



Guidelines Development Group
Biographies of proposed members

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BADRAN, Nadia

Social Worker's Syndicate (SIDC)

Beirut, Lebanon

More than 25 years of experience in the field of health, social promotion, education and counseling with relation to children, adolescents, vulnerable youth and adults. She was involved in the development and implementation of programs addressing specific topics including Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), gender and sexual identity, mental health, substance use, HIV/AIDS, stigma and discrimination etc. She worked with minorities including (LGBTQI), migrants and refugees, People Living with HIV, Female and male Sex workers or victims of sexual assaults and survival sex. She is actively engaged in defending human rights of vulnerable groups and developing policies to protect their rights. She is a trainer and lecturer at Regional and International levels with UN agencies and International NGOs, and active member of various regional advisory committees. Member of the WHO regional expert team. Member of Maestral International group of consultants, in the implementation process of Cross-Sectoral System for Coordination, Collaboration and Referral of Child Protection, Children with Disabilities and Early Childhood Development. She is a founding member of community organizations, local and regional networks. Developed and or adapted more than 50 training modules, and 100 regional and national training workshops implemented.

CASELL, Michael

FHI360

Ha Noi, Viet Nam

Dr Michael Cassell is the Senior Technical Advisor for the USAID- and PEPFAR-supported Meeting Targets and Achieving Epidemic Control Program covering the Asia Region. He formerly served as the Asia Regional HIV and Tuberculosis Advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development, and has served as an HIV technical advisor to the U.S. government for more than a decade in posts in Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Botswana. He also served previously as the senior HIV prevention advisor in the Office of HIV/AIDS at USAID/Washington, and as co-chair of the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator's HIV prevention steering committee. He has worked on community-development initiatives in Thailand as a consultant for UNICEF, and as a research manager for the HIV Prevention Trials Network funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health. He has a doctorate in health behavior and health education from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health, a master's degree in journalism from Stanford University, and a master's degree in environmental management from Duke University.

He is co-recipient of a regional Emmy award for his work as a scriptwriter on a televised news feature about a North Carolina teen's experience growing up with HIV, and received the 2016 Major Joe Haydon award from the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator for his contributions to HIV service innovations.



THATO, Chidarikire
National Department of Health
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dr Thato Chidarikire is currently Acting Chief Director for HIV and AIDS and STIs Cluster in the National Department of Health. She is concurrently Director for HIV Prevention Programmes in the Department. She holds a PhD from The University of the Witwatersrand, with a specialty in Virology.

Her current portfolio includes the management of the Cluster and programmes including Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support as well as HIV prevention programmes including but not limited to HIV Testing Services (including HIV Self Testing: referred to as HIV Self Screening in South Africa), Pre-exposure Prophylaxis and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis programmes, the Condom Distribution, STI Management Programmes and the Youth and Key Populations HIV Prevention programmes. She further manages Child and School health programmes

Dr Chidarikire has over 20 years professional experience gained in Academia, Research, Parastatals, and the Public Health Sector. Her vast experience in health covers policy and guideline development, strategic and technical leadership of HIV and AIDS programmes and overseeing research and clinical trials.

She has served as co-chair for the WHO HTS Guideline Development Group in 2019, and she currently chairs the various national HIV Prevention Technical Working Groups and Think Tanks in South Africa. She has worked in close collaboration with international stakeholders including the UN family, Global Fund, UNITAID and PEPFAR. Dr Chidarikire has published in several peer reviewed journals and is currently the National Principal Investigator for the SA-CDC Co-Agreement.

FOKAM, Joseph
Ministry of public Health
Yaoundé, Cameroon

Dr Joseph FOKAM is a Virologist, Teacher of Medical Virology, Research Officer and Head of the Virology Laboratory at CIRCB (Chantal BIYA International Reference Center), which is a reference laboratory for the bioclinical monitoring of HIV and the monitoring of HIV resistance in collaboration with the WHO. He is also an expert trained by the WHO on diagnostic tests for HIV, viral hepatitis and other infections (WHO-AFRO, MELT 2016). On the professional level, Dr FOKAM is a member of the WHO Working Group for the surveillance of HIV resistance (ResNet), he is a member of the International AIDS Society (IAS), a member of the American Society of Microbiology (ASM Global Outreach), and member of the Academy of Young Researchers of Cameroon (CAYS).

