

## **Expert Review Group**

### **WHO Compendium on Respectful Maternal and Newborn Care**

*Biographies of proposed members as of October 2024*

#### **Kwame Adu-Bonsaffoh**

Kwame Adu-Bonsaffoh (MD, PhD) is an Associate Professor/Consultant at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the University of Ghana Medical School/Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital. He graduated from the University of Ghana Medical School in 2005 and completed his postgraduate training (Fellowship) in Obstetrics and Gynecology with the West African College of Surgeons in 2014. He also obtained a Master of Philosophy (MPhil in Physiology) degree from the University of Ghana Graduate School in 2011. In addition, he holds MSc (2021) and PhD in clinical Epidemiology (2023) from the Utrecht University.

Prof. Adu-Bonsaffoh is the CEO and Fertility Consultant at the Holy Care Specialist Hospital in Accra, Ghana. He has served as a Consultant for WHO on the Maternal Health programmes since 2014. He has collaborated with Researchers at WHO on several projects including Mistreatment of women during childbirth, Adolescent Health and Abortion related complications.

Prof. Adu-Bonsaffoh has extensive clinical and research experience in maternal and fetal medicine and the management of Hypertensive disorders in Pregnancy. His special research interest is in maternal-fetal medicine, hypertensive disorders in pregnancy (preeclampsia), preterm birth, Reproductive/Endocrine Physiology and infertility treatment. In recent years, his research interest has evolved to include clinical epidemiology of hypertensive disorders in pregnancy, preterm birth and interventions to reduce maternal/perinatal morbidity and mortality. He has led several maternal health related projects and research in collaboration with several local and international partners including WHO, Utrecht University and Harvard University.

Prof Adu-Bonsaffoh was appointed as the Chair of the National Medicines Selection Committee that reviewed the National Guidelines on postpartum hemorrhage which resulted in the inclusion of heat-stable carbetocin and tranexamic acid in the Standard Treatment Guidelines for Ghana in 2021. Also, he was appointed as the country focal person for the International Federation of Gynecology and obstetrics (FIGO) project on the introduction and development of job aids for the management of PPH with a special focus on tranexamic acid and carbetocin. In addition, Prof Adu-Bonsaffoh was the principal investigator for the Concept Foundation/Merck for mothers' sponsored implementation research involving the integration of tranexamic acid and heat-stable carbetocin for the management of PPH in four facilities in Ghana.

#### **Lenka Benova**

Dr Benova is a quantitative population health scientist with training in management, economics, Middle East studies and demography/epidemiology. From 2014 to 2018, she served as a co-investigator on the

Maternal healthcare markets Evaluation Team (MET) at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, where she led the SAGE (Secondary data Analysis for Generating new Evidence) team.

Previously, she headed operations in a start-up company in eldercare in the United States and worked as project coordinator with Médecins Sans Frontières in Nigeria, the West Bank and South Sudan. She was responsible for the design, implementation and evaluation of the health pillar of a conditional cash transfer program in Egypt between 2008 and 2010.

She holds an MA in Middle East studies (American University in Cairo), MSc in Demography and Health (LSHTM), and PhD in Population Health (LSHTM). She teaches on Masters course modules and supervise PhD students. Her research focus is on health-seeking behaviour in general and reproductive/maternal health in particular. Within these areas, she is interested in innovative methods to capture decisions and steps in health-seeking, validity of self-reported health-seeking indicators, and coverage of care contact and content.

### **Arachu Castro**

Arachu Castro, Ph.D., M.P.H., is Professor and Samuel Z. Stone Endowed Chair of Public Health in Latin America and Director of the Collaborative Group for Health Equity in Latin America at Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Her major interests are how social inequalities are embodied as differential risk for pathologies common among the poor and how health policies may alter the course of epidemic disease and other pathologies afflicting populations living in poverty. Dr. Castro works at the intersection of medical anthropology and epidemiology. She conducts research throughout Latin America and the Caribbean on health equity and social inequalities, women's health and reproduction, and early childhood development in contexts of poverty. Dr. Castro has worked in Mexico, Argentina, Haiti, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Bolivia.

