional life as a development practitioner, includes serving with the UN Volunteers where she developed a global gender advisory program, and with the African Development Bank in Cote d'Ivoire as Programme Coordinator for Nordic Technical Assistance and Nordic Trust Funds. She was Handling Officer for refugees with the Swedish Immigration Board (1993–1995) and during 1992, she was a field researcher with the Ministry of Economy in Guinea Bissau. Ulrika began her international career at the Sida representation in Guinea Bissau from 1985–1986. She holds post graduate degrees in Development Economics at Gothenburg University and Social Psychology at Lund University both in Sweden.

Ulrika is a Swedish national and fluent in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Development Diplomacy, Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment, Youth Employability, Post-Conflict settings & Reconciliation.

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Ritva Rissanen, born in 1978, received her Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) in 2006 from University of Western Sydney, Australia, and her Master's Degree in Public Health (Stress Prevention) from Karolinska Institutet in 2007. In 2014 Ritva defended her thesis "Distress, Emotional reactivity and Fatigue following Breast Cancer: A theoretical Approach and a Randomised Intervention Study" at Uppsala University. Ritva's research focuses on the psychosocial consequences after different type of trauma, such as injuries and life threatening disease.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Psychosocial consequences, truama, interventions, quality of life.

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Elin Roos is a Swedish Medical Doctor working at the World Health Organization with Ebola Virus Disease outbreak response.

Her curiosity in international health started early in medical school at Karolinska Institutet. Karolinska Institute's network allowed her to participate in courses and clinical rotations in Denmark, France, Tanzania and New Zealand, arousing her interest for foreign health systems and for international collaborations. By the end of her medical training, she created her own course in reconstructive surgery in Paris, France, and later inspired students to set their own objectives and to develop clinical programs. Her time in Paris allowed her to become fluent in French, opening perspectives to work in the field for international organizations. In parallel, she conducted epidemiological research at the Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, at Karolinska Institutet, which sparked a research career.

After completion of her medical training, she undertook a PhD thesis about social and reproductive health consequences of Ebola Virus Disease in Sierra Leone, at the Department of Public Health Sciences at Karolinska Institutet, under the supervision of Prof. Knut Lönnroth, MD, PhD. In parallel, she is employed under the supervision of Prof. Anna Thorson, MD, PhD, as a consultant at the Department of Reproductive Health and Research, at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. She works with the Human Reproduction Programmed Alliance focusing on research capacity strengthening in low and middle income countries, and with reproductive health aspects of the ongoing Ebola Virus Disease outbreak response in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Epidemiology, Research, Infectious Diseases, Surgery.

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Dr Nathalie Roos is a technical officer at the World Health Organization (WHO) team at the Department of Maternal, newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (MCA Department) in the Epidemiology, Monitoring and Evaluation team (EME), in Geneva, Switzerland since 2015 working on maternal and perinatal death surveillance and response and Maternal Immunization and Antenatal Care. Prior to joining WHO in Geneva, Nathalie was working at WHO at country level in Burkina Faso working broadly on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health programs supporting technically the Ministry of Health.

Dr Nathalie Roos has a medical degree from the University of Uppsala, Sweden and her postgraduate training as an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the Royal Karolinska University Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden. She did her PhD studies at the department of Women's and Children's health at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden focusing on perinatal epidemiology, more specifically risk factors for post-term pregnancy and caesarean section after labour induction, perinatal outcomes in women with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) perinatal outcomes in women with previous bariatric surgery using the nationwide Swedish Medical Birth Register. She also holds a master in public health from Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm Sweden.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Maternal Immunization, Maternal and perinatal audits, Antenatal care, Birth defects.

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Currently, I am the Liaison coordinator in the Swedish Network for International Health responsible for linking students from Swedish Universities to collaborate and network within the Global Health space. I have a passion for research and aim to use it as a platform to advocate for key global health issues particularly regarding Maternal and Child Health. I hold a Masters' degree in Public Health from Lund University, Sweden and Bachelor of Nursing from University of Nairobi, Kenya. I have experience as a Reproductive Health Quality Assurance advisor and Clinical Trainer practicing in both the Ministry of Health and NGOs in Kenya. I strive to focus my efforts in enhancing gender equality and reduce health inequities globally.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Research and advocacy, Maternal and Child health, Health Policy and Health Systems Strengthening.

