Responses to Healthcare Challenges in Africa: Looking for Solutions to Reduce the Impact of High-burden Diseases

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**Thursday, November 21, 7:15 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
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Africa has a fast-growing youth population. Improvements in health outcomes have been recognized in the last decade, yet challenges still exist. Best practice sharing, collaborative healthcare solution development and training have proven to successfully minimize resource waste and work duplication, especially when a substantial proportion of external resources is accountable for the total health expenditures. In this exciting and interactive symposium, our faculty will present, with examples, how interventions and collaboration with local and regional public health organizations, can reduce the impact of infectious and emerging non-communicable diseases in Africa.

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**INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES**
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**DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES: EBOLA IN THE DRC AND MALARIA IN MOZAMBIQUE**
Dr. Benjamin Djoudalbaye, MD
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**MALARIA ELIMINATION IN AFRICA: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES**
Dr. Pedro Aide, MD, PhD
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**SICKLE CELL DISEASE: WHAT CAN AFRICA CONTRIBUTE**
Dr. Emmanuel Balandy, MD, PhD
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**NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: INTEGRATION OF HIV AND NCDS SERVICES IN AFRICA**
Prof. Gerald Yonga, MD
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TDR: Strengthening Implementation Research Capacity to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage

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TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, manages a postgraduate training scheme as part of efforts to strengthen implementation research capacity. TDR provides full academic scholarships in collaboration with seven universities in low- and middle-income countries that train students to obtain Masters degrees focused on implementation research in malaria, tuberculosis and neglected tropical diseases. Three alumni from this TDR-supported scheme will present their work on implementation research.

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**IMPLEMENTING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES TOWARDS ELIMINATION OF LYMPHATIC FILARIAISIS IN NORTHERN GHANA**
Alfred Kwesi Manyah, PhD Fellow
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**ASSESSING THE ACCEPTABILITY OF SCREENING OF DIABETES MELLITUS AMONG TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS IN SELECTED DISTRICTS OF NEPAL**
Sabina Timilsina
Monitor and Evaluation Expert
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**HOW EFFECTIVE WAS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE OF ZIKA IN PREGNANT WOMEN IN GUATEMALA?**
Dr. Maria Albertina Argueta Escobar
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Gender Dimensions in the Prevention and Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases

Sponsored by UNDP, TDR and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Friday, November 22, 7:15 p.m. – 9 p.m.
National Harbor 11 (National Harbor Level)

The symposium will present the importance of gender and intersectional analysis in addressing neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) meeting the goals of the WHO Roadmap on Neglected Tropical Diseases 2012 – 2020, enhancing access and delivery of health interventions and contributing towards universal health coverage and the sustainable development goals. The symposium will discuss a UNDP-TDR discussion paper on gender and NTDs, which synthesizes the evidence and presents clear recommendations on how to build more gender-equitable NTD programs and partnerships, gender analysis in implementation research and perspectives on gender analysis from Africa, South East Asia and South America. Presentations will be followed by a plenary discussion on intersectional gender analysis within program delivery.

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CONTEXT SETTING OF THE PAPERS’ KEY POINTS ON GENDER DIMENSIONS OF NTDs
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REFLECTIONS FROM THE FIELD: THE GENDER DIMENSIONS OF NTDs IN GHANA
Professor Margaret Gyapong
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GENDER CONSIDERATIONS IN NTD PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAMS: A PERSPECTIVE FROM NEPAL
Dr. Chandani Kharel
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GENDER DIMENSIONS IN HEALTH: PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCHER’S PERSPECTIVE
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MODERATED Q&A WITH THE AUDIENCE
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