Before joining Tulane in 2013, she was Associate Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Among other awards, Dr. Castro is the recipient of the 2005 Rudolf Virchow Award and the 2010 Guggenheim Fellowship. In 2012 she was named Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology and is former President of the Society for Medical Anthropology. She is a member of the Executive Committees of the Health Equity Network of the Americas, the Sustainable Health Equity Movement, the Framework Convention on Global Health Alliance, IPPF's International Medical Advisory Panel, and the World Humanitarian Forum Global Health Board. She is an elected corresponding member of the Cuban Academy of Sciences and a former member of the founding World Health Organization Strategic and Technical Advisory Group of Experts for Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health & Nutrition. She has worked as a consultant for the Pan American Health Organization, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNDP, the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank. She has testified in the Foreign Relations Subcommittees of both the United States Congress and the United States Senate on COVID-19 vaccine access in Latin America and the Caribbean. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, Atlantic Philanthropies, the Maternal Health Task Force, UNICEF, the Pan American Health Organization, UNAIDS, the Bernard van Leer Foundation, Tulane University, and Harvard University, among others.

She has a Ph.D. in social anthropology and ethnology from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris (1996), a Ph.D. in social sciences and health from the University of Barcelona (1997), and an MPH from Harvard School of Public Health in Boston (1998).

### **Nachela Chelwa**

Nachela Chelwa serves as the onsite lead for several of the Population Council's projects being implemented in Zambia. Chelwa provides day-to-day management oversight for project implementation. She also serves on several technical committees including the adolescent health, family planning, monitoring and evaluation, and safe abortion working groups as well as coordinating partners' forums in Zambia. Chelwa is an experienced researcher and has worked on programs that focus on improving health outcomes for adolescents and young adults particularly addressing issues of adolescent pregnancy and child marriage, improving prevention and response efforts for children exposed to or survivors of sexual violence, integrating HIV treatment or prevention and family planning in the public health system, and embracing technology use to increase health sector efficiency.

Chelwa is a qualified monitoring and evaluation expert with experience supporting program design, monitoring, evaluation, and learning efforts for various donors. She has an in-depth understanding of the Zambia country context specifically, and the sub-Saharan region at large as well as several factors that affect the wellbeing of populations. She is passionate about improving wellbeing of women and girls and increasing male involvement in health.

Chelwa has a Master of Public Health in Population Studies obtained from the University of Zambia in 2015.

### **Karen Daniels**

Dr Karen Daniels is an independent health policy and systems researcher from Cape Town, South Africa. Karen has worked as a specialist scientist at the South African Medical Research Council within the Health Systems Research Unit. She has also worked as a technical officer at the World Health Organization within the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, as well as the Health Workforce Department. Karen has authored or coauthored nearly 50 publications, which include peer reviewed journal articles, along with WHO reports and guides. While working at the WHO, she was one of the lead authors of the first State of the World's Nursing report, working closely with the Chief Nursing Officer. Karen has served as an academic and associate editor for PLOS Medicine, BMC Health Services Research, and as an associate editor for the Cochrane Collaboration, within the Effective Practice and Organization of Care (EPOC) group. In her activism, Karen served for nearly 20 years as a Board member for the Surplus People Project. She has also served on the Board of Health Systems Global for 3 years. Between 2020 and 2023 Karen served on the WHO Guidelines Review Committee. While her research content interests are wide, her methods have focused on the conduct and teaching of primary qualitative research and qualitative evidence synthesis. Through this work she hopes to bring a human voice to the experience of health systems policy, guidelines, implementation, and reform. In her work she is guided by a commitment to social justice, socialism, feminism, and a feminist ethic of care.

### **Brenda Dmello**

Dr. Brenda is a Reproductive Health Specialist with a background in obstetrics and gynecology. As the Maternal and Newborn Technical Advisor and project lead at Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT), she has collaborated with Dar es Salaam's local government, health facility managers, and healthcare workers to co-develop and implement a contextualized, complex urban health system strengthening intervention. Her work focuses on enabling healthcare workers to provide safe and compassionate care in low-resource settings. Dr. Brenda has extensively mentored and provided pre- and in-service training for healthcare professionals in reproductive health, Respectful Maternity Care and care for pregnant women with disabilities.