On the scientific level, Dr FOKAM is Editor of several scientific journals, including PLOS ONE, Current HIV Research, and Journal of Public Health in Africa, and scientific reviewer in several international journals; He is a consultant and recipient of the HIV/AIDS and COVID-19 projects. He is the holder of several excellence awards on HIV/AIDS and COVID-19. He is co-author of 116 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals, mainly covering topics on HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, COVID-19, other emerging infectious pathologies.



GOGIA, Maka

European AIDS Treatment Group

Tbilisi, Georgia

Maka Gogia's attraction to become member of WHO HIV testing guideline development group (GDG) originates from her academic background and professional interests. Having a high medical education and Master degree in Public health during the last 14 years, she used to work on different direction of communicable diseases (HIV, TB and viral Hepatitis, STIs) prevention, screening, diagnostics, access to treatment, care and support.

As a Programs Director, she has been leading the Global Fund project that aims to prevent HIV/AIDS spread and minimize drug related harm among injecting drug users in Georgia since 2011 at Georgian Harm Reduction Network. Her main task is to ensure effective management for HIV service provision to more than 30,000 PWID in the country annually by 14 harm reduction stationary sites and 9 mobile testing vans. Some of studies carried out with her participation are: 1) Piloting of the BSS-Lite (Simplified Bio-Behavioural Surveillance Survey) in 7 cities of Georgia, 2021- 2022 – findings of this study will be firstly presented at Montreal AIS conference in July, 2022; 2) Assessment of risky behavior among Peer Driven Intervention recruited PWIDs; 3) Operational research of reaching new clients from Trans Community. through Peer Driven Intervention in Tbilisi, Georgia (ongoing study); 4) HIV self-testing acceptability among MSM and PWID in Georgia; 5) Study of barriers to enrolment into HCV elimination program among PWID; 6) Assessment of risky injection and sex behavior, knowledge, HIV/STI testing practice among harm reduction program clients; 7) Assessing Legal and Regulatory Barriers to Testing, Linkage to Care and Treatment (OptTest).

Within the scope of her work, she fostered effective relationships and active collaboration with government representatives (NCDC and MoH), research collaborators (UNAIDS, WHO, FIND, CDC-Atlanta, industries), community based organizations, country partners, and other entities in Georgia to take part in broad discussion, planning and design of public health programs, setting targets among key populations, forming long and short term action plans. arrange round tables, meetings at local and National level for achieving long-term response toward enhanced accessibility to HIV/AIDS and HCV treatment, as well treatment of co-infections. She often takes part in an international event, seminars, conferences and forums as a presenter/panelist or facilitator.

Her active participation in regional and European networks include: Director of Board (Vice Chair) of European AIDs Treatment Group (EATG), Steering committee member of European HIV testing week, focal point of Correlation Network; Member of Global Fund EECA constituency; Member of AIDS Action Europe (AAE) and Regional Collaborating Committee on Accelerated Response to Tuberculosis, HIV and Viral Hepatitis (RCC-THV) at World Health Organization; member of WEEPI Advisory board.



GÓMEZ, Luis

Collective Friends Against Aids (CAS)

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Luis Gómez. He started to work on HIV 13 years ago. Currently he is the Director of Collective Friends Against Aids (CAS) and member of the National HIV Commission in Guatemala. He has led multidisciplinary teams that implement HIV prevention projects in most at risk populations such as HIV testing, PrEP, mental health, community led services for diagnostic and treatment of STI, self-testing and legal assistance. He has also integrated teams of behavioral research related to HIV prevention interventions. In CAS has implemented digital marketing campaigns to promote sexual health and address mental health in MSM. He is industrial engineer, studies a master's degree on applied statistics and has diploma in epidemiology, project management, strategic planning, business analytics and quality administration. Has international certification in human resources and in Lean Six Sigma. English and French literacy.

