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of antiretrovirals for preventing and treating HIV infection

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Cindy Amaiza* is the National Coordinator of The Organization of Young People Living with HIV in Kenya (Y+ Kenya) with extensive knowledge in advocacy, communication, developing and implementing Adolescents and Young People (AYP) programs. For over 6 years Cindy has largely been involved in successful national policy and advocacy campaigns, championing for the meaningful engagement of AYP, developing popular versions of AYP focused literacy materials. In her tenure as the National Coordinator she has championed for the engagement of AYP in the country and National Dialogues. Since 2020 she has represented Adolescents and Young People (AYP) in the PEPFARs Country Operational Plan 2020 and has become the first and Youngest Woman in Kenya to be in the Global Fund Kenya Secretariat representing and Leading the AYP Modular Processes. She has also championed the provision of quality treatment for AYPLHIV nationally. Cindy also holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Microbiology and Biotechnology and is looking to further her studies by acquiring a Masters in Public Health (Epidemiology and Biostatistics).

Florence Anam* is the HIV/TB Advocacy Coordinator -Africa at MSF (Doctors without borders), She has a Bachelor's of Business Administration (BBA) degree from Maseno University and a Master's of Arts in Communication Studies from The University of Nairobi (UON). She has ten years' experience actively working in HIV and AIDS Advocacy, Policy and Communication at national, regional and global levels. Florence is a seasoned advocate with years of experience in program management, policy analysis and development, operational research, evidence based advocacy, communication for social change, community engagement, stakeholder collaboration, and representation in various decision making platforms on issues such as access to health for all, access to HIV/TB Prevention and treatment, maternal health, sexual and reproductive health rights, equality, and social justice; expanded economic and education access for women and girls.

Tsitsi Apollo is the Deputy Director for HIV/AIDS and STIs in the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care. She is a Medical Doctor and a Public Health Specialist. She has been practicing in Zimbabwe in the public health system for over 18 years. She previously worked as the National Tuberculosis Control Programme Manager and also worked for John Snow Incorporated as an HIV and AIDS Advisor to the Ministry of Health. She is an active member of the National Medicines Therapeutics Advisory and Policy Committee in Zimbabwe. In 2013, she participated as a member of the core group for the 2013 World Health Organization Guidelines Development Group and was also a member of the Guidelines Development Group for the 2015 WHO ART Guidelines update. She plays an Advisory role to the WHO Director General as a member of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee for HIV/AIDS. Dr Tsitsi Apollo has co-authored 72 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Baker Bakashaba has for nine years managed HIV/AIDS programs focusing on design and implementation of facility- and community-based, client-centered projects and health systems strengthening at TASO. He has contributed to the design of community ART models, such as community drug distribution points (CDDP) and community- client-led ART delivery (CCLAD), as well as other national-level differentiated service delivery models. He is currently the Regional Project Manager for the Accelerating HIV Epidemic Control in Soroti Region

project – a regional HIV/AIDS project funded by the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) via the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Bakashaba received his Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery Degree from Makerere University in Uganda, and is currently pursuing a Master of Science in project management at the University of Salford, UK.

Manish Bamrotiya, MD, is a medical graduate with a fellowship in HIV medicine and has been working for HIV care and treatment for the last 12 years. His experience includes, working at a:

- HIV clinic as primary care clinician providing clinical care to HIV positive people and overseeing the programmatic achievements of the clinic;
- Sub National Level as a mid-managerial staff providing mentoring, supportive supervision and technical assistance to health facilities offering HIV care and treatment;
- National level as programme manager providing Technical Assistance to Government of India for all matters pertaining to Care, Support and Treatment for people living with HIV. Major area of support included implementation of Test and Treat, viral load testing and differentiated care.

Erika Castellanos* is the Director of Programs at Global Action for Trans* Equality and manages the work on HIV for the organization which focuses on meaningful engagement of people with HIV in the HIV response, diversification of the HIV response for the transgender community, producing and making available critical knowledge and strengthening trans, gender diverse and intersex organization on the HIV work. Ms. Castellanos is a transgender woman, diagnosed with HIV in 1995 and has dedicated her work in HIV, human rights and gender issues. Erika has a background in social work, LGBTI health research and is currently pursuing a degree in International Relations and Diplomacy.