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Yolanda M. Sanchez Castro is a professional in communication and media studies, that out stands for her commitment to Health Quality Managing programs. In her early career, she developed marketing campaigns about health care and healthy lifestyle, an experience that gains her a deeper understanding of Mexicans health consumption. She is a lead auditor in different ISO norms and has led accreditation process for healthcare organizations. Yolanda is currently studying the MSc in Global Health at Gothenburg University. She recently became chair of the Swedish Network for International Health, a position that has allowed her to have a closer perspective of Swedish Global Health approach.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Communication, Child Obesity, Student leadership.

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Sara Sanchez-Bengtsson has a Masters of Medical Science in Global Health from Karolinska Institutet. She started her career at the Pan American Health Organisation working in the Programme on Women, Health and Development. She led projects with the International Network on Women Against Tobacco and from 2005–2015 dedicated a decade working globally in promoting ratification and implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

In recent years she has worked in the Director's Office at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and has recently conducted a qualitative analysis on the European Medical Corps outbreak response mechanism. Sara is based in Stockholm Sweden and is currently working with Health Care systems analysing retaining staff in primary health care settings. For the coming years, Sara is interested in leading efforts towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD), Outbreak Response, Sustainable Development Goals, Global Health, Philanthropy.

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SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Normal Physiological Birth, Continuity of Care Midwifery, Mother&Baby Friendly Childbirth, Choice of Birth Place / Free-Standing Birthing Center & Homebirth, Gender Equity in Midwifery Workforce and Clinical Care, Water for Labor and Birth as Pain Relief.

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Vera Siesjö serves as Country Director of ACCESS Health Internationals in the Philippines and Indonesia. She currently manages projects on health financing, healthcare quality improvement and healthcare delivery systems. Vera provides technical assistance to countries on Universal Health Coverage through ACCESS Health Internationals work with the Joint Learning Network for Universal Health Coverage, an innovative, country driven network of practitioners and policymakers from twenty seven countries around the globe. The network co-develops global knowledge products that give guidance on how to address challenges related to the implementation of Universal Health Coverage through the expansion of national health insurances in low and middle income countries. She further supports ACCESS Health's work to identify, analyze, and document global best practices in healthcare and to help implement cost effective ways to deliver healthcare.

One of her main areas of interest is innovation in health system design and she has lead projects for the Centre for Health Market Innovations, on integration of innovative healthcare solutions in low and middle income countries including work in a wide range of areas including eHealth, primary care, quality and process improvement, NCDs and integrated care.

Vera holds a Master's of Science in Psychology degree from the University of Palermo and a Master's degree in International Public Health from the University of Sydney.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health System Research, eHealth (digital Health), Health Policy Development, Healthcare Management, Mental Health.

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Mirja Sjöblom is a Senior Economist at the World Bank. She was part of the team that started the Global Financing Facility, which she joined in January 2016. She advises countries on issues related to health financing and service delivery reforms. Her expertise was built over 15 years of various assignments in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Selected engagements include advising the Government of China on socially responsible ways to expand private sector participation in the health sector, assessing how cancer care can be improved in Brazil and designing large provider payment reforms in Brazil, Haiti, Zambia and Zimbabwe. She holds an M Sc. in economics and international business from the Stockholm School of Economics and is a PhD candidate in health policy at the University of Edinburgh. She is a faculty member of the Managing Markets for Health course and has published multiple articles and co-authored books on topics related to health system performance, international migration and gender.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health system, health financing, policy analysis, program management, strategy.

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I am a passionate patients' advocate, an aspiring clinical leader and a down-to-earth medical doctor with a good sense of humour. Or, as seen by colleagues, one stubborn woman with a great deal of enthusiasm for medicine, healthcare and everyone who is on board of the same ship.