GUY, Rebecca

Kirby Institute

Sydney, Australia

Professor Rebecca Guy (MAppEpid, PhD) is an epidemiologist, Head of the Surveillance, Evaluation & Research Program at the Kirby Institute, Australia (~350 staff) and Theme Director of Public Health. Guy's research focuses on reducing the impact of HIV and sexually transmissible infections (STIs), in vulnerable populations, including evaluating the effectiveness, acceptability and cost-effectiveness of strategies such as HIV self-testing, rapid tests, PrEP and SMS reminders. In partnership with HIV community organisations, she led a waitlist RCT examining the effectiveness of HIV self-testing to increase the frequency of testing among gay and bisexual men. She also examined the acceptability sustainability of the model, and led a RCT which assess HIV self-testing preferences and usability. Guy has published 363 papers in her career and led grants receiving \$67 million.

HOVSEPYAN, Tamara

National Center of Infectious Diseases

Yerevan, Armenia

Tamara Hovsepyan obtained a bachelor degree of science in biophysics in 1996 at Yerevan State University, Faculty of Biology. After obtaining the bachelor degree Ms Hovsepyan moved on to postgraduate studies in the field of biophysics.

While studying and completing her post graduate degree of clinical residency in the fields of clinical laboratory diagnostics at the National Institute of Health of Republic of Armenia, Ms Hovsepyan started her professional career as Biophysics Expert at the Diagnostics Medical Center where she worked from 2001-2013 at various positions. Since 2013 Tamara Hovsepyan has been working at the National Centre for AIDS Prevention (currently named The National Centre of Infectious Diseases of Armenia) as an expert on biophysics at the Center's laboratory.

In 2020 Ms Hovsepyan was promoted to the position of Director of Laboratory in the same Center, performing various duties related to testing of HIV/AIDS patients, managing the team of physicians and lab assistants.



Within her professional expertise Tamara Hovsepyan had simultaneously developed her theoretical knowledge by obtaining post graduate degrees in the fields of clinical morphology and pathological anatomy at the National Institute of Health of Republic of Armenia.

During these years Tamara Hovsepyan has undergone various professional training, including the most recent ones on Procedures on Laboratory Testing by UNAIDS, Global Laboratory Leadership Programme, and training by the European Laboratory Initiative. Tamara has obtained and contributed to the training organized by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia in the fields of diagnosis of HIV infection, reproductive health of women with HIV and training on HIV prevention measures.

Tamara Hovsepyan is authoring or co-authoring a number of publications on viruses topics in national and international medical peer-reviewed journals such as MDPI's "Viruses" medical journal. Abstract: <https://www.mdpi.com/1999-4915/14/11/2320>

INDRATI, Agnes Rengga

**Padjajaran University/Hasan Sadikin Hospital/HIV Expert Panel for HIV Laboratory
Bandung, Indonesia**

Dr Agnes Rengga Indrati has been working in Immunology and infectious diseases laboratory both in Hasan Sadikin referral province hospital in Jawa Barat (the most populous province in Indonesia) and faculty medicine Universitas Padjadjaran Bandung. Her education background is medical doctor and clinical pathologist. She has further education in microbiology and immunology. She finished her PhD degree in 2014 with the topics HIV co-receptor expression in injecting drug users - people living with HIV.

Since 2003 she worked in HIV working group in our hospital and since then she involved in laboratory services and research related to HIV and other infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, sexual transmitted diseases and COVID-19. She is assigned as expertise for Indonesian Ministry of Health (MoH) for HIV laboratory and Quality assurance and the head of HIV working group in Indonesian Clinical Pathologist and Laboratory medicine association.

With MoH, she served several activities such as arrange national guidelines for HIV laboratory examination and the quality assurance, training HIV and related laboratory assays to many health facilities and also doing post marketing surveillance for HIV rapid diagnostic tests.

As lecturer and faculty member, she also collaborates with many colleagues from different background for research in infectious diseases in particularly about HIV and we already published 51 publications about HIV and other infectious diseases. Her ongoing research is about immunological aspect of HIV-tuberculosis co-infection and exploring tuberculosis immune response in pregnant women.