As part of her PhD, she co-created an respectful maternity care measurement tool and a 3-hour interactive RMC training accredited by the Tanzanian Medical Council, promoting rights-based care and collective accountability. Since 2013, Dr. Brenda has advocated for RMC through presentations at national and international conferences and contributed to the Tanzanian National Guidelines for Respectful Care. She also led the design and launch of CCBRT's 200-bed Maternity Wing in Dar es Salaam, a center of excellence in respectful maternity care and a referral center providing fully subsidized RMC for vulnerable pregnant women, including those with disabilities and teenage pregnant girls.

### **Soo Downe**

Soo is a midwife with a particular research focus on the nature of, and cultures around, physiological labour and birth. Soo has undertaken research using a wide range of methods, from phenomenology and ethnography to surveys, RCTs, and epidemiological analysis of large data sets. As well as undertaking research, she is a Professor of Midwifery Studies in the UK and teaches on both undergraduate and postgraduate research programmes. She regularly works with the World Health Organization and with other research, practice, and public health leaders in maternity care around the world.

### **Mike English**

Mike English is a UK trained paediatrician who worked in Kenya for 25 years supported by a series of Wellcome fellowships. In Kenya he worked as part of the KEMRI-Wellcome Nairobi Programme and built up the Health Services Unit in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the University of Nairobi and a wide set of national and international collaborators. His work focuses predominantly on improving care in African District Hospitals, often takes Child and Newborn Health as a focus, but increasingly tackles health services or wider health systems issues affecting quality of care. Mike now co-leads the Health Systems Collaborative in Oxford which is part of the NDM-Centre for Global Health Research.

### **Lynn Freedman**

Lynn P. Freedman, JD, MPH, is Professor of Population and Family Health at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. She currently directs the Mailman School's Averting Maternal Death and Disability (AMDD) Program, a global program of research, policy analysis, and technical support that, since 1999, has worked with UN agencies, NGOs, and governments in more than 50 countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America to reduce maternal mortality. Before joining the faculty at Columbia University in 1990, Professor Freedman worked as a practicing attorney in New York City. Professor Freedman has published widely on issues of maternal mortality and on health and human rights, with a particular focus on gender and

women's health. She also serves on the advisory boards of maternal health projects and human rights projects with programs in Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

### **Caroline Homer**

Caroline is Co-Program Director of Women and Children's Health, Deputy Director: Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Co-Head for the Women's and Newborn's Health Working Group at the Burnet Institute in Melbourne. She is also the Visiting Distinguished Professor of Midwifery at the University of Technology Sydney, Australia.

Caroline has led research and development projects especially in reproductive, maternal and newborn care, human resources for health workforce development and midwifery education. She has more than 25 years of experience as a clinician, educator, researcher and leader. She has more than 240 peer reviewed publications and has contributed to more than 10 books.

Caroline has been involved in the development and evaluation of midwifery and maternal and newborn health services in Australia and the Asia Pacific region. She has worked on education, research and innovation across Australia and also in countries such as Papua New Guinea, Cambodia and with UNFPA across the small island nations of the South Pacific. She has been a lead writer in a number of the State of the World's Midwifery Reports.

Caroline is a member of the Human Reproductive Programme's Scientific and Technical Advisory Group (WHO) and is Chair of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition (STAGE). She is a Ministerial appointee to the Council of Australia's National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), a member of NHMRC Women in Health Science Committee and a Ministerial appointee to the Victorian Consultative Committee on Maternal and Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality. She is the Co-Chair of the National Expert Advisory Executive for the Pregnancy Care Guidelines (Australian Department of Health).

In 2017, she was awarded an Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to medicine in the field of midwifery as a clinician, researcher, author and educator, through the development of worldwide education standards, and to professional organizations.