I help the patients of today and tomorrow not only with my clinical expertise but also with my keen interest in care quality improvement and clinical safety. Originally from Lithuania, with experience from UCL medical school, major London hospitals and the LIME department at Karolinska Institutet in Sweden I hope to soon be able to help healthcare institutions run in more innovative, efficient, accessible ways which would take equally good care of both their patients and staff.

I am also a great communicator and hold a public relations officer position at SNIH (Swedish Network for International Health) where together with a team of like-minded individuals we work towards raising awareness about healthcare sustainability both nationally and globally. Our annual conference in November 2018 was a great success which brought together over 200 active members of the public, global and international health community.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Clinical medicine, health economics, policy and management.

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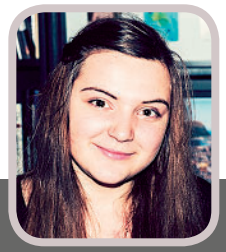

Matilda Stjernqvist is the National Officer on Human Rights and Peace for the International Federation of Medical Students' associations NMO in Sweden (IFMSA-Sweden) for the term 2018–2019. She is a medical student with a great interest in Global Health and Human Rights. Matilda is also a Human Rights trainer certified by IFMSA. Her main focuses have been projects concerning migrant's health, gender-based violence and disaster medicine. Matilda is currently doing research at Lund University with the Division of Social Medicine and Global Health.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Migrant's health, gender-based violence, disaster medicine.

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Susanne is a physician in infectious diseases at Uppsala University hospital and researcher at the Section of Infectious Diseases at Uppsala University. She holds a PhD from the Karolinska Institutet, Department of Public Health Sciences, where she is currently affiliated. The PhD thesis title is HIV Preventive Interventions, Sampling Methods and Sexual Risk Behaviour among Men who have Sex with Men.

Susanne holds a Medical Doctor Degree from Linköping University and a Master of Public Health Degree from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, where she is affiliated at the Center for Public health and Human Rights, Department of Epidemiology (JHSPH). Susanne has previously worked at the World Bank's Global HIV/AIDS Program and as a consultant for the World Health Organization. Susanne's research focus is on HIV/STI/hepatitis epidemiology and effective interventions among key populations with a particular focus on eHealth and hard reduction programmes. In addition, Susanne focus on sampling methods, particularly Respondent Driven Sampling and Web-based methods. Susanne has also worked on the evidence based systematic review performed to inform development of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) guidance on HIV and STI prevention among Men who have Sex with Men that was launched 2015. Susanne has research experience from Tanzania, Malawi, Uganda, Nigeria, South Africa and Vietnam. Current research collaborations involve Vietnam, Uganda, South Africa and Nigeria.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Epidemiology, Infectious diseases, HIV/STI, key populations, health systems.

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Maria Stålgren has 20 years experience in global health. Her main area is health as a human right and her focus has been on survivors of sexual violence in armed conflicts and survivors of torture. Other target groups are people who lack availability or accessibility to sufficient health care. Her specific expertise, but also ambition and motivation is to find solutions and collaborate in the landscape where health professionals meet the expertise of legal, social and policy professions in order to meet the health needs of the people concerned. She has two master's degrees from Uppsala University; Master in Human Rights and Master of Science in International Health and is also a Registered Nurse. Her professional experience is mainly from non-governmental organizations.

For three years she worked as a project leader and team member for the program of Survivors of Sexual violence, at Panzi Hospital in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This work is led by 2018 years Nobel Peace Prize Laurate, Dr Denis Mukwege. She has also professional experience from Burundi and Tanzania, mainly working to increase access to health care for mothers and children. During several years before DRC she gained professional experiences as project leader for Swedish Red Cross (SRC) Centers for Torture survivors as well as Advisor in health for migrants where Maria also took part in the implementation of a medico-legal protocol (UN 1999) for investigation and documentation of torture in the Swedish asylum process. In addition, she has worked as a health and human rights program manager for Läkarmissionen, with humanitarian and development work in 40 different countries. Moreover she has worked for ten years as a public health nurse in different settings, mainly in Sweden. She is currently an independent Senior Advisor and since 2014 a guest lecturer in Human rights at Karolinska Institutet, Department of Public Health Sciences, Global Health Course.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health as a human right, Survivors of sexual violence and torture.