JAHN, Andreas
I-Tech Malawi
Lilongwe, Malawi

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). As of January 2020, his publications have received 2,417 citations and his h-index stands at 27 (Scopus). He has profoundly contributed to the National ART/PMTCT Program in Malawi which is widely recognized for the best M&E system and service data in resource-limited settings. He continues to shape 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. He has contributed as an external expert on the WHO clinical HIV guideline development committee since 2012.

JAYASURIYA, Nimali Dilrukshini Vidanagamage
Ministry of Health
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Dr Nimali Dilrukshini Vidanagamage Jayasuriya graduated from the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardanapura, Sri Lanka in 2004. She gained Surgery and Medicine experience and skills in Sri Jayewardenapura Teaching Hospital Sri Lanka as an Intern medical officer in 2005/2006.

In 2008, Dr Nimali joined the postgraduate diploma in Venereology and conferred Diploma in Venereology by the Post graduate Institute of Medicine of the University of Colombo. In 2013, Dr Jayasuriya successfully completed Doctor of Medicine (M.D) in Venereology and conferred MD in Venereology.

Dr Jayasuriya worked in the Department of Genito Urinary Medicine and HIV department at Guys and St.Thomas' NHS Foundation trust United Kingdom as an International Training Fellow (Grade ST3-6) from August 2015 to August 2016. It was her overseas training to obtain Board certification in Venereology (GUM) in Sri Lanka to practice independently as a consultant.

Dr Nimali had resumed and has been continuing her duties as a board-certified consultant venereologist in Sri Lanka in several locations at present.

Dr Nimali's main scope of work is to manage patients with HIV, STIs and other sexual health problems. She has given her expert knowledge in HIV/STI policy making, development of national strategic plan, guidelines, reviews and surveillance. Her main interest is to provide technical guidance and cooperation for many NGOs and civil society organizations in their work to control and prevent STDs and HIV/AIDS among key populations. She has been involved in undergraduate, post graduate and staff training as a trainer.

Currently Dr Nimali Jayasuriya works as a consultant venereologist at national STD/AIDS Control programme Sri Lanka. She is the national in charge of three programmatic areas which include HIV testing, Elimination of mother to child transmission and STI care. She is giving strong leadership to ending AIDS and triple elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV/ syphilis and hepatitis B in Sri Lanka.



KAMAU, Grace

Africa Sex Workers Alliance (ASWA)

Nairobi, Kenya

Grace Kamau is the Regional Coordinator of the African Sex Workers Alliance (ASWA), which is a pan African network of sex worker-led organisations in the continent. She is a strong advocate for health and human rights of key populations including sex workers, LGBTI and People Who use drugs. She sits in the Board of Hands Off.

Grace has worked as a consultant for the Global Network of Sex Worker Project where she documented the lived experiences of sex workers and examples of good practice informing development of advocacy tools strengthening sex worker led groups' engagement with HIV policy makers, programmers amplifying their voices locally, regionally and globally. A graduate of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Grace holds a bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Political Science.

KARKOURI, Mehdi

ALCS Centre Hospitalier University Ibn

Casablanca, Morocco

Dr Karkouri is a professor of Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine of Casablanca, Morocco and the president of Association de Lutte Contre le Sida (ALCS), the leading Civil Society Organization for HIV in the Middle East and North Africa, involved in providing access to care, HIV prevention, and HIV related advocacy.

He is member of the National HIV Care Committee of Morocco. He is also heading Coalition Plus, the international network of Community Based Organizations. He is involved in several research studies, especially community driven studies working on several topics, including HIV status disclosure, HIV Testing and Counseling, stigma and discrimination drivers.

Dr Karkouri has also served as a peer reviewer of the Guidelines Development Groups (GDG) for the HIV Testing Services guidelines (2015).

LEGKOSTUP, Liudmyla

Public Health Centre, MOH

Kyiv, Ukraine

Liudmyla Legkostup is a national HIV testing coordinator at the State Institution "Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine" that build effective response to emerging challenges of both communicable and non-communicable diseases and promote public health as one of the most significant values of the country. Liudmyla graduated with degree in biology and have the qualification as biologist-virologist and MS in Health Care Management. In 2019 completed one year program "Training Certificate in Epidemiology and Public Health" at the State University of New York at Albany School.

