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VISION AT CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

We would like our research and teaching in global health to contribute to improved health for the poor populations in the world.

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FROM THE CENTRE DIRECTOR

Welcome to CIH!

The Centre for International Health (CIH), at the University of Bergen (UiB), is an interdisciplinary and interfaculty centre that aims to initiate and co-ordinate research, teaching and other activities of importance for the university's co-operation with countries in the poorer part of the world within the field of health.

In 2016, the University of Bergen decided that "Global Challenges" would be one of three main strategic focus areas for the coming years. This is a great opportunity for CIH. It implies support for our work from the highest level at the University. We have an important role to play in this focus area.

CIH welcomes you whether it is as a student, as a PhD candidate, as a scientist or as administrative staff to work with us to help build a better world. We want our work to have an impact!

In 2016, the artist Bob Dylan received the Nobel Prize in Literature for his song lyrics. This inspires us to return to these texts. On this page you will find lyrics from the well-known song "Blowing in the wind" from 1963. It is worthwhile to read it again – the text is still very relevant. I suggest that interdisciplinary co-operation could be the way forward to finding these answers.

Welcome to CIH! We have work to do!

Bergen March 2017 Bente E. Moen *Director, CIH*



Blowing in the wind – by Bob Dylan

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
Yes, and how many times must the cannon balls fly
Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many years can a mountain exist Before it's washed to the sea? Yes, and how many years can some people exist Before they're allowed to be free? Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head And pretend that he just doesn't see? The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many times must a man look up Before he can see the sky? Yes, and how many ears must one man have Before he can hear people cry? Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'till he knows That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind.

The answer is blowin' in the wind.

1. EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

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1.1 SOME CIH HIGHLIGHTS

Medical Student Elective

During their medical student career, students at the University of Bergen have the option of taking an elective course called "Global Health".

First offered in 2008, the course was developed by Nina Langeland, the current Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, together with others including Ole Frithjof Norheim. Langeland explains that she found that many of students who were sent out for global health placements in Africa by Norwegian institutions had been inadequately prepared for the experience. She wanted to create a course that would be given to students before they travelled, and which would teach and prepare them for something of the challenges they would meet at hospitals and primary health care centres abroad.

Today's course is offered before the students travel for their 2-month field experience. In addition to some important global health issues, it teaches students something about war and unrest, poverty, migration, corruption, violence, gender issues and cultural differences. In addition, the course aims to help the students reflect on their own possible biases and preconceptions and tries to help them to understand how they themselves might appear to the people they will meet during their field experience.

Over the years a number of host hospitals in developing countries in Asia and Africa have become associated with the course. At these host hospitals, the students work under the supervision of local doctors. They may also travel out to local health centres. This year's cohort travelled to Vellore (India), Uganda, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and 2 places in Malawi.



Medical students from Norway visiting the fields of Haydom, Tanzania. Photo: Irene Slagstad

Professor Sven Gudmund Hinderaker is the current course leader. He says that this year's group of over 30 students, although the largest yet, was the "one of the best so far"! One of his favourite parts of the course is the final "exam" when, after returning to Bergen, the groups of students submit an essay about their experiences and together give a presentation to their fellow students and teachers.

Feedback from the students underlines the positive nature of the experience.

"Should definitely keep this site as one of the choices for this elective (Uganda)"

"Experience exposed us a wide variety of different diagnoses and illnesses"

"It gave us a unique insight into the differences between living in cities versus the countryside"

We are grateful to this year's medical elective student cohort for many of the pictures in this year's annual report.

1.2 Master in Global Health

This year the two Master programmes, "International Health" and "Oral Sciences", were merged to a new, single Master programme entitled "Global Health".

The 2-year programme aims to raise awareness of current global/international health concerns and to equip students with research skills and tools to address poverty-related health problems in a fair and equitable manner. Students will be trained to identify and critically analyse key factors shaping the health and well-being of populations in low and middle-income countries as well as how to formulate effective and appropriate responses to complex health related issues.

The main thematic areas of research are: maternal and child health; nutrition; communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases and oral sciences. In addition, interdisciplinary collaborations enable the course to offer research training in epidemiology, clinical and community trials, qualitative research, medical ethics, health economics, medical anthropology and biomedical sciences.

Global health is broadly defined as an area for study, research, and practice that places a priority on *improving health and achieving health equity for all people worldwide*.

Global Health

- has a particular focus on health problems in low and middle income countries (LMIC),
- aims to build capacity through research and post graduate training in partnership with academic institutions in collaborating countries,
- promotes interdisciplinary collaboration,
- involves disciplines both within and beyond the health sciences in its training programmes.

uib.no/en/studyprogramme/MAMD-GLOB#uib-tabs-presentation



1.3 New Research School in Global Health

September 2016 the four largest Norwegian universities (UiO, UiB, UiT, NTNU) and the Norwegian Forum for Global Health launched a national Norwegian Research School in Global Health with funding from the GLOBVAC programme (Research Council of Norway).

All PhD candidates at Norwegian Universities/University Colleges are welcome to apply to be members, free of charge. They will thereby gain access to any relevant courses at any Norwegian Institution of Higher Education. In addition, they will be able to attend an annual PhD conference, qualify for grants to participate in courses and conferences both nationally and internationally, as well as becoming part of a network of researchers in Global Health.

The office for the Research School in Global Health is located at NTNU, at the Faculty of Medicine. Prof Elisabeth Darj is the Leader and Elin Y Dvergsdal is its Co-ordinator. See the school's website for more information: ntnu.edu/nrsgh

In its first year of operation around 100 PhD candidates are registered. The first annual PhD conference is March 2017 in conjunction with the GLOBVAC meeting.

1.4 MOOC in Occupational Health

"Thank you so much University of Bergen and your team of educators for this invaluable opportunity to undertake this course. I am indeed profoundly humbled and exceedingly grateful."

"My country and my company will from today benefit greatly from the knowledge I have acquired from you. Thank you very much."

Every 15 seconds, a worker dies from a work-related accident or disease. Two thirds of these deaths happen in developing countries. Tragically, they are mostly preventable and could be avoided with better training and knowledge.

Many low-income countries have very limited or no occupational health services or training programmes. Professor Bente Moen and her colleagues in the Occupational Medicine Research Group decided to develop a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) to make basic information about health and safety more accessible globally. To develop the course, they worked together with colleagues at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, and the Occupational Safety and Health Authority in Tanzania.

The course is made available via the MOOC platform FutureLearn. It was produced by DigUiB Learning and the Communications Lab at the University of Bergen.

The free, 6-week, MOOC, "Occupation Health in Developing Countries" was first offered March 2016, and again in October 2016. It was a huge success, with a total of over 8000 students registered in 2016. Master students at the University of Bergen were also able to register for the course, and could receive 3 ECTS credits if they completed an additional written assignment.

The course will be offered again March 2017: futurelearn.com/courses/occupational-health-developing-countries





MOOC development team. Photo: Bente E. Moen



2. RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

2.1 CIH PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

CIH produced an amazing number of scientific articles in 2016. We are particularly proud of the Lancet publications shown here.

