

Members of the Working Group on Monitoring, Evaluation and Research (WG-MER)

Iwan Ariawan, INDONESIA

Iwan Ariawan is Senior Researcher in Universitas, Indonesia with a focus on infectious diseases, neglected tropical diseases and maternal and child health. He has years of experience conducting surveys and implementing large-scale treatment programmes for lymphatic filariasis.

He has also supported quality data audit for Indonesia's National Lymphatic Elimination Programme. Dr Ariawan obtained his medical degree from Universitas Indonesia and a Master of Science in Epidemiology from University of California, Los Angeles, USA.

Edwin Ampadu, GHANA

Edwin Ampadu is a Physician, with over two decades of working experience at the district, regional, national and international levels.

He has led programme implementation in clinical management of wounds and Neglected Tropical Diseases, Safe motherhood services evaluations, Health programme evaluation, provided advanced leadership and training and research development programme, collaboration with donors in the management, monitoring and evaluation of interventions, and participated in Country Cooperation strategies development for the World Health Organization.

Sanaa Botros, EGYPT

Sanaa Botros is Professor of Pharmacology at the Theodor Bilharz Research Institute, Egypt. She has served the Institute for over 25 years and is the current Director of Drug Evaluation and Discovery unit.

Dr Botros has worked on several international projects and initiatives and has published more than 85 indexed research articles and supervised more than two dozen post graduate and doctoral students. She has also served as WHO Consultant expert for the innovation and technology platforms for health interventions in infectious diseases of poverty. Dr Botros is also the recipient of several prestigious awards.

Mark Bradley, UNITED KINGDOM

Mark Bradley is Director, Scientific Support Albendazole donations at GlaxoSmithKline, U.K. Prior to joining Smith Kline Beecham in 2000, Dr Bradley worked for the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, Zimbabwe.

Mark has 35 years of experience working on a broad range of tropical infectious diseases and global health initiatives. He is currently Director of the Tropical Disease Programs in the Global Health Unit, responsible for providing leadership to the Tropical Diseases team and advising Global Health leadership on GSK's engagement and investment in tropical diseases.

Meritxell Donadeu, AUSTRALIA

Currently Dr Donadeu is Senior Fellow (honorary) at the University of Melbourne and works as an independent consultant in international development with a focus on zoonoses.

As veterinarian, Meritxell Donadeu specializes in animal health and public health, and has extensive programme management experience in both commercial and not-for-profit sectors. Since 2014, she has been working on approaches to in-field application of anti-cestode vaccines for control of neglected diseases in humans caused by *Taenia solium* and *Echinococcus granulosus*. Over the past 6 years Dr Donadeu has undertaken consultancies for various research and UN agencies.

Monique Dorkenoo, TOGO

Monique Dorkenoo leads the Parasitology and Mycology unit at the University of Lomé, Togo.

Since 2005 and as part of the cabinet of the Ministry of Health in Togo, Dr Dorkenoo provides strategic direction for the development of the national laboratory.

She worked for the national programme for the elimination of lymphatic filariasis (LF), which Togo eliminated as a public health problem in 2017. She is also member of the National Bioethical Committee for Health Research, the WHO LF Expert Group and Ambassador of African Society for Laboratory Medicine.

Maciej Grzybek, POLAND

As biologist and parasitologist, Maciej Grzybek is Assistant Professor at the Institute of Maritime and Tropical Medicine, Medical University of Gdansk, Poland. Dr Grzybek has authored more than 30 publications in international journals.

He has been managing both national and international research grants and has received national and international awards and prizes in recognition of his research activities. Since early this year, and as representative of the Rectors of the Medical University of Gdansk, he is responsible for the development and strategy of the Institute of Maritime and Tropical Medicine in Gdynia.

Juan Pablo Gutierrez, MEXICO

Juan Pablo Gutierrez is Professor at the Center for Policy, Population & Health Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Chair of the Technical Committee of the Morelos' Commission on Evaluation of Social Development, and Member of GAVI Evaluation Advisory Committee.

His research focus on comprehensive evaluation of social & health programmes and policies, universal health coverage & effective access, and social inequities in health. He is member of the National Observatory on Health Inequalities in Mexico. He has authored and co-authored more than 70 papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Theresa Gyorkos, CANADA

Theresa Gyorkos is Professor of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health in the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University, Montreal, Canada: She has researched extensively in global health. Professor Gyorkos has studied the effectiveness of deworming programs in school-age children and pregnant women, investigated the effect of intestinal parasite infections on cognition in preschool-age children. She has contributed to WHO guidelines, manuals and other documents in addition to global policies and strategies for the control and elimination of soil-transmitted helminthiases. She is also Director of the PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Parasite Epidemiology and Control.