Liudmyla Legkostup's work of experience in HIV fields is more than 15 years. Since 2016, Liudmyla has worked with State Institution "Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine". Liudmyla's tasks include developing and adapting HIV testing guidelines at the country level. Planning and procurement of HIV test kits at the national level. Coordination of HIV testing activities among all partners and the work of multidisciplinary teams to improve the quality of HIV testing services. Participation in activities to improve regulations in accordance with international standards for HIV testing, including testing on non-



medical settings and self-testing. Participate in the development of SOPs that optimize and support the "Test and Start" strategy. Conducting trainings and providing advisory, methodological and technical assistance to the regions on the development of local protocols and "road map" at the regional levels. Coordination of mapping of institutions professionals training of HTS, care and support. Analysis of HIV testing algorithms at the level of each region. Assessment of the quality of HTS provision at the initiative of a medical worker. Analysis of the implementation of index testing.

FAISAL, Mahmood

Aga Khan University Hospital

Karachi, Pakistan

Faisal Mahmood is an Associate Professor and the section head of the Section of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Medicine as well as the Associate Chief Medical Officer at the Aga Khan University Hospital for Infection Prevention and Control. He has a broad background in infectious disease education including the development of the undergraduate curriculum for undergraduate students as well as the establishment of the infectious diseases fellowship program at Aga Khan University. He was also the first conveyor of the faculty of Infectious Diseases at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the regulatory body to oversee postgraduate medical education and professional development in the country. Before the advent of SARS-CoV2, he was heavily involved in HIV care in the country and continue to be so, and working with the WHO, led the development of the last 3 versions of the National treatment guidelines, as well as guidance on Pre-exposure prophylaxis, Differentiated Care Delivery, and HIV Testing and Counselling. He was also responsible for providing training to HIV care providers in the country and more recently in training for PrEP delivery. He was also invited by the WHO and the Sind AIDS Control Program to investigate outbreaks of HIV in a dialysis center in the city of Larkana followed by an outbreak in children in the same city a few years later. in investigating the HIV outbreak in Larkana. With the arrival of the pandemic, he has been actively involved in working with both the federal and the provincial governments providing advice for risk mitigation. He was also the lead author of the National Guidelines for management of COVID-19 and contributed to several other guidance documents published by the NIH, Pakistan. At the same time, he is an active clinician, and as the Section Head of Infectious Disease. This year he has also accepted the position of Associate Chief Medical Officer at the Aga Khan University Hospital, in continuation of my work as the Chair of Infection Prevention and Control. Finally, he is actively involved in several clinical trials including 3 COVID vaccine trials (including the country PI for one), and have been part of 5 other COVID-19-related clinical trials and 2 additional grants related to COVID-19. This is in addition to my ongoing work on HIV, including an active grant to study drug resistance in HIV across the country.



MOYO, Zinzile

Zvandiri

Harare, Zimbabwe

Zinzile Moyo is a young lady aged 20 years who is currently working with Zvandiri as a community adolescent treatment supporter (CATS). She has been trained and mentored to connect children and adolescents living with HIV to assure health, happiness and hope. As a CATS her main role is complementing the work of the Ministry of Health and Child Care in Zimbabwe in responding to the 95/95/95 national targets. Where she has been effectively improving HIV testing services, linkage and retention in care, adherence to ART and psychosocial well-being among children and adolescents who are living with HIV in her community and beyond through her advocacy work.

Her passion has been derived from the trauma she experienced of finding out that she had HIV at just the age of 16. Now effectively empowers and advocates to make sure that every child and adolescent has access to HTS for improved health outcome.

MULLIK, Saiqa

WITS RHI

Johannesburg, South Africa

Prof Saiqa Mullick, MBBCh MSc MPH PhD, is Reader/Associate Professor and Director of Implementation Science at Wits RHI. She is a medical doctor with a PhD in Infectious Disease Epidemiology and currently oversees a portfolio of programmes addressing introduction of innovative approaches and technologies for HIV prevention and Sexual and Reproductive Health. Her experience is primarily in sexual and reproductive health and HIV prevention research with a focus on adolescent girls and young women.