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My interest in global health has guided many of my professional decisions, including studying medicine. During my last year of medical school I got the opportunity to get involved in a research project at the Institution for International Maternal and Child Health (IMCH) at Uppsala University. This experience confirmed my interest in global and public health and resulted in a PhD position in global child health and nutrition at Uppsala University. In 2016 I earned my medical license and in 2018 I defended my thesis on the topic: Stunted linear growth in children in Bangladesh.

My research is a part of a large prenatal food and micronutrient supplementation study with longitudinal follow-up, carried out as a collaboration between Uppsala University and the icddr,b (International Center for Diarrheal Disease, Bangladesh). It mainly revolves around the extent, risk factors and consequences of maternal and child undernutrition in general, and stunting in particular. It also examines associations of early environment and later health and entry points for prevention. Other areas of interest is gender, SRHR, and novel research methods within public health, such as data mining. I also have a strong commitment to teaching and has taken part in the statistics course on the master program in Global Health at Uppsala University for several years.

Alongside my research at Uppsala University I hold a position as a residency in community medicine at the Center for epidemiology and community medicine (CES) in Stockholm. At CES I am involved in research and projects related to epidemiological surveillance and evidence-based prevention strategies. In the future I see myself combining clinical work, research and teaching in global and public health in Sweden and abroad.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Child health, Maternal and child nutrition, Gender, Stunting, DOHaD.

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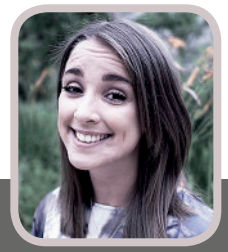

Emma Svensson is a final year medical student at Lund University, graduating in 2019. Her global health interest stems from conducting her bachelor's thesis on maternal and neonatal health in rural Uganda. She has previously worked with migrant health through the Red Cross and with SRHR-related projects through the International Federation of Medical Student's Association. She further has clinical experience from South Africa, Uganda, and the West Bank. In 2018, Emma was accepted as a Paul Farmer Research Associate at the Program in Global Surgery and Social Change at Harvard Medical School. During the year-long program, she conducted research projects in India, Uganda and Zimbabwe, focusing on how to improve access to safe, high-quality surgical, anesthesia and obstetric care in low-resource settings. Following the program, she conducted an internship with the Emergency and Essential Surgical Care Programme at the WHO.

As a medical student, Emma has worked with the International Committee at Lund University to improve the international curriculum. In 2017, she co-authored a report on global health education and career opportunities in Sweden for the Swedish Society of Medicine (Svenska Läkaresällskapet). She co-founded the Medical Student's Association's Equality Committee and is one of the co-founders of the Swedish chapter of Women in Global Health.

Emma has a particular interest in how to improve maternal and child health by increasing access and quality of surgical care, especially in low-resource settings and for marginalized populations.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global surgery and anesthesia, maternal and child health, disaster preparedness.

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Anneka Knutsson is the Chief of the Sexual Reproductive Health Branch at United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). She has a lifelong experience in Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) that spans over 30 years.

Anneka is a registered midwife with 15 years of clinical work; she has a teacher's degree in Health Care Sciences and a PhD in Health Care Pedagogics. Her doctoral thesis "To the best of my knowledge and for the good of my neighbor – a study of traditional birth attendants in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia" (2004) explored what factors and processes influence the development and transformation of the traditional midwives knowledge and practices. Her research work paved the way for her first employment in UNFPA as a midwife advisor in Bangladesh.

Prior to joining UNFPA in her current position Anneka was Head of Development Cooperation and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Sweden in Addis Ababa. She has worked with Sida as Director of Department for Human Development; and as Head of Unit for Health, Education, Human Rights and Gender Equality. During this period she developed and led the Swedish Special initiative on SRHR.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Women's rights, Midwifery, Sexual rights, Young people's SRHR, Human Rights.

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She has worked with development and health issues in sub-Saharan Africa for over 25 years. Published over 30 peer-reviewed papers on a range of public health topics including social determinants of health, HIV prevention in sex workers and adolescents, and psychosocial work environment of health workers.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health equity, SRHR, Research, Development assistance, Adolescent health.