We have published one original Lancet article:

Nagot N, Kankasa C, Tumwine JK, Meda N, Hofmeyr GJ, Vallo R, Mwiya M, Kwagala M, Traore H, Sunday A, Singata M, Siuluta C, Some E, Rutagwera D, Neboua D, Ndeezi G, Jackson D, Maréchal V, Neveu D, Engebretsen IM, Lombard C, Blanche S, Sommerfelt H, Rekacewicz C, Tylleskär T, Van de Perre P; ANRS 12174 Trial Group. "Extended pre-exposure prophylaxis with lopinavir-ritonavir versus lamivudine to prevent HIV-1 transmission through breastfeeding up to 50 weeks in infants in Africa (ANRS 12174): a randomised controlled trial." Lancet. 2016 Feb 6;387(10018):566-73.

This article analysed strategies to prevent postnatal mother-to-child transmission of HIV-1 in Africa, including infant prophylaxis. The subject has never been assessed past 6 months of breastfeeding, despite the fact that breastfeeding is recommended for up to 12 months after birth.

The researchers aimed to compare the efficacy and safety of infant prophylaxis with two drug regimens (lamivudine or lopinavir-ritonavir) at preventing postnatal HIV-1 transmission with up to 50 weeks of breastfeeding. The findings are relevant to all sub-Saharan Africa because the study cohort included four countries from various African regions and participants in the cohort had different infant feeding practices and different circulating HIV-1 subtypes.

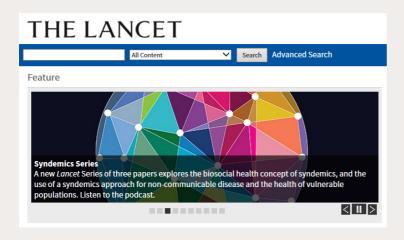
This study showed that the two infant PreP regimens were equally well tolerated and effective at reducing postnatal HIV-1 transmission incidence to lower than 1,5%. The trial is unique in that it assessed a postnatal PMTCT strategy (infant PreP) for the recommended 12 months duration of breastfeeding and that it compared head-to-head two antiretroviral drugs for infant PreP.

WHO recommends stopping infant PreP 1 week after the complete cessation of breastfeeding. In this trial, this recommendation was followed and two infants became infected because breastfeeding was not completely stopped or was resumed. This finding suggests consideration of a longer period of infant PreP after cessation of breastfeeding or that infant prophylaxis should not be stopped until no milk can be expressed during clinical examination from the mother breasts or both.

In addition, CIH researchers have two shorter contributions in Lancet:

Tylleskär T, Bærug A. "Breastfeeding: the medical profession sweeping at its own doorstep. Lancet Glob Health." 2016 Apr;4(4):e219-20

Lombard C, Cousens S, Tylleskär T, Van de Perre P, Nagot N. "Trial size, HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis, and breastfeeding - Authors' reply". Lancet. 2016 May 21;387(10033):2091.



2.2 NORHED projects

CIH participates in six projects for the Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development (NORHED) These are funded by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad).

The aim of the NORHED programme is to strengthen the capacity of higher education institutions in Lowand Middle-Income Countries (LMIC), to educate more and better-qualified candidates, and to increase quality and quantity of research conducted by the countries' own researchers. The projects are truly



Working with morther-child health. Photo: Thorkild Tylleskär

capacity building. The following CIH projects started in 2013–2014 and will continue until 2018. Participants note that the partnerships have increased in strength over the project period.

Short presentations of each project:

1. Survival Plus

Partners: University of Bergen, Norway; University of Juba, South Sudan; Gulu University, Uganda; Busitema University, Uganda; Makerere University, Uganda.

Project co-ordinator: James K Tumwine **UiB co-ordinator:** Thorkild Tylleskär

The goal of the project is to lower childhood and maternal morbidity and mortality in post-conflict and disaster prone communities by increasing the capacity for teaching, research and health care provision at higher education institutions in these areas. Locations in Uganda and South Sudan have been selected to participate.

2. Grow Nut

Partners: University of Kinshasa School of Public Health (UniKin), University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)

Project co-ordinator: University of Kinshasa

UiB co-ordinator: Anne Hatløy

The GROWNUT project falls within the 'Health' subprogramme of NORHED, with links to the subprogrammes of Natural resource management, climate change and environment.

This 5-year project will develop institutional capacity at the School of Public Health in Kinshasa through collaboration for implementation and maintenance of a nutritional epidemiological education and research programme.



Grow Nut discussions in Kinshasa. Photo: Thorkild Tylleskär

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3. Reduction of the Burden of occupational injuries and diseases at workplaces in Tanzania and Ethiopia

Partners: Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) in Tanzania; Addis Ababa University (AAU) in Ethiopia and University of Bergen (UiB) in Norway.

Project co-ordinator: Simon Henry Mamuya, Senior Lecturer, School of Public Health and Social Sciences, MUHAS.

AAU co-ordinator: Wakgari Deressa, Dean, School of Public health, AAU. UiB co-ordinator: Bente E. Moen

The project aims to improve the working conditions and reduce occupational injuries and diseases in Tanzania and Ethiopia. This is done through development of high quality education programmes in Occupational Health Safety (OHS) disciplines at MUHAS and AAU in order to increase the competency of the occupational health inspectors and capacity of academic staff for sustainable postgraduate programmes and relevant high quality research.



A PhD, a Postdoc and a supervisor at MUHAS, Tanzania.

4. HI-Train — Better Health Information for better health care

Partners: Moi University, Kenya; Makerere University, Uganda; University of Bergen, Dept. of Informatics together with Centre for International Health, Norway

UiB co-ordinator: Khalid Mughal, Department of Informatics

Contact at CIH: Thorkild Tylleskär

The overall goal: Increased and appropriate use of health information technologies to improve individual and population health care in East Africa.



Tablets are useful in the project for better health information. Photo: Thorkild Tylleskär

5. South Ethiopia Network of Universities in Public Health (SENUPH)

Partners: Hawassa University (HU), College of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ethiopia; University of Bergen (UiB), Centre for International Health, Norway; Wolaita Sodo University (WSU), School of Public Health, Ethiopia; Dilla University (DU), School of Health Sciences, Ethiopia and Arba Minch University (AMU), College of Natural Sciences, Department of Biology, Ethiopia and Addis Ababa University (AAU), School of Public Health, Department of Preventive Medicine, Ethiopia

UiB co-ordinator: Bernt Lindtjørn

Overall goal: To improve the health of populations in South Ethiopia, especially for maternal and child health, nutrition and reducing malaria.



Sampling larvae for a malaria project. Photo B. Lindtjørn

6. Capacity building in postgraduate surgical training and research in Malawi

Partners: University of Malawi (UNIMA), College of Medicine (COM), Malawi; Kamuzu Central Hospital (KCH), Lilongwe, Malawi; Queen Elisabeth Central Hospital (QECH), Blantyre, Malawi; University of Bergen (UiB), Norway and Haukeland University Hospital (HUH), Norway.

UiB co-ordinator: Sven Young.

Overall goal: To give Malawi a sustainable number of surgical specialists to treat the national burden of surgical disease.