### **Tamar Kabakian - Khasholian**

Tamar Kabakian-Khasholian is an Associate Professor at the Department of Health Promotion and Community Health at the Faculty of Health Sciences, where she also serves as the coordinator of the Graduate Public Health program and the undergraduate Health Communication program. Her research focuses on maternal and reproductive health and revolves around intervention research across multiple countries and contexts in the Arab region. She aims to find ways to improve women's experiences with maternity care and their well-being. She has conducted a number of several intervention and implementation research studies using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies aiming at improving the quality of maternity care and maternal and neonatal outcomes, at promoting evidence-based practices and at enhancing positive childbirth experiences in Lebanon and in Arab countries. She led large multi-site implementation research on introducing labour companionship in public hospitals in

Egypt, Syria and Lebanon. She also works on pregnancy and childbirth needs of internally displaced populations and refugees in Lebanon. Tamar Kabakian-Khasholian is a founding member and acted as regional coordinator (2001-2009) of Choices and Challenges in Changing Childbirth Research Network, a program on childbirth research in Arab countries. She served on the global Executive Guideline Steering Group for updating WHO Maternal and Perinatal Health recommendations, the WHO project on evidence gap mapping on infodemic management interventions, the WHO working group for the development of the Respectful Maternal Newborn Care implementation companion and other maternal and perinatal health guideline development groups as well as on various international and regional expert groups. She serves as an advisor on various international and regional expert groups.

### **Inderjeet Kaur**

Inderjeet "Indie" Kaur is a midwife from the UK and is currently the Director of Midwifery at Fernandez Hospital, Hyderabad. She has been instrumental in setting up the Midwife-Led Unit at Fernandez Hospital and aims to establish Midwifery – led care units (MLCU) across Public Hospitals in India.

### **Tina Lavender**

Dame Tina Lavender is Professor of Midwifery and Director of the Centre for Global Women's Health at the University of Manchester. She also holds an honorary contract at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester and a Visiting Professorship at the University of Nairobi. She leads a programme of research, Midwifery and Women's Health; her main research focus being the management of prolonged labour and partogram use. Dame Tina has published extensively in this field. She is Co-editor in Chief of the British Journal of Midwifery, Associate Editor of the African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health, Editor of the Pregnancy and Childbirth Group of the Cochrane Collaboration and on the editorial team of the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Dame Tina is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Midwives and European Academy of Nurse Science. Dame Tina also acts as a regular Advisor to the World Health Organization, particularly in relation to guideline development.

### **Ornella Lincetto**

Dr Ornella Lincetto is an Italian neonatologist, paediatrician and public health expert with special interest on maternal and newborn health policies, practices and programmes. Currently retired from WHO, she is a member of three advisory groups on maternal and newborn health and rights. With WHO from 2000 to 2021 she brings global and country experience, including from Lao PDR, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea where she led the reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health and nutrition programs and Bhutan as the WHO country representative. Before joining WHO, Dr Lincetto worked in emergency and development projects for various NGOs as project coordinator in Angola, public health expert in the Philippines, and as neonatologist and researcher in Mozambique and Italy. She has authored or coauthored over sixty publications, which include peer reviewed journal articles, chapters in scientific books, and WHO reports and guides.

### **Kaveri Mayra**

Dr. Mayra is a midwifery, nursing and global health researcher from India with a PhD in Global Health from the University of Southampton, UK, where she explored the experiences and determinants of obstetric violence in India through an arts-based method called 'birth mapping'. She won the Research Trainee funding from the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) to work as a postdoctoral fellowship at the Birth Place Lab, University of British Columbia, where she is leading the Continuum for Respectful Care (CORE) initiative alongside supporting the team at the lab on other respectful care related initiatives. She has extensive research experience on nursing and midwifery workforce policies, regulation and practice; sexual, reproductive and maternal health care and the underlying gender-based challenges.

Dr. Mayra is a global speaker and has delivered guest lectures in universities and at conferences around the world on obstetric violence; orgasm equality, nursing and midwifery governance, the inequities, sexism and discriminations in health policy-making. Dr. Mayra was recently recognized as one of the 100 outstanding global midwife and nurse leaders by Women in Global Health, WHO, ICN, ICM, Nursing Now and UNFPA to mark the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife 2020.