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As a PhD student at the Department of Public Health Sciences at Karolinska Institutet, I am working on a project focused on migrant's health and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). By studying the epidemiology of infectious disease that may affect newly arrived migrants in Sweden, I hope to improve policies that are tailored to SRHR. Alongside my research, I have the opportunity to work on the existing SRHR challenges of Zika virus. I am passionate to break the silence surrounding the health barriers affecting women of reproductive age and enable a transparent and empowering discussion on these topics.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Developing a new and long-standing professional network in infectious diseases with an overarching focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights!

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Global health was the very reason for me choosing to go into medicine. I am a medical student in my fourth year in Lund, but have already gained some international experience in global health – for example as a volunteer at the public health program IIMC (Institute of Indian mother and child) in Kolkata, India, as an exchange-student in emergency medicine and gyn/obs in Muscat, Oman and as an exchange student in ENT in Charité Berlin. I am also active in civil society as the National Public Health Officer in IFMSA-Sweden and as the Swedish UN Youth Representative to the UNFCCC Climate Change Negotiations 2018.

With IFMSA, I have attended many international meetings and thus met fellow passionate global health advocates from around the world, as well as I have gained capacity through different trainings such as a course in Public Health Leadership on Mental Health. I have also attended a national conference in Sweden on research in Global Health. On a local level, I have been a part in arranging many events within the field of global health – such as global health nights. As a part of the Swedish Youth Council, I am Sweden's youth representative to this year's climate change negotiations where I hope to bring a health perspective to the table. I am also a part o the Junior Branch of the Swedish Society of Medicine (Svenska Läkaresällskapets Kandidat- och Underläkarförening).

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Climate change and health, NCDs, migrant health (lingustic and cultural barriers in health care).

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I am an international public health and development researcher, with expertise in the programmatic management of tuberculosis and health systems research. My research focuses on tuberculosis elimination from a public health perspective, with an emphasis on the social determinants of tuberculosis and on research that influences policy.

I also have a strong interest in public health research capacity building in low and middle income countries and have been a previous facilitator on the SORT-IT operational research courses. Currently I am working at the Karolinska Institutet's Centre of Global Health in Professor Knut Lonnroth's group, funded by a Sidney Sax Early Career Fellowship (National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia). My home university is Australian National University where I work in the Department of Global Health and the National Centre of Epidemiology and Public Health.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Tuberculosis, Health systems, Social determinants, Patient costs, Communicable diseases.

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SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Drug development, science, finance, growth and investments, commercialisation, serving unmet medical needs.

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Anna Wahlberg holds a PhD in Medical Sciences, a Master in International Health, and a Bachelor in Biomedicine from the University of Uppsala. Her research activities and interest are focused on global sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), especially in relation to migration. Her doctoral research was a mixed methods study on the dynamics of change in the practice of female genital cutting (FGC) among migrants in Sweden. As part of her research on FGC, she was the first researcher globally to quantitatively map attitudes towards pricking (FGC type IV) in a migration context.

Based on her expertise, she has been invited as an expert to the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare to inform the development of a new national action plan against female genital cutting. She has also been invited to UNICEF Switzerland to present her research on female genital cutting. Currently she works as a postdoctoral researcher in Reproductive Health at the Department of Women's and Children's Health, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm. Her current research focuses on maternity care for migrant women, how to strengthen the health system, and improve experiences of care and pregnancy outcomes for this group.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

SRHR, Female genital cutting, Maternity care, Migration, Health systems.

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I am a 24 year old medical student in Linköping who happens to have a passion for global health. As a health professional of tomorrow, I believe it is utterly important (and oh so fun) to widen your perspective and face issues not only at the local hospital and university. Within the IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Student's Association), I have the opportunity of working with extraordinary people all over the world and get involved with topics that are very dear to me; refugee's health, the health aspects of climate change, but most importantly the right to health for all people on this Earth.

As President of our Local Committee in Linköping, I have had the great pleasure of watching and encouraging other young health advocates as they strive for their cause. In 2019 I will be the National Officer on Human Rights and Piece for IFMSA-Sweden, and hope to encounter some of you who will read this booklet then!