Waiting room at the orthopaedic clinic. Malawi Photo: Ingvild Festervoll Melien

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2.3 New strategy at the University of Bergen 2016—2022: Global challenges

Global Challenges is one of three thematic strategic areas at UiB, outlined in the University's new Strategic Plan "Ocean, Life and Society" for the period 2016–2022.

Decision path

The organisation and structure of the new "Global Challenges" thematic area were decided at various leadership meetings over the course of 2016. First, the University Board proposed a framework in January 2016 (6/2016). This was clarified further in a meeting in August 2016 (32/2016), where it was decided that the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (MOF) should administer this strategic area. The MOF Faculty Board further debated organizational details at its meeting 26 October 2016 (93/2016).

The background for these decisions is based on an evaluation of "Development research" at UiB in 2014 that was undertaken by an international scientific panel. The evaluation's conclusions included nine points. The first one underlined the importance of this research area and stated that the "Quality and relevance of the scientific production in global and development research at UiB the past ten years have an excellent international standard." The panel advised UiB to continue to have global and development research as a strategic area.

Background

Research and education within the area of Global Challenges started about 1960 at the University of Bergen (UiB), and involved co-operation with partners in developing countries. It officially became a priority area for UiB in 1988. Several different units at UiB have participated in research and education in developing countries, and many have established solid partnerships in these low income countries (LIC). In addition, UiB has been involved in educating a large number of students that have either travelled to Bergen or stayed in their home countries.

Few, if any, institutions in Norway have such a large partnership network in LIC. UiB has succeeded in capacity building in several LIC, and has to a large degree succeeded in establishing areas of



Vice-rector of internationalization, A-C Johannessen tells about the new strategy at a seminar in Jekteviken. Photo: Elinor Bartle

multidisciplinary research and education. Many research results relating to global issues have had **major impacts**, for instance in terms of reducing poverty, increasing equality, promoting of human rights, improving quality of life for adults as well as children with HIV/AIDS, helping with finding solutions in conflict or war zones, improving mother and child health and by disseminating information about the consequences of climate change.

For CIH this strategy is of major importance. New for us is that the administrative unit UiB Global will be reorganized and become a part of CIH from 2017. We aim to establish improved cooperation in education and research within the theme Global Challenges" across all UiB Faculties in the future.

2.4 Norwegian Global Health Networks Conference

Norwegian clinicians, scientists and students working with global health issues gathered at the University of Bergen for a 2-day conference 20–21 April 2016. The conference was organised by the Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research and the Norwegian Network for Health and Development.

The main aim of the conference was to create an arena for scientific and clinical discussions about global health issues in Norway. At the very least it aimed to improve co-operation between the 2 networks!

By all accounts, the conference was a great success. The knowledge gained and shared will be of importance to the common aim of the 2 networks; improving health in the world. Many new and potential collaborations and partnerships were established between the participants.



The board and of Forum met in Tromsø and joined a seminar here on global health in 2016. Photo: Elinor Bartle

Working together in global health across Norway

The Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research began almost exactly 10 years ago, 16 November 2006.

In November 2016 Forum and the Centre for Arctic and Global Health (SAG), Norway's newest Global Health Centre, at the University of Tromsø (UiT), hosted a meeting in Tromsø. The Forum Board first met to discuss highlights from the annual activity plan for 2016 and make plans for 2017. They then attending an open day-long seminar organized by SAG, entitled, "Global Health in the North".

Forum is committed to improving knowledge exchange and collaboration in global health between Norwegian institutions and researchers across Norway. Holding a meeting at the new UiT Centre is a part of this strategy.

www.globalhealth.no



The board and of Forum met in Tromsø and joined a seminar here on global health in 2016. Photo: Elinor Bartle

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2.5 GLOBVAC evaluation

February 2016 an external committee delivered a mid-term evaluation report for the second Global Health and Vaccination Research Programme (GLOBVAC2). The report evaluated the programme for the period 2012–2015.

GLOBVAC began in 2006 and is administered by the Research Council of Norway. GLOBVAC2 is a renewal programme for the period 2012–2020.

The primary objective of GLOBVAC2 is to "support high-quality research with potential for high impact that can contribute to sustainable improvements in health and health equity for poor people in low- and lower-middle income countries." The programme aims to attain this objective by sustainably strengthening capacity within global health and vaccination research, both in Norway and abroad.

While noting the significant achievements GLOVAC has made in a number of areas, the evaluators noted that the investments made are just beginning to show impact and that national capacity built via GLOBVAC initiatives to date is not yet self-sustainable. In particular they highlight the need to further strengthen bottom-up capacity development. They strongly recommended against reducing funding at this time. CIH Director, Bente Moen, and all Global Health researchers are therefore very disappointed to observe that the GLOBVAC funding programme has been seriously reduced.

2.6 New Professor at CIH

In 2016, CIH appointed a new Professor of Global Nutrition, Ingunn Marie S. Engebretsen.

The position required

- Holding a PhD degree in nutrition, medicine or other health sciences
- Having a record of research in, and being active within global nutrition and international health
- Competency in maternal and children nutrition in low and middle-income countries
- Competency in epidemiology and collaborations with scientists in low and middle-income countries
- Leadership experience, coordinator experience and experience in strategic research planning
- Basic teaching experience required as well as supervisory experience with PhD students



CIH web page. Screenshot.

The evaluating committee found Engebretsen to be highly qualified for the position, and she was selected as the top candidate. CIH is pleased to welcome her to their team. In addition to research, teaching and supervisory activities, Engebretsen leads the Global Mental Health Research Group, which aims to build strong research competence in global mental health and global child and adolescent mental health.

3. PEOPLE

Schwinger, Catherine

3.1 SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL AT CIH

People have many types of affiliations to CIH. The list below shows the scientific personnel who are formally employed at the centre, with a few exceptions (explained in brackets).

PERMANENTLY EMPLOYED	
Blystad, Astrid	Professor (IGS employed)
Engebretsen, Ingunn Marie S.	Professor (from February 15)
Hinderaker, Sven Gudmund	Professor
Lindtjørn, Bernt	Professor
Moen, Bente Elisabeth	Professor
Moland, Karen Marie	Professor
Mustafa, Tehmina	Professor (50%)
Norheim, Ole Frithjof	Professor (IGS employed)
Robberstad, Bjarne	Professor
Sommerfelt, Halvor	Professor
Svanes, Cecilie	Professor (50%)
Tylleskär, Thorkild	Professor
TEMPORARILY EMPLOYED	
Abotnes, Espérance Kashala	Post doctor
Engebretsen, Ingunn Marie S	Researcher (Until February 14)
Fadnes, Lars Tore	Post doctor (IKO employed)
Hatløy, Anne	Associate Professor
Johannessen, Ane	Researcher
Kühl, Melf-Jakob	Assistant (from July 1)
Mirkuzie, Alemnesh	Post doctor (maternity leave until August 19)
Mori, Amani Thomas	Post doctor (from February 1)
Sandøy, Ingvild Fossgard	Post doctor CIH/Assoc. Professor IGS (Professor from September 16)
Steinsland, Hans	Researcher
Strand, Tor A	Adjunct professor (20%)
OTHER	
Basnet, Sudha	PhD candidate (dissertation April 19)
Blume, Jörn	PhD candidate (paternity leave)
Fylkesnes, Knut Martin	Professor emeritus
Kismul, Hallgeir	Researcher (from October 1)
Kvåle, Gunnar	Professor emeritus
Nilsen, Rune	Professor emeritus