Roger Chou, MD, FACP is a Professor of Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University and Director of the Pacific Northwest Evidence-based Practice Center, with a clinical background in internal medicine. Dr. Chou has led numerous systematic reviews, including reviews on screening, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of HIV and viral hepatitis. His systematic reviews have been used by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, the American College of Physicians, the American Pain Society, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other groups to develop clinical practice guidelines. He has served as methodologist for a number of World Health Organization guidelines, served as Director of the American Pain Society’s Clinical Practice Guidelines Development Program, served as a member of the American College of Physicians Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee, served as Co-ordinating Editor of the Cochrane Back and Neck Group, is a Senior Editor for the Cochrane Musculoskeletal Group, and serves as the GRADE methodologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Opioid Guidelines.

Aleny Couto, is a Mozambican physician with over 8 years of experience in the public health field. Currently, she is the Head of HIV program at MoH, with experience in the management and implementation of national and provincial level health programs with specific focus on HIV/AIDS, as well designing policies, country guidelines and strategic plans following WHO guidelines. She has participated in the elaboration of actual scale up plan that aims to reach 80% of treatment coverage and reduce 50% of sexual transmission of HIV. Has also worked at District level (mainly primary care) and implemented a wide range of Public health Programs in the field. Prior to 2011, Dr. Couto was a clinician in the local hospital, assisting HIV patients in an HIV day care hospital. She has 10 years of experience working in HIV, in resource limited settings.

Tom Ellman is director of the Southern Africa Medical Unit (SAMU). Since first working for MSF in Rwanda in 1995, he has over 15 years of experience in humanitarian medical work mostly with Médecins Sans Frontières. His focus has been on HIV, TB, and malaria in Africa and South-East Asia, apart from a three-year 'break' working on Chagas disease – the 'AIDS of the Americas' – in Bolivia. Tom received his medical training in Edinburgh, has a Diploma from the School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (Liverpool), and a Masters in Communicable Disease Epidemiology from the School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (London). He is a member of the Royal College of Physicians, UK and a beekeeper.

Elvin H. Geng* is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Director of the Center for Dissemination and Implementation at the Institute for Public Health, both at Washington University in St. Louis. He earned MD and MPH degrees from Columbia University and subsequently completed post-doctoral training at Rockefeller University and the University of California in San Francisco. Using the lens of implementation science, he conducts research to optimize the use of evidence-based interventions in the public health response to HIV through influencing the behavior of systems, health care workers and communities. He collaborates closely with colleagues in Kenya, Zambia, Uganda, as well as here in the US. Current research activities include observational, mixed methods, quasi-experimental and randomized experiments at the individual and cluster level. His work is sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the NIH. He is an Academic Editor at PLOS Medicine, a member of the editorial board of JAIDS and JIAS, and Editor for Implementation Science at Current HIV/AIDS Reports.

Naresh Goel*, MBBS, MD, a medical doctor with a post graduate degree has over 30 years of work experience. His experience includes clinical care as well as public health interventions. Dr Goel is serving Government of India and has a rich experience of working for immunization, health schemes and HIV. Since 2013 he is associated with National AIDS Control Organization and is responsible for policy development, strategy forming and field monitoring particularly for areas regarding Care, Support and Treatment of people living with HIV, Mainstreaming of HIV response, and Laboratory facilities for CD4 and viral load testing.

Charles Holmes is Professor of Medicine and Director of Georgetown University's Center for Innovation in Global Health. Holmes is a physician who has held senior global health leadership roles in government, academia, and non-governmental organizations. He served as Chief Medical Officer and Deputy U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator for the PEPFAR program in the Department of State during the Obama-Biden administration. He went on to become CEO of the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) where he spent four years leading a staff of over 1,000 improving the quality and reach of Zambia's national healthcare system, including care for over 200,000 people living with HIV. In his current role at Georgetown, he provides strategic support to governments for improved responses to the HIV epidemic and leads research to optimize health systems performance. He is a frequent advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization (WHO) where he serves as Co-Chair of the WHO Global Working Group for HIV Service Quality, and is widely published in the research and policy literature. Dr. Holmes trained in internal medicine and infectious diseases at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