"If you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk together."

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Global Health, Human Rights and Peace, Climate Change.

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Sarah is a Global Public Health Scientist and Consultant with several technical skills. She is also a mindset coach and has recently published a self-help book (Shift your mind and make yourself great again). Sarah's mission is to inspire other people to discover their inner power and live an abundant life, and not to be held back by circumstances or disempowering beliefs.

Sarah has published widely, including; The Handbook of Global Health Policy. Willey-Blackwell (with Brown G & Yamey G) and Globalization and health. Oxford University Press (with Kawachi I). Sarah has supervised several PhD students in global public health from several countries to final doctoral dissertation. Sarah has 20 years' experience in health systems as a scientist and executive manager in public and private sector. Sarah is the first person with African background to be appointed by the Swedish Government as director general to lead the Swedish National Institute of Public Health. Sarah led several initiatives on global public health policies in collaboration with international organizations.

Sarah has also served as a scientist at a multinational pharmaceutical company, as a director of health promotion and disease prevention, as a Professor of health policy and leadership (Karolinska Institutet) and as a Global health care thought leader at Centre for Health Innovation (USA). Sarah´s training is from four continents, including; PhD in medical sciences (Karolinska Institutet), Master's degree in Biostatistics, Bachelor's degree in Economics, the Stanford Executive Program (USA)and a post-doc at the University of Otago, Wellington School of Medicine.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Evidence-based public health, health policy, planning & evaluation of global public health programs, capacity building, mindset coach.

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Emilie Weiderud is as of 2018 a generalist Policy Advisor to the Executive Directorate and national level at Church of Sweden, as well as a thematic advisor on Sexual, Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for its International Department, based in Uppsala, Sweden. For the last number of years she has held the post as thematic advisor on SRHR to the international work of Church of Sweden, thus specialising in the area of SRHR within religion and development.

Prior to her work at Church of Sweden, Emilie was a policy advisor at the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education, an IPPF member, where she has worked and held various positions, lastly as the chair the Stockholm chapter, leading the strategic work of the local organisation. Her commitment to gender equality and SRHR has spanned the last 10 years, first in Northern Ireland, then Sweden and now globally.

During her near 10 years in Northern Ireland Emilie served within the ecumenical and peace movement, community based psychosocial work as well as engaged in civil society particularly in the field of SRHR. She is the co- founder of the Belfast feminist network that now hold membership of thousands and now is a significant player in civil society advocacy.

As a freelance writer she has published on new areas and trends within SRHR, always holding a multidisciplinary approach and connecting SRHR to wider societal and development issues. She holds an academic background in social anthropology (BA)from Queen's University Belfast and a public health (MA) in Health economics, policy and management and Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health equity, SRHR, public policy, development and humanitarian assistance, social determinants.

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She was previously Director General at the National Agency for assessing healthcare and social services interventions. Wigzell has worked as Director at the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs. She was chairman of an EU-expert group on the topic of Health System Performance Assessment. She was also vice Mayor in Stockholm and County Council Commissioner in the Greater Stockholm Area. She is Chair of the Board for Örebro University.

Wigzell has also been the Swedish representative in the WHO Executive Board (2015–2018). She is Chair of the OECD health committee. Wigzell holds a degree in political science and communication.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Policy.

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My path to global health had a bit of a detour. Before getting into academia, I worked as a journalist for Radio Netherlands Worldwide, where I had the chance to cover topics on international justice, global development and health. Experiences like reporting from Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya or describing the disease Noma in northern Nigeria sparked a fire in me. Instead of being the observant outsider as a journalist, I chose to take the turn to public health and epidemiology – aiming to become an insider in global health.

Currently I am a PhD student at the Department of Public Health Sciences at Karolinska Institutet, where I try to combine my two worlds of communication and epidemiology. My research project centers around risk communication and infectious disease outbreaks, with a special focus on the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone. At KI I am also involved in science communication research, investigating the influence of press releases from medical universities on media articles.

Apart from my work at KI, I am an Ignorance Hunter at the Gapminder Foundation – a great opportunity to put (science) communication to practice. I help to develop and test new fact questions around global trends, hunting topics where chimpanzees outsmart humans.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Risk communication, infectious diseases, science communication, misinformation, epidemiology.