PhD candidate (maternity leave)

3.2 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

CIH is a part of the Department of Global Public Health and Primary Health Care (IGS). The two share a joint administration with one overall Head of Administration. Many in administration work at least some time in both locations (CIH and Kalfarveien 31). The core administration for Centre for International Health is listed below:

Moen, Bente E. Director/Professor at CIH
Rørtveit, Guri Head of Department, IGS
Smith, Siri Head of Administration, IGS

Bartle, Elinor	Communication Services (20–40%)
Forshaw, Linda Karin	Academic Affairs, Master
Haaland, Marte Emilie Sandvik	Project administration CISMAC
Hope, Ingvild Research	Advisor
lpek, Filiz	Project Economist (from April 16)
Istad, Therese Marianne	Research & Communication Officer
Koldal, Gunhild	Administration (MOOC, Quota)
Lavik, Borgny Kvalnes	Academic Affairs, Master
Straume, Ane	Project administration CISMAC (50% from November 7)
Vikøren, Solfrid	Economic Officer
Warpe, Jo Even	Project Economist (until April 30)



Participants from the annual Christmas party at CIH 2016; scientific and administrative staff and students. Photo: Bente. E. Moen

3.3 CIH BOARD

In 2014, the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (MOF) formalized the Centre organization. In 2015, according to the new approved guidelines, the first CIH Board was established. It included the Dean of MOF and the MOF Department leaders.

CIH Board Members, from 2015:

Nina Langeland (Dean), Per Bakke (K2), Nils Erik Gilhus (K1), Anne Nordrehaug (IKO), Guri Rørtveit (IGS) and Rolf Reed (Biomedicine, Board Leader).













3.4 ASSOCIATED SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL

CIH is blessed to be assosiated with many high skilled, competent and positive people who help out on different issues. Here we have mentioned the ones who have been teaching, supervising or helping at the centre in 2016. If someone is missing, please tell us!

Kahtan Al-Azawy, Kjersti Alsaker, Per Bakke, Stefi Barna, Valborg Baste, Randi J Bertelsen, Bjarne Bjorvatn, Gunnar Bjune, Magne Bråtveit, Asgeir Bårdsen, Karin Lødrup Carlsen, Daniela Costea, Jutta Dierkes, Anne Margrette Dyrhol-Riise, Stian Ellefsen, Maria Emmelin, Frederik Frøen, Håkon Gjessing, Sturla Gjesdal, Truls Gjestland, Siri Gloppen, Harleen Grewal, Kurt Hanevik, Rolf Hanoa, Haldis Haukanes, Sigrun Henjum, Bjørn Hofmann, Bjørg Eli Hollund, Mari Hysing, Tane Holm Høisæter, Frode Ims, Anne Christine Johannessen, Arne Johannessen, Kjell Arne Johannsson, Thomas Jürgens, Torvid Kiserud, Ingrid Kvestad, Siri Lange, Nina Langeland, Gro Therese Lie, Reidar Lie, Rolv Terje Lie, Ola Lind, Frode Lindemark, Maria Mathisen, Eivind Meland, Ingrid Miljeteig, Ottar Mæstad, Hans Kristian Maridal, Klaus Melf, Ingrid Miljeteig, Thera Mjåland, Kamal Mustafa, Ole Jacob Møllerløkken, Elwalid Fadul Nasir, Anne Nordrehaug, Øystein Evjen Olsen, Ernst Omenaas, Hans Overgaard, Odd Pettersen, Pål Puntervoll, Francisco Gomez Real, Ole Bjørn Rekdal, Trond Riise, Kristin Rygg, Guri Rørtveit, Bjarte Sanne, Katherine Skarstein, Rolf Skjærven, Steinar Skrede, Marion Solheim, Arne Strand, Johanne Sundby, Stefan Sütterllien, Lisbet Sviland, Heidi Syre, Erik Joakim Tranvåg, Bertil Tungodden, Graziella Van Den Bergh, Christopher Venables, Elin Vestbøstad, Kari Vik, Magnus Vollset, Adi Vyas, Bodil Bø Våga, Harald Wiker, Annegreet Wubs, Ketil Joachim Ødegaard, Arild Aakvik, Birgitta Åsjø, Audun Aase, Henriette Sinding Aasen, Anne Norderhaug Åstrøm.

4. CANDIDATES IN COMPETENCY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

4.1 COMPETENCY BUILDING CANDIDATES IN MASTER PROGRAMMES

MASTER CANDIDATES

FINISHING IN 2016 (2014-16)*	BEGINNING IN 2015 (2015-17)**	BEGINNING IN 2016 (2016-18)
Akol, Angela	Hassan Abdelraouf, Mohamed Ali	Alhousain, Mohamad Hashem
Ali, Mohamed Abdul Raouf	Awealom, Akeza	Baniya, Suraj
Binyaruka, Peter John	Boge, Amalie Aase	Baral, Dibash
Cole, Robin	Deleta, Samuel Darge	Ben Mohamed, Fatima Zohra
Gjerde, Kjersti	Dullie, Luckson	Gajurel, Rashmi
Hammer, Anna	Gaafar Mohamed, Nuha Mohamed	Jensen, Elise
Hasha, Wegdan	Girma, Feven	Kapali, Akash
Kibira, Simon Peter	Hurissa, Mengistu Bekele	Khabiri, Mahsa
Lubulwa, Frances Clare	Lundamo, Mwila	Kleppe, Amalie Kaldefoss
Macha, Jane	Mohamed, Nazar	Munir, Arooj
Rankinen, Maija	Mukunya, David	Olow, Khadija Hassan
Rasheed, Rahma	Nima, Dawit Desalegn	Rahmani, Yahya Khan
Sanou, Anselme Siméon	Pamba, Doreen	Riaz, Sabia Huma
Zhao, Ruiting	Paul, Israel	Saleem, Ragda
	Roro, Meselech Assegid	Ugelvik, Gunhild Stølen
	Shrestha, Jasmin	
	Sitali, Lungowe	
	Tumuhamye, Josephine	

^{*} Whereof 6 transferred to PhD, one deceased and two are delayed

4.2 MEDICAL STUDENTS IN RESEARCH PROGRAMME

NAME	PROJECT	SUPERVISOR
Grønvik, Taram	Reducing teenage childbearing: Adolescent women and barriers to contraceptive use in Zambia	Ingvild F. Sandøy
Halvåg, Ragnhild Sørbøen	Exploring the feasibility and acceptability of introducing symphysiotomy in emergency obstetric care in rural Ethiopia. A formative qualitative study	Karen Marie Moland, Torvid Kiserud, Astrid Blystad
Hegdahl, Hanne Keyser	Understanding the differences in HIV prevalence between men and women in Sub-Saharan Africa	Ingvild F. Sandøy
McLean, Emily	Abortion in Ethiopia. Legislation, access to services and the public debate.	Ingrid Miljeteig, Astrid Blystad
Melberg, Andrea	Breastfeeding in four African countries	Thorkild Tylleskär
Pannu, Mehmajeet Kaur	Malaria chemoprevention for the post-discharge management of severe anaemia in children in Malawi, Uganda and Kenya	Bjarne Robberstad
Skylstad, Vilde	Mental health care services for children in Uganda: Needs for individuals and society	Ingunn Engebretsen
Solheim, Ingrid Holm	Unwanted pregnancy among young women in Tanzania: A study of accessibility and use of self-administered Misoprostol	Astrid Blystad/KM Moland/C. Kahabukan
Svege, Sarah	Caretakers acceptability of different delivery mechanisms of post malaria chemoprevention (PMC) IN Malawi	Bjarne Robberstad/Siri Lange