She has supported the introduction of oral PrEP in South Africa and currently serves as principal investigator on a number of trials evaluating integrated service delivery approaches for young women. She served as Deputy Director on the Optimising Prevention Technology Introduction on Schedule (OPTIONS) Consortium, a USAID-funded project focused on research and access for HIV prevention for women, providing co-leadership and strategic direction for this consortium of nine international organisations working primarily in three countries (South Africa, Kenya and Zimbabwe). She is now a member of the Strategic Leadership Group of the Maximising Options to Advance Informed Choice for HIV Prevention (MOSAIC) project, which is a multi-country, multi-product global project accelerating the introduction and scaling up of new and emerging biomedical prevention products.

She serves on a number of national and international technical expert committees, including the national PrEP Technical Working Group, the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) Fast Track Cities Implementation Science Fund Expert Advisory Committee, and the WHO STI Guidelines Development Group. She serves as an advisor to the Lancet HIV-IAPAC Commission on the future of urban HIV responses and co-chaired the WHO Technical Working Group on Strategic Information for HIV prevention. She has been an invited speaker at multiple international conferences on HIV prevention, integrated services, adolescent health and sexually transmitted infections. She has also been an invited member of these conferences' scientific committees and has served as track chair for both local and international conferences. Most recently, she served as track co-chair for Implementation Science at the Adherence 2020 Conference, and is track chair for Implementation Science at the South African AIDS Conference 2023.



POONASETWATTANA, Midnight

APCOM

Bangkok, Thailand

Originally from Northeast Thailand, Midnight has been the Executive Director of APCOM based in Bangkok since 2011, working in multi-sectoral partnerships with governments, donors, the United Nations, development partners and most importantly the community and civil society organisations working on advancing LGBTQI rights in the Asia Pacific region.

Midnight is a member of various advisory committees, including the global IDAHOT committee, Advisory Committee member of Global Philanthropy Project's Report on Government and Philanthropic Support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex Communities, international advisory group of Dignity Network, Out-Perform Advisory Board, World Health Organisation Global PrEP Coalition and Guidelines Development Group for HIV Testing Services, and ASHM's Regional Advisory Group member leading on Key Populations of the Taskforce on BBVs, Sexual Health and COVID-19.

In 2016, Midnight gave the Closing Plenary Statement at the 2016 High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS at the UN General Assembly.

Midnight is also representing Asia and the Pacific region as an NGO delegation on the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board.

Midnight obtained his Masters in Globalisation and Development from SOAS, University of London.

ROSADINO, Danvic

Love Yourself Inc.

Manila, Philippines

Danvic is the Program and Innovations Director of LoveYourself Inc., a community-based organization based in metropolitan Manila, Philippines. While the organization's main thrust is to promote self-worth leading to self-care among the men who have sex with men (MSM) and the youth, the organization is mostly known to provide HIV and sexual health-related services to the community. He has spearheaded various HIV and sexual health researches, programs, and innovations, such as Project PrEPPI (PrEP Pilipinas; a multi-sectoral program that spearheaded the introduction of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis in the Philippines), and SelfCare (introduction of HIV unassisted self-testing in the Philippines). He also conducted several researches on HIV prevalence and incidence (in the Philippines and Malaysia), and values and preferences studies on Hepatitis C self-testing and COVID-19 self-testing (as part of a multi-country research). He has also provided consultations and workshops on HIV PrEP demand generation in several countries in Asia. Juggling his passion for learning and being an HIV advocate, he also headed the learning and development team of LoveYourself. He is also an HIV counselor, life coach, and client data protection officer. Formerly, he is a Surveillance Assistant at the National HIV and STI Surveillance and Strategic Information Unit of the Epidemiology Bureau, Department of Health – Philippines. Danvic is currently taking Masters of International Health at the Faculty of Management and Development Studies of the University of the Philippines – Open University. He graduated a postgraduate Diploma in International Health in 2021. He finished his Bachelor of Science in Biology degree at the College of Science of the University of Santo Tomas, in Manila, Philippines in 2010.