Andreas Jahn is a clinical epidemiologist with 20 years of working experience in Africa, primarily in HIV. He has worked in the academic and program sector. Dr Jahn has published over 100 papers in peer-reviewed journals, including the first evidence globally for a population-level impact of ART roll-out on adult mortality (The Lancet, 2008). He has worked with the International Training and Education Center for Health (I-TECH, University of Washington, Seattle) as technical assistant for the National ART/PMTCT Program in Malawi since 2008. He has made a profound contribution to the national roll-out of ART and PMTCT and shaped the integrated M&E system for the HIV program in Malawi. He holds a position as Clinical Associate Professor in the Department for Global Health at UW. He continues to contribute to national and international HIV programs and policy with innovative monitoring systems and initiatives such as Option B+ for PMTCT, which has been adopted as a global recommendation by WHO in 2013.

Daniella Mark is the Senior Technical Advisor of PATA. A neuropsychologist by training, she has a special interest in the intersection of HIV and mental health. Previously PATA's Executive Director and prior to that Head of the Social and Behavioural Sciences Division of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine for 8 years, she has produced more than 50 peer review publications and convention presentations in the areas of uptake and delivery of HIV prevention and treatment, with a specific focus on paediatric and adolescent services. Dr Mark was recognised in 2013 by the Mail and Guardian as one of South Africa's Top 200 Young South Africans and has contributed to global policy including the development of WHO guidelines. She is a member of several global and regional platforms, coalitions and working groups targeting improved HIV services for paediatric and adolescent populations, including the IATT Child Survival and Community Engagement Working Groups.

Thi Nhan* has been working in HIV/AIDS care & treatment field for over 20 years. She is a member of the Technical Working group in writing the National HIV/AIDS Diagnosis and

Treatment Guidelines. This guideline always uses updated consolidate guidelines on the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and preventing HIV infection issued by WHO. Dr Nhan has developed guidelines for the implementation of new HIV/AIDS initiatives such as ARV same day, rapid ARV treatment, and multi-month ARV delivery. She is also responsible for guiding the implementation and monitoring of the implementation of these initiatives in the HIV facility. Dr Nhan directly develop standard procedures in HIV / AIDS treatment service delivery, including ARV drugs, from the Health Insurance Fund, development of treatment guidelines and use of ARV drugs to treat HIV infected people at private health facilities, build a model of integrating TB/HIV in the same health facility. We are currently developing guidelines to provide services for people living with HIV, appropriate for their age and disease status, including non-communicable diseases, the guideline for implementing of hepatitis C treatment for HIV/HCV co-infected patients in the HIV facilities according to the model of paid services from the Health Insurance Fund.

Catherine Orrell is a clinical pharmacologist and HIV clinician who has been working with HIV-infected patients in clinical trials and observational cohorts since 1997. She leads the Desmond Tutu Health Foundation (DTHF) Clinical Trials Unit and the DTHF Gugulethu Research Office. She has been principal and co-investigator on more than 25 clinical trials of antiretroviral drugs and vaccines, including a range of efficacy, toxicity and dosing studies, both pharmaceutical and investigator-driven. Her particular interests are in HIV pharmacology, adherence/retention in care and resistance to ART; with focus on novel methods to improve adherence in a resource poor-setting, including through the use of electronic pillboxes and therapeutic drug monitoring using dried blood spots. Her team focuses on the use of scalable interventions, including text messaging, lay counsellor based motivational interviewing and peer education to improve adherence and retention in typical South Africa ART clinics.

Miriam Rabkin, MD, MPH, is the director for Health Systems Strategies at ICAP Columbia, where she focuses on strengthening health systems, improving access to high-quality HIV services in resource-limited settings, and the design, delivery, and evaluation of chronic care programs for HIV and non-communicable diseases. Dr. Rabkin leads the 19-country CQUIN learning network, which fosters the scale up of HIV differentiated service delivery in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as multi-country quality improvement, implementation science, and global health security projects. She is an associate professor of medicine and epidemiology at Columbia University. She received her medical degree from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeon and an MPH in epidemiology from the Mailman School of Public Health.

Valeriia Rachynska* is a former European Delegate in the NGO Delegation to the UNAIDS PCB. Member of WHO advisory group of women living with HIV. Board Member of the Global Network of People living with HIV. Member of WHO Advisory Group of Women Living with HIV. Member of the Technical Working Group "Humanitarian and Emergencies Settings" of the Global Partners for Action to Eliminate all forms of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination.