^{**} Whereof 11 transferred to PhD

4.3 Medical Students enrolled in the Global Health Elective

During their medical student career, students at the University of Bergen have the option of taking an elective course called "Global Health". The course offers committed students the opportunity to focus on International Health issues beginning with a 6-week series of lectures* that provide an introduction to Global Health followed by an eight-week field visit to selected sites in Africa and Asia. In 2016 the sites included: Vellore (India), Uganda, Sri Lanka, 2 places in Malawi and Tanzania. This activity is described in detail on pages 5–6.

*it is possible to take a smaller course, "Global Theory" that involves only the lectures.

NAME	
Bjånesøy, Vår	
Bø, Signe	
Børhaug, Emilia	
Dybvik, Karoline	
Erchinger, Vera Jane	
Feiring, Mari Heide	
Fotland, Marta	
Halvorsen, Fredrik	
Hatlemark, Synne	
Haugland, Kristin	
Hatlemark, Synne J.M.	
Hestaas, Ida J.	

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Holsen, Torunn Amalie
Kjekshus, Valborg Helene
Knappskog, Kristine
Kvadsheim, Elisabet
Kørner, Leif Roland
Leikvoll, Linnea
Lyslo, Åse S.
Mehandru, Sonia
Meinich, Tale Jeanette
Mellingen, Maren
Mydske, Sigurd
Nielsen, Iris
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Petter, Solheim	
Riis, Klara K.	
Saanum, Tale Maria	
Sanne, Ingebjørg	
Slagstad, Irene	
Stenseth, Mathilde	
Tomasgard, Sunniva	
Unhjem, Hans-Henrik M.	
Vederhus, Johannes	
Åkre, Åshild S.	
Aas, Eivind Mathia	



Norwegian medical students visiting albino children. Photo: Irene Slagstad.

4.4 PhDs in competency building programmes

NAME	PROJECT TITLE	MAIN SUPERVISOR	CO-SUPERVISOR
Aakre, Inger	Hormonal and developmental consequenses of excessive iodine	Henjum, Sigrunn	Strand, Tor
Akol, Angela	Evaluating entry into mental health services for children and adolescents in Uganda by primary health care workers and traditional healers: A cluster randomised trial in Eastern Uganda	Engebretsen, Ingunn	Moland, K./Babirye, J.
Ayana, Taye Gari	Malaria Prevention in south Ethiopia	Lindtjørn, Bernt	Deressa, Wakari
Balikuddembe, Michael	LaD Tracker: A Smart Way to Escape the Illusion of Partography in Labour and Delivery	Tylleskär, Torkild	Wakholi, Peter
Banda, Richard	Malaria transmission risk in Zeway-Butajira transect, Central Ethiopia	Fylkesnes, Knut	Sandøy, Ingvild
Bech, Margunn Margrete	Tanzanian Health Sector Policies and Their Impact at District and Village Levels: A Histprical perspective (1960–2005)	Rekdal, Ole Bjørn	Hegenhougen
Binyaruka, Peter John	Effect of Pay-For-Performance Scheme on Continuum of Care and Equity in Tanzania	Torsvik, Gaute	Robberstad, B./Borghi, J.
Blume, Jörn	Challanges in daily infant peri-exposure prophlaxis (PEP) to HIV-exposed uninfected infants	Tylleskär, Torkild	Wang, Siri
Chinkhumba, Jobiba	Cost-effectiveness of performance based financing for promoting mother to child health in Malawi	Robberstad, Bjarne	de Allegri, Manuela
Dalen, Nina	Psychological Challenges Faced By Orphans Heading Households i Rakai District, Uganda	Sam, David	Sundby, Johanne (HIB)/ Jacobsen. Frode F
Dangisso, Mesay Hailu	Improving tuberculosis control in Sidama, southern Ethiopia	Lindtjørn, Bernt	Daniel Gemechu Datiku
Dullie, Luckson	Contribution of family medicine to improving health systems in Africa	Gjesdal, Sturla	
Gebreyesus, Seifu	Food security and climate change : Modelling the impact of Climate change on food security in Ethiopia	Lindtjørn, Bernt	Halilemariam, Damen
Jögi, Oscar	Allergic diseases and helminth exposure in Estonia, Norway and South-Africa.	Svanes, Cecilie	
Hamusse, Shallo Daba	Improving Tuberculosis control program in Ethiopia: Analysing TB program performasnce and etimating the prevalence of MDR TB in Arsi zone, Oramia Regional State	Lindtjørn, Bernt	Demissie, Meaza
Hangoma, Peter	Quantifying the cost of disease to a household: An analysis of out of pocket health expediture in Zambia	Robberstad, Bjarne	Fylkesnes, Knut
Haugen, Johanne	Influenza, Respiratory infections, Immunity and Zinc	Strand, Tor	Dudman, Susanne/ Mathisen, Maria
Hernæs, Ulrikke J. V.	The economic analysis of post-discharge malaria chemoprevention for the management of severe anaemia in children under 5 years in Malawi, Uganda and Kenya	Robberstad, Bjarne	Phiri, Kamija
Hoel, Ida Marie	Improved diagnosis of tuberculosis by antigen detection using immunochemistry-based assays	Mustafa, Tehmina	Sviland, Lisbet/Wiker, Harald
Hussain, Hamidah Farid	The effectivness and cost-effectivness of tuberculosis care through a public-private partnership in Pakistan	Robberstad, Bjarne	Tylleskär, Thorkild
lmseeh, Sawsan	Automated electronic feedback to healthcare providers within indi- vidual cased-based eRegistries for maternal and child health in Pales- tine: A cluster randomized controlled trial.	Frøen, Frederik	Hamdan, Motasem
Jørstad, Melissa Davidsen	Improved diagnosis of tuberculosis by antigen detection from sputum and extrapulmonary samples by immunochemistry-based assays	Mustafa, Themina	Sviland, Lisbet
Kampata, Linda	Adoloscent childbearing and contraceptive use in Zambia: trends, socio-ecomonic patterns, and equity effects and cost benefits of an empowerment programme	Sandøy, Ingvild	
Katirayi, Leila	Understanding the barriers and facilitators surrounding prevention of mother-to-child treatment of HIV (PMTCT) cascade in selected countries in sub-Saharan Africa	Tylleskär, Torkild	Moland, Karen M.
Kibira, Simon Peter	Male circumcision, sexual risk behaviour and HIV infection in Uganda	Sandøy, Ingvild	Daniel, M./Makumbi, F./ Lynn, A.