RUIZ, Veronica

Condesa

Mexico City, Mexico

Veronica Ruiz leads the laboratory team within a larger inter-disciplinary group at Condesa, the largest HIV testing and care centre in Mexico. The clinic specialises in providing HIV testing, prevention and care services and also delivers outreach to people from key populations including incarcerated people, sex workers, transgender people.

Through Ms Ruiz's work, the clinic has been providing pre-exposure prophylaxis since 2018 and delivery quarterly testing to support implementation. Ms Ruiz is also certified by the CDC-Atlanta for the use of recency assays to determine the incidence of HIV.

SIMÕES, Daniel

Coalition PLUS

Lisbon, Portugal

Licensed Psychologist, with a Masters in Community Psychology and a PhD in Global Public Health, Daniel is currently Strategic Information Manager at Coalition PLUS, based in Lisbon.

He has worked in the social sector since 2004, in multiple areas ranging from child protection to mental health, and since 2011 has worked on the response to HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and STI in community organisations and networks, as both a project manager and in policy related work.

Co-chair of the EuroTEST initiative, member of the European Testing Week working group, the European AIDS Treatment Group, core group member of WHO Europe's European Laboratory Initiative and member of the ECDC Dublin Declaration Advisory Group.

Collaborator in guideline and strategy development in the European Region with the ECDC, the Regional Office for Europe of the WHO and EMCDDA.

TAYERI, Katayoun

Ministry of Health

Tehran, Iran

Infectious diseases specialist, HIV/AIDS fellowship and national HIV/AIDS care and treatment consultant. She is working in field of HIV/AIDS (clinically and administrative) since 22 years ago. As a members of national scientific HIV/AIDS care and treatment committee, she closely involved in developing and revising national HIV/AIDS care and treatment guidelines. She has been organized and conducted high level workshops in field of HIV/AIDS care and treatment for general physicians (GPs) and infectious diseases specialists (IDs), more than 250 GPs who are working in VCT clinics and 64 IDs who are the provincial HIV focal points have been trained.

All trained physicians have been joined to networks for online up dating and problem solving. Developing especial guideline for HIV chronic care, HIV self-testing, reducing loss to follow up among PLWH, guideline of integration HIV testing services in harm reduction centers, training manuals about PMTCT and adherence to treatment for PLWH and HCP, HIV nutritional guidelines for PLWH and HCP are some of her activities and publication. She has involved in developing management information system for national HIV program that led to improve quality of data documentation and management. She has been engaged in developing some of WHO guidelines including: one of the member of GDG group for developing "WHO



2019 HTS Guideline”, one of external guideline review group of “The public health response to pretreatment HIV drug resistance, July 2017” and external temporary advisor on developing “Definition and categorization of the timing of mother-to-child transmission of SARS-CoV-2 Scientific brief 8 February,2021”, one of the external guidelines review group of WHO guideline “Recommendations and guidance on hepatitis C virus self-testing,2021” and one of the GDG group of “Guidelines for the management of symptomatic sexually transmitted infections,2021”. She is member of EMRO regional validation committee for EMTCT of HIV and Syphilis.

THANH HA, Hoang Thi

National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology

Ha noi, Viet Nam

Hoang Ha received her PhD degree in the field of the Histology embryology and cytology from Vietnam National University - University of Science. She has been working for National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE), Vietnam since 1999. Currently, she is head of the National Reference laboratory on HIV serology at the HIV/AIDS Department at NIHE.

Her works focus on HIV testing, counselling, and quality assurance. As a member of the National technical working group on HIV/AIDS, she has involved in developing National guidelines on HIV testing, community- based testing, counselling, CD4 counting, and quality assurance. She is specially interested in quality assurance of HIV laboratory testing. She is coordinator of the External Quality Assurance Scheme (EQAS) in Vietnam. The EQAS program provides panels for 500 laboratories throughout the country. Her team also provides internal quality control for laboratories in the north of Vietnam.

She is responsible for establishing and maintaining HIV laboratory system in the north and the center of Vietnam. She supports many HIV screening laboratories at district level to become the HIV confirmation laboratories. She provides training on HIV testing, biosafety and quality assurance for laboratorians at provincial and district levels. She routinely conducts technical assistance trips to ensure HIV laboratory testing for HIV confirmation laboratories.