Dr. Mayra serves on the board on Human Rights in Childbirth (HRIC), White Ribbon Alliance UK and Academy for Nursing Studies and Women's Empowerment Research Studies. She also runs the Obstetric Violence Journal Club and the Birth and Body Book Club. Dr. Mayra also consults as a Subject Matter Expert with the WHO HQ to create a toolkit for WHO Academy on Essential Respectful Care Course (ERCC). When she is not doing any of the above, she is dancing.

### **Nicole Minckas**

Dr. Nicole Minckas is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow, specialising in maternal and neonatal health and mixed-methods research. Nicole's interest in maternal and neonatal health is driven by a desire to address and reduce healthcare disparities across the world. She is committed to enhancing maternal and neonatal health in low-resource settings, focusing on understanding experiences of care and identifying effective interventions to reduce morbidity and mortality in high-risk populations.

Her previous work included implementing large-scale multi-country clinical trials and implementation research in Africa and Asia for the World Health Organization's Department of Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health and Aging in Switzerland. Her focus was on evaluating strategic interventions, such as antenatal corticosteroids for managing preterm births and immediate Kangaroo Mother Care for improving survival of small and sick newborns.

Nicole received her Ph.D. from University College London, where she explored the impacts of negative childbirth experiences on care-seeking behaviours and maternal health outcomes in Argentina.

Nicole will primarily be working on the PEARLS trial to implement screening for pregnant women at risk of pre-eclampsia and test two aspirin regimens for pre-eclampsia prevention in Kenya, Ghana, and South Africa, as well as the GWHU portfolio on respectful maternity care.

### **Bhavya Reddy**

Bhavya Reddy is a public health researcher with expertise in global maternal health. Bhavya has over a decade of experience with implementation research and multi-method research projects on gender and health. She has served as an external reviewer for WHO guidelines on antenatal care and a WHO working group to synthesize evidence on strategies to reduce mistreatment in childbirth. Bhavya has been a faculty member for a course on gender and intersectionality in health policy and systems developed for the WHO Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, where she built a case-based teaching module on Respectful Maternity Care. Using a social inequities lens, her research engagements have included risk assessment in pregnancy, health system determinants of maternal mortality and morbidity, and capacity-building of community health workers in low-resource settings. Since 2015, her work has focused largely on mistreatment in childbirth and barriers to evidence-based intrapartum care. She is a doctoral student at University of British Columbia's School of Population and Public Health and she holds an MPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A current Vanier Scholar, her doctoral research explores relationships between obstetric interventions, respectful care, and birth trauma.

### **Emma Sacks**

Dr. Sacks, perinatal and pediatric epidemiologist, lead one of the teams synthesizing evidence on SARS-CoV-2 transmission risk in pregnant women, neonates, infants, and children, for UNICEF. An advocate for global health equity, she worked with Ministries of Health in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to procure equipment and develop trainings for safe neonatal and pediatric oxygen administration. Growing up and living in upper Manhattan, one of the earliest and hardest hit regions, she served as a volunteer with PPE2NYC and NYCares to organize emergency supply donations to NYC hospitals, contracting COVID herself while on the frontlines, and she currently volunteers at a mass vaccination site through the NYC Medical Reserve Corps. Dr. Sacks is one of many behind-the-scenes scientists working to keep everyone safe.

### **Suzanne Stalls**

Suzanne Stalls has worked throughout the world during the past twenty-five years in the fields of maternal, newborn and reproductive health. Suzanne's academic background includes an undergraduate degree in Spanish and French, a graduate degree in International Relations and a nursing and nurse-midwifery degree. During her professional career, she founded and directed a midwifery service in a large tertiary care hospital and practiced clinically for close to two decades. While in clinical practice, she also consulted and served as a technical advisor in global health. During that time she was responsible for supporting proposal development and responses, program design and implementation, and project management and evaluation. She has provided technical support and expertise in pre-service and in-service education and training, community mobilization efforts, organizational development, professional association strengthening and quality improvement. Diverse examples of her expertise are: development of perinatal programs in a remote area of the Navajo reservation of New Mexico; supporting health workers in Asia, Africa and South America to improve essential interventions in maternal and newborn health through careful attention to quality improvement and learning approaches which embody best practices; and collaboration with national professional associations to strengthen management and provide leadership for their profession. Her particular focus is antenatal care, quality improvement linked with clinical capacity building and respectful maternity care. Her countries of experience include

Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Malawi, Myanmar, Nepal, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Ms. Stalls is currently director of the maternal and newborn team for Momentum Country and Global Leadership, a global technical leadership award funded by USAID in a consortium directed by Jhpiego. In her role, she contributes to global technical leadership and learning, and supports the policy dialogue and implementation processes required for achievement of global MNCH/FP/RH goals through MNCH/FP/RH initiatives, strategies, frameworks, guidelines, and action plans that have been endorsed worldwide.