NAME	PROJECT TITLE	MAIN SUPERVISOR	CO-SUPERVISOR
Kirunda, Tebagalika Barbara Eva	Effect of the natural enviroment on diet, physical activity and body mass index in an adult rural population in Inganga-Mayuge demo- graphic surveillance site, Eastern Central Uganda	Tylleskär, Torkild	Henry Wamani/ Fadnes, Lars T.
Klungsøyr, Jørn Ivar	OMECT (Open Mobile Electronic Clinical Trials), an interdisciplinary project to improve quality of health research in low-resource settings	Tylleskär, Torkild	
Knudsen, Toril Mørkve	Epigenetic and developmental consequences of passive smoking and overweight for asthma in childhood and adolescence	Svanes, Cecilie	
Kuiper, Ingrid	Lung health effects of air pollution – over time and across generations	Svanes, Cecilie	Johannessen, Ane
Lønnebotten, Marianne	Maternal metabolic health and offspring asthma: Preparing for motherhood already in childhood?	Svanes, Cecilie	
Lungowe, Sitali	Malaria species distribution, diagnosis and falciparum artemesinin resistance in Southern Zambia	Lindtjørn, Bernt	
Mohamed, Khalid Gaffer	Scientific evaluation of Gezira Family Medicine Project (GFMP)of Sudan: Organizational, doctors' and patients' perspectives	Hunskår, Steinar	Abdelrahaman, S./ Malik, E.
Mugisha, Alice	Adoption and Development Methodologies for Mobile Health Continuum Care Solutions	Tylleskär, Torkild	
Muhumuza, Julius	The Epidemiology and Diagnosis of Mycobacterial Disease in Tanzania	Hinderaker, Sven Gudmund	Mfinanga, Godfrey Sayoki
Mulwafu, Wakisa	Integration of ear and hearing care into primary health care through training of Primary Health Care Workers	Viste, Ausgaut	Golpen, Frederik/ Cooper, Hannah
Mwangala, Sheila Monde	HIV counselling and testing services in Zambia th impact of national quality assurance systems, th involvement of lay counsellors and individual HIV risk perceptions in the population	Fylkesnes, Knut	Moland, Karen Marie/ Monze, Mwaka
Nakazwe, Chola	Assesing the changing HIV Epidemiology in Zambia: Using a National Population Based Survey Conducted in Zambia	Fylkesnes, Knut	Sandøy, Ingvild
Ndolumingu, Faustin Kitetele	Espérance Kashala Abotnes	Tylleskär, Torkild/ Lelo, Mananga	
Ngalesoni, Frida	Economic evaluation and equity impact of primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases in Tanzania.	Norheim, Ole F.	Robberstad, Bjarne
Ngoie, Leonard Banza	Hip fractures in Malawi. Reported outcomes after non-operative treatment. Esitmate of prevalence of muscoskeletal impairment in the Malawi population	Young, Sven	Gjertsen, Jan Erik/Hallan, Geir/MicNDwire, Nyengo
Nigatu, Amare Workiye	Respiratory health among cut-flower workers in Ethiopia	Moen, Bente E.	Bråtveit, Magne
Nima, Dawit Desalegn	Increasing awareness, skills and knowledge in medical ethics among Ethiopian health workers to build a caring, respectful and compas- sionate health system	Miljeteig, Ingrid	Norheim, Ole Fritjof
Paul, Israel	Occupational noise exposure and hearing loss among iron and steel industry workers in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	Moen, Bente E.	Bråtveit, Magne/ Tungu, Alexander
Pejovic, Nicolas	Advanced interventions to improve neonatal outcome after intra-partum related events in low-resource settings: the role of LMA	Tylleskär, Torkild	Blennow, M/Ersdal, H/ Alvén, T
Perez, Antonio	The role of oral health and microbiome in respiratory health. A project based on the RHINESSA study	Svanes, Cecilie	
Ramokolo, Vundli	Growth patterns and anthropometric nutritional status of HIV exposed and unexposed infants in South Africa	Engebretsen, Ingunn	Goga, Ameena/Doherty, Tanya/Jackson, Debra/ Chhagan, Meera
Rongsen-Chandola, Temsunaro	Predictors of poor immune response to Rotavirus Vaccine in Infans	Strand, Tor A	Bhandari, Nita
Rutagwera, Gatsinzi David	Cell-associated viral reservoirs and the risk of HIV-1 transmission through breast milk	Tylleskär, Torkild	Molés, Jean-Pierre/ Tuaillon, Edouard
Sanou, Anselme Simeon	Child development in Burkina Faso: Neuro-cognitive assessment in a rural community-based cohort children	Tylleskär, Torkild	Diallo, A./Kasha- la-Abotnes, E.
Schwinger, Catherine	Growth velocity of young children in rural area of D.R.Congo: patterns, geographical determinants and significance for morbidity and mortality	Strand, Tor A	Moland, Karen
Senkoro, Mbazingwa Fikeni	Burden of pulmonary tuberculosis and its major determinants in Tanzania within the framework of national tuberculosis survey in Tanzania	Hinderaker, Sven Gud- mund	Mfinanga, Godfrey S/ van Leth, Frank

NAME	PROJECT TITLE	MAIN SUPERVISOR	CO-SUPERVISOR
Shrestha, Jasmin	Prevalence and molecular Epidemiology of Rotavirus and coinfections with other enteric viruses in a long term cohort in children from a large community in Nepal	Strand, Tor	Vainio, K/Andreassen, Å/ Dudman, S
Shrestha, Sanjaya	Astro virus and Non Polio Entervirus carriges and association with diarrhea in a long term cohort study in children from a large community in Nepal	Strand, Tor	Vainio, K/Andreassen, Å/ Dudman, S
Some, Nagaonlé Eric	Breastfeeding patterns and mothers' health in HIV context in Sub-Saharan Africa	Tylleskär, Torkild	Ingebretsen, Ingunn
Svanes, Øistein	KOLS og astma blant renholdere i Nord-Europa	Svanes, Cecilie	
Tarekegn, Shanka Solomon	Malaria Edipemiology and Prevention in Southern Ethiopia	Bernt Lindbjørn	Shumbullo, Eskindir Loha/Amente Wikiri
Tiam, Appolinaire	Assessing the effectiveness of innovative approaches to support the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV-1 in resource-limited settings: the case of Lesotho	Tylleskär, Torkild	Guay, Laura
Tongun, Justin Bruno	Perinatal Mortality Juba Teaching Hospital	Tylleskär, Torkild	
Tumuhamye, Josephine	Etiology of umbilical infection, severe bacterial illness, antibiotic resistance and associated risk factors in Newborns in Lira district, Northern Uganda	Nankabirwa, Victoria (Makerere University)	Sommerfelt, Halvor/ Bwanga, Freddie/Tum- wine, James
Ulesido, Fekadu Massebo	A ociated risk factors in Newborns in Lira district, Northern Uganda	Lindtjørn, Bernt	Teshome, Gebre-Michael/ Balkew, Meshesha
Varela, Carlos	Surgical burden and resource evaluation in Malawi	Viste, Ausgaut	Mkandawire, Nyengo/ Groen, Reinou/Young, Sven
Vindenes, Hilde Kristin	Chemical and occupational risk factors for eczema	Bertelsen, Randi J	Svanes, Cecilie
Waatevik, Marie Johanne	Physical activity and disease prognosis in COPD patients	Johannesen, Ane	Eagan, Tomas/ Real, Francisco/Frisk, Bente
Woldesemayat, Endrios Markos	Active case finding of TB in southern Ethiopia: use of TB suspect registry and effect of indoor air pollution in the incidence of TB	Lindtjørn, Bernt	Datiko, Daniel



Norwegian medical students vistiting Tanzania. All photos: Irene Slagstad

5. GRADUATES

ANNUAL REPORT CIH 2016

5.1 DOCTORAL DEGREES AWARDED



Abebe Animut Ayele

"Anopheles species and malaria transmission risk in a highland area, south-central Ethiopia". Defense: 15 Jan. 2016

Abebe Animut Ayele has a bachelor degree in biology and a Master degree in parasitology from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia where he now works as a lecturer and teaches parasitology.