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PhD in Health literacy among newly arrived refugees in Sweden. National co-ordinator for the project MILSA educational platform for civic- and health communication for newly arrived refugees in Sweden. Manages the Swedish Health Literacy webpage. Has worked to translate and validate several Health Literacy instruments.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Health literacy, Health communiction, Health promotion, Health education, Migrants.

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I have studied and worked as a dentist in Iran, where I was born and raised. During my clinical work as a dentist, I have started to grow interest in broader understanding of health, which made me to apply and peruse my educations in "International Health" in Uppsala University. As part of my Master, PhD and Post-doctoral training, I worked in the field of "Global Nutrition" particularly on the importance of women's empowerment for their children's growth and nutrition.

My research has been mainly focused on violence against women and the effects that exposure to violence has on women's and children's health and well-being, mostly in the context of low income countries. Right now I am working as a senior lecturer in Uppsala University where I am teaching in several courses including "Research Methods", "Scientific Writing", "Global Nutrition" and "Global Medicine".

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Violence against women, Women empowerment, Child nutrition, Global nutrition, Epidemiology.

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Dr Piroska Östlin was appointed Director of the Division of Policy and Governance for Health and Well-being at the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2016. She holds a PhD in Medical Science from the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and is Associate Professor in Public Health at the Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden. Dr Östlin joined WHO/Europe in 2010 as Special Adviser on Social Determinants of Health and in 2012 became Programme Manager of the Vulnerability and Health Programme.

Dr Östlin has been coordinator of two WHO task forces (in 2004 and 2009) on Research Priorities for Equity in Health. She was also a Member of the WHO Scientific Group on Equity Analysis and Research, as well as co-chair of the Women and Gender Equity Knowledge Network of the Global WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health. Between 2001 and 2010 Dr Östlin was Member of the Board of the European Institute of Women's Health. Her former positions include Secretary of the Swedish National Public Health Commission, Research Manager and Expert in International Health at the Swedish National Institute of Public Health and Member of Board of the Nordic School of Public Health. She is the author of several peer-reviewed publications and co-editor of several books, including Gender Inequalities in Health: A Swedish Perspective, Harvard University Press, 2001, Engendering International Health; The Challenge of Equity, MIT Press, 2002, and Gender Equity in Health: The Shifting Frontiers of Evidence and Action, Routledge, 2010.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Public health policy development, governance for health, social determinants of health, health inequalities, gender and health.

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Gunilla Carlsson joined UNAIDS in February 2018 as the Deputy Executive Director for Management and Governance and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations. She leads UNAIDS' work in promoting effective governance of the Joint Programme and provides strategic direction to management functions in the areas of human resources, finance and budget, information and communication technology and administration in order to enhance UNAIDS' capacity to implement its mandate and vision. Before joining UNAIDS, Ms Carlsson served as an elected member of the Swedish Parliament from 2002 to 2013 and as the Minister for International Development Cooperation from 2006 to 2013. She also served as an elected member of the European Parliament from 1995 to 2002. Ms Carlsson was the Chair of the Swedish-initiated Commission on Climate Change and Development in 2007. She was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to a high-level panel for global sustainability ahead of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2012 and served on the United Nations High-Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. A strong leader in global health and development, Ms Carlsson was a member of the UNAIDS and Lancet Commission: Defeating AIDS–Advancing Global Health and a member of the World Bank High-Level Advisory Council on Women's Economic Empowerment. She also served on the African Development Bank's three-member High-Level Panel on Fragile States in 2013 and 2014, advising on strategies related to the Horn of Africa. She is an affiliated member of the board of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and has served as its Vice-Chair since June 2017. Ms Carlsson has worked on policy development on foreign policy, human rights, employment, research, security and defence. In addition, she has extensive experience in the development and implementation of policy reforms and efficiency and accountability in complex organizations, including the private sector. Ms Carlsson was born, raised and educated in Sweden.

SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST/EXPERTISE

Policy development on foreign policy, human rights, employment, research, security and defence; HIV.

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