### **Katherine Semrau**

Katherine Semrau, PhD, MPH, is the Director of the BetterBirth Program at Ariadne Labs. As Program Director, Dr. Semrau oversees the research and execution of the BetterBirth Program, which aims to improve the quality of care, minimize complications, and end the preventable deaths of women and newborns through the effective implementation of evidence-based, scalable solutions at the frontline of care. Katherine also serves as the Deputy Director of Ariadne Labs, overseeing the three platforms and serving as the senior scientific leader of the Lab. In this role, she oversees the platforms, promotes the Ariadne matrix, and advances scientific methodology and rigor for the Lab. Dr. Semrau has over 22 years of experience in the fields of maternal, newborn, and child health and epidemiology; she has experience working in Zambia, India, Malawi, Tanzania, Mexico, and Georgia. Her research has focused on the prevention of maternal and child mortality, improvement of quality of care, and prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Currently, Dr. Semrau has a portfolio of research focused on designing, testing, and implementing maternal and newborn health interventions in resource-limited settings, such as projects focused on the Safe Childbirth Checklist, Patient Education, and Facility Readiness. Additionally, she leads a series of projects focused on identifying solutions for the most vulnerable newborns, especially low birthweight infants. Katherine is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She is also an Associate Epidemiologist at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in the Division of Global Health Equity.

### **Tari Turner**

Professor Tari Turner is Director of the Australian Living Evidence Collaboration, leading development of living guidelines, and a Professor (Research) at Cochrane Australia.

Prof Turner leads research developing and evaluating methods for living evidence syntheses, including living systematic reviews and living guidelines; and translating synthesised evidence into improved healthcare practice and policy.

Tari's passion is supporting evidence-based decision-making to ensure the best possible outcomes, particularly for women and children in low resource settings. She enjoys designing, finding, synthesising and communicating research, and she loves seeing research actually make a difference.

Tari is an Editor of the Cochrane Library and Cochrane Evidence Synthesis and Methods, and was previously Co-Editor in Chief of Health Research Policy and Systems, a BMC journal published in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). She is also a member of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group to the WHO Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research; an

Honorary Principal Research Fellow at the Burnet Institute; a Senior Research Fellow at 3ie and Chair of the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Ethics Committee.

Tari's previous work at Cochrane has included the SEA-URCHIN Project, which investigated whether implementation of research evidence can improve prevention and treatment of neonatal infection in hospitals in South East Asia; and CIPHER, a project that explored how to support and measure use of research by policymakers. Tari previously worked at World Vision Australia where she was Senior Health Advisor.

Tari holds a Doctor of Philosophy from Monash University, a Master of Business from Swinburne University, a Post Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics from the University of Melbourne and a Bachelor of Biomedical Science from Monash University.

### **Gulnoza Usmanova**

Gulnoza Usmanova MD, MPH with extensive experience in research, measurement and evaluation of global health programs in LMICs. Gulnoza has led research studies on immunization, unhealthy behaviour, maternal and newborn health, cancer, family planning services, health system strengthening and COVID-19. Particularly her area of interest and expertise focused on measuring quality of maternity care in public and private sector in India, the role of digital technology in improving quality of intrapartum and postpartum care in India, ensuring continuity of care for high-risk pregnant women. She is a member of WHO Mother and Newborn Information for Tracking Outcomes and Results (MoNITOR) Technical Advisory Group; serves as a member of Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study group and Covid-19 and Cancer Global Modelling Consortium. She serves as a reviewer and editor for several peer reviewed journals. Gulnoza currently works with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation India Country office.