Phyllis Awor

"Drug shops in integrated community case management of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea in Uganda: Appropriateness of care and adherence to treatment guidelines". Defense: 8–9 Feb. 2016

Phyllis Awor is a medical doctor and a public health specialist with 10 years of experience in operational research and health program management.



Basnet, Sudha

"Severe pneumonia in hospitalized young Nepalese children: Studies on the efficacy of oral zinc, respiratory viruses and prognostic determinants". Defense: 19 April 2016

Sudha Basnet is from Nepal. She was educated as a physican at Nil Ratan Sircar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkatta, India. In 1998, she entered a NUFU project at CIH, led by Professor Tor Strand, and was educated as a specialist in Pediatrics 2001.



Himalalya Parajuli Department of Clinical

Science, Department of

"Role of integrin alpha 11 in the development of oral carcinogenesis". Defense: 29 April 2016

Himalalya Parajuli was born in Nepal and educated as a dentist at Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu. He has been part of the Research Himalaya (ResHim) network at UiB.



Kilale, Andrew

Biomedicine

"Mycobacteria in northern Tanzania: Exposure and risk of disease among agropastoralists and programmatic challenges in investigation of re-treatment cases". Defense: 14 June 2016

Andrew Martin Kilale is 52 years old and has got three children. He has a Bachelor degree in micro-biology from the University of Dar es Salaam. He has worked at the National Institute of Medical Research in Dar es Salaam since



Rajib Chaulagain

"FGF signalling in tooth and Cranial base development". Defense: 17 June 2016

Rajib Chaulagain was born in Nepal and trained as a dentist at the People's Dental College and Hospital in Kathmandu. His PhD was taken jointly at the Department of Biomedicine and the Centre for International Health.



Department of Biomedicine

Solomon Tessema Memirie "Scale-up of high impact maternal and child health interventions in Ethiopia". Defense: 29 August 2016

Solomon Tessema Memirie is a paediatrician who has worked at the University of Addis Ababa and has been a clinical consultant for Children's Health for the Health Department in Ethiopia.



Dangisso, Mesay Hailu

"Tuberculosis control in Sidama in Ethiopia. Programme performance and spatial epidemiology". Defense: 5 Sept. 2016

Mesay Hailu Dangisso is from Sidama in South Ethiopia. He obtained the degree, Master of Public Health in Reproductive Health, at Jimma University in Ethiopia. He has been a PhD candidate at the Center for International Health since 2011. He currently works at Hawassa University in South Ethiopia.



Mwangala, Sheila Monde

"The role of HIV testing in HIV prevention and care: opportunities, challenges and ethical issues of different strategies". Defense: 16 Sept. 2016

Sheila Monde Mwangala is from Zambia. She had a Bachelor of Science in Bio-Medicine from the University of Zambia and a Master degree in in International Health from the University of Bergen. She has now returned to her position at University Teaching Hospital Virology Laboratory in Lusaka.



Seifu Gebreyesus

"Spatial variations in child undernutrition in Ethiopia: Implications for intervention strategies".

Defense: 16 Sept. 2016

Seifu Hagos Gebreyesus was born in 1980 in Addis Abeba in Ethiopia. He has a Bachelor degree in Public Health from Haromaya University. He took a Master degree in Public Health at Addis Abeba University and another Master degree in Nutrition at Ghent University in Belgium.



Richard Banda

"Measuring maternal mortality in a context of deficient vital registration systems: use of population census in Zambia". Defense: 23 Sept. 2016

Richard Banda was born in 1974 in Zambia. He has got a bachelor degree in demography from the University of Zambia and a Master degree in international health from the University of Bergen. He started his PhD in 2012. The last 16 years Richard has worked at the Health Department in Zambia and in the Central Statistics Office. Today he is in charge of research in the Central Statistics Office.



Pascal Ruggajo

"Low birth weight and risk of progressive kidney disease". Defense: 19 Oct. 2016

Renal Research Group HUS

Pascal Ruggajo is a kidney specialist and teacher at the University Hospital MUHAS/MNH in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. He completed his specialisation in kidney disease under the NOMA programme. Ruggajo would like to help build up expertise in kidney medicine in Tanzania.



Victor Chimhutu HFMII

"Results-Based Financing (RBF) in the health sector of a low-income country; from agenda setting to implementation: The case of Tanzania". Defense: 28 Oct. 2016

Victor Chimhutu took a Master in Gender and Development at the University of Bergen.



Jens-Tore Granslo

"Respiratory health in the aftermath of an oil tank explosion". Defense: 15 Nov. 2016

Occupational Medicine,

Jens-Tore Granslo is a specialist in Occupational Medicine and chief physician and section leader of the Haukeland University Hospital Occupation Medicine Department at Haukeland University Hospital.



Mbazingwa Fikeni Senkoro "Burden of pulmonary tuberculosis and its major determinants: A national prevalence survey in Tanzania". Defense: 22 Nov. 2016

> Mbazi Senkoro is a medical doctor educated in Tanzania. He has taken a Master degree at the University of Bergen. He now works at National Institute of Medical Research in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

5.2 MASTER DEGREE GRADUATES

International Health

NAME	TITLE OF THESIS
Robin Cole	Obstetric professionals' perceptions of caesarean delivery upon maternal request in Bergen, Norway
Anna Vedel Hammer	Women's choice of birthing place in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania: a qualitative study
Edeen Jalloh	Health workers' challenges in providing care to under five children in peripheral health units within the Ebola context in Port Loko district, Sierra Leone. A qualitative study (Classical Grounded Theory)
Tsion Haileyesus Denegetu	Introducing a new protocol for the diagnosis and management of premature rupture of membrane at term in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Oral Sciences

NAME	TITLE OF THESIS
Wegdan Hasha	Development of 3D Printed Scaffolds for Bone Regenerati. Frances Clare Lubulwa. Adherence by birth attendants to life-saving guidelines in the Helping Babies Breathe action plan in Uganda
Ruiting Zhao	Investigation of mechanisms leading to early aseptic loosening of hip prostheses. A retrieval study of 27 failed cases of cemented Spectron EF stem in combination with Reflection acetabular cup