Déirdre Hollingsworth, UNITED KINGDOM

Deirdre Hollingsworth is an infectious disease epidemiologist who uses mathematical models and statistical analyses to study the evolution and transmission dynamics of infectious diseases with the aim of informing the design of more effective control interventions.

She is particularly interested in neglected tropical diseases, a group of diseases which cause suffering amongst the poorest populations of the world. She leads the NTD Modelling Consortium, an international network of neglected tropical disease modellers. Her research foci are lymphatic filariasis, visceral leishmaniasis and soil transmitted helminths. She has ongoing interests in the transmission and evolution of HIV in both Africa and European/North American settings as well as malaria and influenza.

Sung-Tae Hong, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Sung-Tae Hong is Professor Emeritus of Seoul National University, Korea and has worked for more than three decades as teacher and researcher of Medical Parasitology and Tropical Medicine.

His work has focused on basic, translational or operational research on major human helminthiasis including food-borne trematodiasis, and cestodiasis. He has published over 250 articles and contributed as expert of the human liver fluke disease by clonorchiasis for the review group of the monograph 100B on Human Biological Carcinogens by IARC in 2009. He is also Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Korean Medical Science; member of RPRG for NTDs in WHO/WPRO and member of a committee of leading medical journal editors.

Olaf Horstick, GERMANY

Olaf Horstick is Director of Teaching, Heidelberg Institute of Global Health. He also worked at the Heidelberg University, Germany, and as Associate Editor for PLOS NTD as well as an external examiner for LSHTM and other Universities. Dr Horstick has more than 25 years' experience in global public health and has been part of WHO, other bilateral organizations, governmental agencies, nongovernmental organizations and academia. His specific interest is Neglected Tropical Diseases, with focus on Aedes control and arbovirus.

Eliane Ignotti, BRAZIL

Eliane Ignotti is Professor of Epidemiology at the University of the State of Mato Grosso and Federal University of Mato Grosso, Brazil.

Besides several years of experience in public health (with emphasis on epidemiology of NTDs and environmental surveillance), Dr Ignotti has researched and advised governments in areas combining knowledge-driven research with public health interventions; analyzing assessment indicators; coordinating field research and capacity strengthening activities of technical and scientific advisory committees. She also served as Member of TAG Leprosy and contributed to the development of the current Leprosy guideline.

Julie Jacobson, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Julie Jacobson is a family practice physician with training in clinical tropical medicine and applied epidemiology.

Dr Jacobson has worked for more than two decades to increasing equity in access to health care and new interventions through innovation, targeted research, and partnership. She also established and built the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation priority programme in Neglected Tropical Diseases. Through the London Declaration on NTDs in 2012, she was instrumental in establishing the collective 'Uniting to Combat NTDs' to support the WHO 2020 targets for ten neglected diseases.

She also initiated B&MGF's work on maternal immunization and served at PATH as Scientific Director of Immunization Solutions and as Director of PATH's Japanese encephalitis project.

Jing Xu, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Jing Xu heads the Department of Schistosomiasis at the National Institute of Parasitic Diseases, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Over the past decade, Dr Jing has been actively involved in accelerate the schistosomiasis elimination globally through enhancing cooperation and collaboration between China and African countries and Asian countries. Dr Jing has also collaborated with other international experts, peer-reviewed articles published in The Lancet, Advance in Parasitology, PLOS NTD, Parasites & Vectors and other scientific journals to disseminate the knowledge for schistosomiasis control and elimination.

Khin Mon Mon, MYANMAR

Khin Mon Mon is Senior Technical Director at URC-Defeat Malaria Project, Yangon, Myanmar. She has years of experience working in various NTD programmes, including lymphatic filariasis and vector-borne diseases.

As a Programme Manager for the national lymphatic filariasis eliminations programme, she conducted morbidity survey during large-scale treatment door to door activities. Dr Khin Mon Mon has also worked as Medical Officer for the Ministry of Health and Sports in Myanmar and in hospitals in the field of Maternal and Child Health. She has also participated in trainings and workshop on Protocol Development, Data Management, and Communication for Behavioral Impact.

Ulrich-Dietmar Madeja, GERMANY

Ulrich-Dietmar Madeja is responsible for development of the Bayer engagement in fighting neglected tropical diseases.