Since 2016 August she's leading Regional Policy Team of CO "All Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS" - the organization representing HIV positive community of Ukraine on national, regional and international level, one of the biggest and most influential NGOs in Ukraine, in the EECA region and the Principal Recipient of GFATM. Since 2018 she is a member of the Board of the Network and responsible for implementation GFATM project in part of the work with the communities of PLHIV, SW, MSM, ex-prisoners, PWID, women and adolescents living with HIV. In 2017-2018 Valeriia coordinated the "Food for Life" project implemented by CO "Network" in partnership with the WFP. The project was recognized as global best practice by UNAIDS in respective report of 2018. She started working in NGO sector back in 2012 helping people with HIV, PWID, TB, prisoners, sex workers. When the armed conflict in Ukraine broke Ms. Rachynska delivered ART, TB medications, food for PLWH and prisoners across the front line, documented human rights violation in prisons on Non-government Controlled Areas (NGCA) of Ukraine and continued to implement GFATM project. This ensured continuity of ART treatment for 3000 PLHIV who live in NGCA. In 2015-2016 Ms Rashynska worked for UNHCR Ukraine as Senior Field Assistant. Ms. Rachynska holds Master degree in Sociology.

Serhii Riabokon* is an infectious disease specialist at department of coordination of HIV, Viral Hepatitis, opioid substitution therapy programs, Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. He graduated medical school in 2001, worked at Kyiv municipal clinical hospital (2001-2017) and is a specialist in public health since 2017. He is responsible for coordination, monitoring and analysis of the effectiveness of HIV/AIDS treatment programs, HIV-testing programs and coordination of optimization of ART-regimens and scale up of ART in Ukraine.

Izukanji Sikazwe, MBChB., MPH is the Chief Executive Officer at the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ). Dr. Izukanji Sikazwe earned her medical degree from the University of Zambia, School of Medicine in 2002. She completed Internal Medicine specialty training at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland and Infectious Disease specialty training at the University of Maryland and has a Masters' degree in Public Health from Michigan State University. Dr. Sikazwe has worked for several years providing direct clinical patient care to people living with HIV and other infectious diseases in both urban and rural communities in Zambia. She continues to practice clinical medicine at the Adult Infectious Disease Centre of Excellent at University Teaching Hospital. She served as the technical advisor to the Zambian Ministry of Health National ART program starting in 2010 for two years. In addition to her executive management role as the CEO of the Center for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ), Dr. Sikazwe is the Principal Investigator of a PEPFAR/CDC-funded HIV Care & Treatment cooperative agreement focused on transitioning HIV programs to the Ministry of Health. Dr. Sikazwe has special research interests in HIV implementation research focused on improving access and outcomes of patients in ART care and treatment programs.

Nikita Smirnov* is an infectious disease specialist based in the Moscow state City Center for AIDS Prevention and Control, Moscow, Russia. He has experience in Diagnostics, treatment

and prophylaxis of infectious diseases which includes management of pulmonary/ extra-pulmonary tuberculosis including MDR TB and XDR TB; Antiviral therapy of chronic hepatitis and HIV-infection (ART) as well as a teaching role at the hospital. He has a broad knowledge of clinical medicine, diagnostics and therapeutic procedures. Dr Smirnov recently completed his PhD from the A.I. Yevdokimov Moscow State University of Medicine and Dentistry in 2019.

Nicola Willis is a paediatric and adolescent HIV nurse specialist. She is originally from the UK but has lived and worked in Sub-Saharan Africa since 2002, supporting governments and local implementing partners to establish paediatric and adolescent HIV testing, treatment and care programmes. Much of this work has been in Zimbabwe where she is founder and Executive Director of the Zvandiri programme of community-based, peer-led differentiated service delivery for children, adolescents and young people living with HIV. She is particularly interested in the development of lay cadre approaches to improving both HIV and mental health outcomes among children and young people living with HIV. This has led to her involvement in a number of research studies to strengthen the evidence for this approach. Nicola is Co-Chair of WHO's adolescent HIV service delivery working group.

**Due to a number of factors, including changes in affiliation, several replacements had to be made to the Service Delivery Guideline Development Group list of proposed participants.*