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6. MAIN PROJECTS

MAIN PROJECTS

PROJECT TITLE	DURATION	PROJECT LEADER	FUNDING SOURCE	MAIN LOCATION
Acceptability and Effectiveness of umbilical Cord Cleansing for the Prevention of Newborn Infections in Uganda	2014–2018	Nankabirwa, Victoria	NFR/GLOBVAC	Africa
Zinc as an adjunct for the treatment of very severe disease in infants younger than 2 months	2014–2017	Bhatnagar, Shinjini	NFR/GLOBVAC	Asia
Enfance Africaine – Mental child health in francophone Africa	2014–2018	Abotnes, Esperance Kashala	NFR/GLOBVAC	Africa
Improving diagnosis of extrapulmonary tuberculosis by implementation of a sensitive and specific assay in routine tuberculosis diagnostics	2014–2017	Mustafa, Tehmina	NFR/GLOBVAC	Asia
New Vaccine against traveler's diarrhea caused by ETEC	2016–2019	Barczyk, Malgolzata/Sommerfelt, Halvor	NFR/BTO	UiB-K2/BTO
SeeTheChild – Mental child health in Uganda	2013-2017	Engebretsen, Ingunn	NFR/GLOBVAC	Africa
Norwegian Forum for Global Health Research	2013–2015	Moen, Bente Elisabeth	NFR/GLOBVAC	Asia
Centre of Excellence: Centre for Intervention Science in Maternal and Child Health (CISMAC)	2013–2023	Sommerfelt, Halvor	NFR/GLOBVAC	Africa and Asia
Combining indoor residual spraying and long-lasting insecticidal nets for preventing malaria: Clust randomized trial in Ethiopia	2012–2017	Lindtjørn, Bernt	NFR/GLOBVAC	Africa
SURVIVAL PLUSS: Increasing capacity for mama-baby survival in post-conflict Uganda and South Sudan	2013–2018	Tylleskär, Thorkild	NORHED	Africa
GROW NUT – Growing Partnership for Higher Education and Research in Nutritional Epidemiology in DR Congo	2013–2018	Hatløy, Anne/Tylleskär, Thorkild	NORHED	Africa
HI-TRAIN – Health Informatics training and research in East Africa for improved health care	2013–2018	Tylleskär, Thorkild	NORHED	Africa
SENUPH – South Ethiopia Network of Universities in Public Health (SENUPH) aims to improve women's participation in post graduate education	2014–2018	Lindtjørn, Bernt	NORHED	Africa
Reduction of the burden of injuries and occupational exposures through capacity building in low income countries.	2014–2018	Moen, Bente Elisabeth	NORHED	Africa
Capacity building in postgraduate surgical training and research in Malawi	2014–2018	Lindtjørn, Bernt	NORHED	Africa
STOPENTERICS-Vaccination against Shigella and ETEC: novel antigens, novel approaches	2010–2017	Sommerfelt, Halvor	EU	Europe
Malaria Chemoprevention for the post-discharge management of severe anaemia in children in Malawi, Uganda and Kenya: Moving towards policy	2014–2019	Robberstad, Bjarne	NFR/GLOBVAC	Africa, Europe, USA
ETECVAC, Development of a vaccine for enterotoxigenic E. coli based on the heat-stable toxin	2014–2018	Sommerfelt, Halvor	NFR	Asia

Impact of vitamin B12 on neurodevelopment and cognitive function from early life into school age, the Vita beginning-collaboration.	2014–2019	Strand, Tor A	NFR	Asia
ALEC, Aging Lungs in European Cohorts	2015-2019	Svanes, Cecilie	EU	Europe
Medical Peace Work	2015–2017	Sandøy, Ingvild Fossgard	Africa	
The effectiveness of a girl empowerment programme on early childbearing, marriage and school dropout in Rural Zambia: A cluster trial	2015–2020	Sandøy, Ingvild Fossgard	NFR	Africa
Development of innovative e-learning and teaching through strategic partnerships in Global Health Education	2016–2018	Moen, Bente Elisabeth	EU-Erasmus	Europe
Competing discourses impacting girls and womens rights: Fertility control and safe abortion in Ethiopia, Tanzania and Zambia SAFEZT	2016–2018	Blystad, Astrid	NFR	Africa
Randomized Phase III Clinical Trial Assessing a Supraglottic Device versus Face-Mask Ventilation in Neonatal Resuscitation in Africa	2016–2019	Tylleskär, Thorkild	NFR	Africa
Project to Strengthen health economics capacity at Bergen and Muhimbili universities(PSHEC)	2016–2017	Robberstad, Bjarne	College of Medicine Malawi	Africa
Disease Control Priorities – Ethiopia	2016–2020	Norheim, Ole Frithjof	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Africa and USA
The effect of Vitamin B12 supplementation in Nepali Infants on Growth and Development	2014–2017	Strand, Tor A	Thasher Research Fund	Asia and USA



7. CISMAC

CISMAC: THE UNFINISHED AGENDA

Although child mortality is decreasing in most low and middle income countries, a staggering 6 million children under five years of age as well as approximately 300 thousand mothers die every year, mainly in these countries.

The mortality is largely a result of common and preventable diseases that should be affordable to treat. The illnesses or events that kill women during pregnancy or childbirth could likewise be mitigated by relatively simple means. These topics rarely reach the headlines. Other causes of mortality include girls becoming pregnant before their bodies and minds are ready for it, instead of remaining in school; women dying in childbirth; stillbirths due to malpresentations that are discovered too late; and newborns dying of sepsis. These important, persistent, invisible, unnecessary and unacceptable disasters are the focus of the research activity ongoing at the Centre for Intervention Science in Maternal and Child Health (CISMAC).

These silent "chronic disasters" form the backdrop – the unfinished agenda – that was the rational for establishment of the Centre of Excellence, CISMAC. The Centre is a collaboration between researchers at the Centre for International Health and its collaborating institutions, most of them in developing countries, as well as the World Health Organisation (WHO). CISMAC's overarching aim is to do cutting edge research to develop and evaluate interventions that can equitably reduce the number of maternal and child deaths, and foster child development.

Highlights of CISMAC's activity in 2016 include launching 8 large randomized controlled trials and procuring substantial additional resources from several funding agencies. In addition, Centre researchers have participated in extensive consultations to develop strategies for research as well as new guidelines for treatment and prevention of important health problems, with both national authorities in the countries where they work and with the WHO.

CISMAC's major tasks are to keep focus on these non-fashionable illnesses, maintain high scientific quality research, support our partner institutions' zeal in capacity strengthening, and contribute to translating research findings into policy and guidelines. While CISMAC insists on high percent efficacy with 95% confidence intervals in their trial findings and results, Halvor Sommerfelt, CISMAC Director, hopes that the researchers remember that each figure in the tables and each number in the regression analyses represent adolescent girls, mothers or children with hopes, feelings and dreams. His



CISMAC aims to address child mortality. Photo: Thorkild Tylleskär

goal is that CIMAC's science will contribute to saving maternal and child lives, fostering their development and thereby their opportunities to support their families and build healthy societies.

8. PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS 2016

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- Black RE, Levin C, Walker N, Chou D, Liu L, Temmerman M, DCP3 Essential Surgery Author Group (including **Johansson KA**). (2016)
 "Reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health: key messages from Disease Control Priorities 3rd Edition", Lancet,
 Published online 9 April 2016
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