Between 2005 and 2017, he lectured for Public Health Studies at the Charité Hospital of Humboldt University, Berlin. He has published extensively in various scientific journals. He strongly advocates for public health and access to medicines have been his driving force to establish and develop the Social Healthcare Programs at Schering AG in 2005. Since 2007, he been also responsible for the development of the Bayer engagement in fighting NTDs. Between 2005 and 2017, Dr Madeja was a lecturer for Public Health Studies at the Charité Hospital of Humboldt University in Berlin.

Sanjay Madhav Mehendale, INDIA

Sanjay Madhav Mehendale has over 30 years' research experience as infectious disease specialist and public health research professional in India.

Dr Mehendale's landmark research on HIV epidemiology, risk factors, co-morbidities, surveillance and prevention trials including HIV vaccine trials provided evidence for policy initiatives on sentinel surveillance, screening and community engagement in research. He has extensive experience of health systems research, outbreak investigations, sero-epidemiologic studies and clinical trials on Japanese encephalitis, dengue fever, Kyasanur forest disease (KFD), measles, leptospirosis, rotavirus, bacterial meningitis and leprosy. Dr. Mehendale has published 206 research papers in national and international journals and 8 book chapters.

Mourad Mokni, TUNISIA

Mourad Mokni is professor of dermatology in the faculty of medicine of Tunis, University al Manar and head of the dermatology department of la Rabta Hospital in Tunis and member of many national and international dermatological societies and medical committees.

Dr Mokni has reviewed more than 10 indexed dermatological journals and is associate editor of 3 dermatologic journals. He also authored more than 250 scientific articles in indexed journals and member of the Dermatology TAG group for the WHO International Classification of Diseases. He also collaborates in international courses for Neglected Tropical Diseases.

Upendo Mwingira, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Upendo Mwingira is a leading expert in the control and elimination of neglected tropical diseases. She serves as a senior technical advisor on the U.S. Agency for International Development's Act to End NTDs | East program, a global flagship initiative to help endemic countries fight NTDs. Over a 15-year career in public health, including research and programme leadership, she has focused on NTDs in Tanzania and other countries. Before joining RTI, Dr. Mwingira managed Tanzania's national NTD control programme for more than 10 years. She has published in leading scientific journals and disseminated her research in various local and international fora.

Jordan Tappero, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Jordan Tappero is a physician epidemiologist with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He previously served for almost 25 years at the US CDC. At present, he is focused on the eradication of Guinea worm disease, and the global elimination of lymphatic filariasis, human African trypanosomiasis, and visceral leishmaniasis in Asia.

He has broad public health skills that includes conducting randomized clinical trials. Dr Tappero has global health experience across four continents including 14 years residing overseas as a CDC Country Director in Botswana, Thailand, Uganda and Haiti.

In February and March of 2020, he provided direct Foundation support to WHO's Health Emergencies Programme in its early response to COVID-19 while based in Geneva. He has co-authored over 265 peer-reviewed publications.

Hasitha Tissera, SRI LANKA

Hasitha Tissera is senior Medical Epidemiologist, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka. His works include real-time disease surveillance for outbreak prediction and sustainable multi-sector approaches with standardized early detection and clinical management that have resulted in substantial reduction in case fatality rates and epidemic control over the past decade.

Tissera has robust experienced in the implementation of dengue control activities at national and subnational levels. His innovative actions include real-time disease surveillance for outbreak prediction and sustainable multi-sector approach with standardized early detection and clinical management. At present, he is actively involved in the SARS CoV-2 national response. He is also the Principal Investigator of several international research projects on dengue and has authored several original publications in peer reviewed journals.

Um Boock Alphonse, CAMEROON

Um Boock Alphonse is Senior Technical Advisor in FAIRMED and focuses on the case management of NTDs. Dr Alphonse has more than 15 years' experience in the management of international NGOs, coordination and strategic support for NTD control programmes. From 2000-2002, he provided technical support to the national control programme to reach the threshold of its elimination as public health problem in Cameroon and the Central African Republic. He has also worked extensively on diseases such as Buruli ulcer, yaws, leishmaniasis. Dr Alphonse has published several papers on NTDs.

Violetta Yevstigneyeva, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Violetta Yevstigneyeva is Advisor, Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Information at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Since 2015, Ms Yevstigneyeva has led the Agency's M&E, learning, and data management efforts for five neglected tropical diseases across the whole NTD Portfolio of 31 countries. Before joining USAID, she worked on rotavirus and pneumonia surveillance at PAHO and on malaria and HIV/AIDS projects at RTI International. She has also worked on leishmaniasis and Chagas disease prevention interventions in rural Mexico.