She has involved many studies on HIV/AIDS epidemiology, behavior, and particularly HIV laboratory testing. For example: IBBS, HIV testkit validation, treatment 2.0, validation of the national HIV testing algorithm, validation and implementation of HIV recency testing. These studies contribute significantly to improvement of HIV laboratory system as well as HIV/AIDS prevention and control in Vietnam.



VELOSO, Valdilea

Institute of Infectious Diseases at Oswaldo Cruz Foundation

Brasília, Brazil

Dr Veloso is a Medical Doctor with Residency and MSc in Infectious Diseases and a Ph.D. in Public Health. She's a Senior Public Health Researcher and Professor at the Evandro Chagas National Institute of Infectious Diseases at Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (INI/FIOCRUZ). She is currently the INI/Fiocruz Director. She has dedicated more than 30 years to HIV/Aids research and care. She joined INI/FIOCRUZ in 1988 and played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Institution's HIV clinic. She is a Faculty of the Master's and Ph.D. Degree Program in Clinical Research in Infectious Diseases at INI/FIOCRUZ. She has conducted pivotal HIV prevention clinical trials including the iPrEX, iPrEX OLE, and HPTN 085-AMP studies at INI/FIOCRUZ. She is the PI of the ImPrEP project - Implementation of HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender individuals at high risk for HIV infection: A demonstration project in the context of Combination Prevention in Brazil, Mexico and Peru, funded by UNITAID that enrolled more than 9,800 participants. She is a member of a number of different technical boards and scientific advisory committees. She had previously served as head of care at the Brazilian National HIV/AIDS Program at the Ministry of Health and Director of the Rio de Janeiro State Health Department AIDS Program.

WILSON, Valerie

Caribbean Med Labs Foundation

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Ms Valerie Wilson is an Immunologist and public health professional who has provided leadership and technical advisory services to Ministries of Health, private and public sector laboratories and staff in 23 countries within the Caribbean region, through her work as Laboratory Manager and later as Project Manager for the European Union funded Laboratory Strengthening Project at the Caribbean Epidemiology Centre (CAREC/PAHO/WHO) from 1990 to 2007, and from 2008 to present at the Caribbean Med Labs Foundation (CMLF). She is currently Director of CMLF, a non-governmental organization which was established in 2008 to support lab strengthening within the Caribbean region.

Ms Wilson has a Masters degree in Immunology and a Masters in Business Administration. She has extensive experience in the areas of public health laboratory reference services, laboratory management, quality improvement and strategic management. She led the initiative to raise awareness of governments and laboratories in the Caribbean region with respect to the need for medical laboratory standards and quality management systems, and for regulation of medical laboratories. As a direct result of her work, the Caribbean region adopted the international Standard (ISO 15189) for medical laboratories in 2005. She led the development of a framework for national laboratory policy that was endorsed by Ministers of Health in 2014 and facilitated the development of national laboratory policies and strategic plans for laboratory services in several Caribbean countries. She played a key role in supporting CARICOM in her capacity as Consultant, in the design and development of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). Under her leadership, CMLF has partnered with the Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (CARICOM PANCAP) in implementing the laboratory component of the Global Fund (GF) Round 9 Grant for strengthening of HIV/AIDS national and regional laboratory networks within the Caribbean region from 2011 to 2015 and with the OECS GF grant for HIV and TB Elimination (2016-2019 and Continuation Grant 2019 - 2022).



CMLF also collaborated with Caribbean Vulnerable Communities under the CARICOM PANCAP-CVC-COIN GF Grant 2019-2022. Since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, she has supported several SARS-CoV-2 laboratory-based interventions and guided piloting of HIV self-testing within the Caribbean region. Ms. Wilson is currently a member of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) Regional Validation Committee (RVC) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Validation Committee (GVAC) for Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission (EMTCT). She was a member of the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on In-Vitro Diagnostics (SAGE-IVD) from 2019-2021 and is a former member and volunteer of the CLSI Global Committee.