



# Reach

Resilience, Empowerment and Advocacy  
in Women's and Children's Health Research

## Team Bios: UK, Thailand, Kenya, South Africa

### Ethox Team – Coordinating Centre, Oxford

#### **Prof Maureen Kelley – Principal Investigator & REACH Project Lead**

a bioethicist working in ethics and women's and children's global health at the Ethox Centre, Oxford. A moral philosopher and qualitative researcher by training she has worked for nearly twenty years as a clinical ethics consultant and instructor in pediatrics, adolescent medicine, and obstetrics. Through qualitative empirical research and ethical argument her research identifies and addresses practical ethical challenges that adversely impact the health of women and children who are more susceptible to poor health due to social, economic and political circumstances. She is particularly interested in addressing sociocultural and ethical barriers to treatment for preventable diseases and adverse health outcomes, such as malnutrition, stillbirth, preterm birth, and maternal-neonatal death and morbidity during childbirth. In child health she has focused on barriers to improving access to health care for children living without parents.

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#### **Prof Michael Parker - Investigator and Co-Lead REACH & Director GHBN**

Director of the Ethox Centre at Oxford and an expert in global health ethics & genetics. Mike leads the Global Health Bioethics Network, the research platform sponsored by the Wellcome Trust that supports the REACH project. Michael's main research interest is in the day to day ethical aspects of collaborative global health research. He is particularly interested in the practical ethical issues arising in the everyday work of researchers, health professionals, and fieldworkers as they carry out global health research in collaboration with partners in many countries. Together with partners at the five Wellcome Trust Major Overseas Programmes (MOPs) in Kenya, Thailand, Malawi, Viet Nam, and South Africa, Michael has been awarded a Strategic Award to build ethics capacity and carry out ethics research across the MOPs. Mike also leads the ethics programme of the Malaria Genomic Epidemiology Network (MalariaGEN) which carries out genomic research into severe malaria in childhood at 24 sites in 21 countries and he also leads the ethics programme of the MRC Centre for Genomics and Global Health.

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### **Project Manager, Cai Heath**

Cai will provide coordination for the overall project, timeline, budget, team skypes and in person meetings, public events, public engagement, maintenance of project website, and data management and sharing. Prior to this appointment he has over nine years' experience of managing global health and poverty reduction programmes, including the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI). In 2010 Cai completed an MSc in International Development at the University of Birmingham specialising in sustainable development and aid management. Cai has worked, volunteered and researched extensively in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, India, Nepal and Kenya as well as engaging in shorter project work in Ethiopia, Myanmar and Uganda. Between 2011-2015 he worked as a Programme Manager for the Partnership for Child Development, Imperial College London, supporting governments and United Nations agencies to provide comprehensive and inclusive health services for school-aged children. He is the founding chair of the international development charity InterVol which connects non-governmental grass-roots poverty reduction and conservation organisations with student volunteers from five leading universities.



### **Quantitative Analyst, TBH**

To support survey development, implementation and analysis.

### **Jennifer Roest – Qualitative Researcher**

Jen will work with Maureen and Mike in conducting additional qualitative interviews with researchers beyond the case studies, will help support the site teams with development of qualitative tools and analysis, will coordinate any meta-analysis across case studies, and will help with training at each of the sites as needed. Jen has been a qualitative research assistant on Young Lives, an extensive longitudinal study about children and young people around the world. <http://www.younglives.org.uk/> Jen provides research and analysis on themes of Gender, Youth and Adolescence. Previously, Jennifer undertook social research internationally with Coram Children's Legal Centre, working on a broad spectrum of child and women's rights issues for UN agencies, Governments and NGOs. She has an MSc in Development Administration and Planning from UCL's Development Planning Unit and a BA in Philosophy from UEA. She has carried out and coordinated qualitative field research in Ethiopia, Somaliland, Moldova and across the UK.



### **Dr. Ariella Binik – Philosophy Researcher**

Ariella is postdoctoral fellow at the Ethox Centre and will lead the philosophical and foundational work on vulnerability, agency and resilience on the project, helping to further develop the conceptual and theoretical underpinnings and implications of the empirical study. Ariella is a philosopher interested in the ethics of clinical trials with human subjects, especially clinical trials with children. Her research aims to explain when and why it is permissible to enroll children—who cannot consent for themselves—in clinical research. She argues that children's inclusion in research can only be justified when the risks of a trial stand in reasonable relation to the knowledge to be gained, and she is developing a moral threshold for the degree of risk permissible in research procedures that do not offer children the prospect of direct medical benefit. Ariella's research also focuses on the concept of equipoise, a necessary requirement for the ethical justification of a clinical trial. She has written about challenges arising for clinical equipoise in cluster-randomized trials, that is, clinical trials that randomize groups rather than individual research subjects to



different interventions. She is also interested in the justification of equipoise and its application in global health research. [Ariella.binik@ethox.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Ariella.binik@ethox.ox.ac.uk)

## **Thai Team – MORU Bangkok, Chiang Rai, SMRU Mae Sot**

### **Prof Phaik Yeong Cheah, B.Pharm, MSc (Bioethics), PhD (Pharmaceutics) – Investigator & Site Lead**

Associate Professor at Oxford University, based in Bangkok at the Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU) or Thailand Major Overseas Programme and Head of the Department of Bioethics and Engagement. The department does empirical and conceptual research on ethical issues arising from conducting research and working with vulnerable populations. The department's remit also includes developing and managing the programme's community and public engagement work e.g. coordinating artist-in-residence programmes, science cafes, and supporting the long running Tak Province Community Ethics Advisory Board. Prior to this, Phaik Yeong was the head of MORU's Clinical Trials Support Group, which is a group that helps researchers run clinical trials. Before moving to Bangkok, she worked in the Clinical Trials & Research Governance office at Oxford University. Phaik Yeong started working in clinical trials in 1998 when she coordinated a study on chronic prostatitis as part of her PhD work in Penang, Malaysia. [phaikyeong@tropmedres.ac](mailto:phaikyeong@tropmedres.ac)



### **Nattapat Jatupornpimol (Nok), Social Scientist & Site Coordinator**

Social scientist under the Department of Bioethics and Engagement. Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medical Research (MORU). Nattapat is working closely with Professor Phaik Yeong Cheah. She is a qualitative researcher by training and has been engaged in qualitative research since 2007 when she started her graduate studies in Gender and Development at Asian Institute of Technology and Anthropology and Sociology of Development at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva respectively. Her key research interests are social determinants of health and well-being, community engagement in research, particularly community of people living with HIV/AIDS, gender-based violence, and bioethics in research on marginalized and underserved groups. Before joining MORU, Nattapat worked with the Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand to develop interventions and promote sexual and reproductive health and rights of people with diverse backgrounds including migrants, refugees, adolescents and people living with conflicts. [Nattapat@tropmedres.ac](mailto:Nattapat@tropmedres.ac)



### **Dr. Rachel Greer - Coordinator – Chiangrai**

Rachel is from the UK, and has been working in Chiang Rai, Thailand with Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU) since 2015. Rachel has an interest in community and tropical medicine. She has completed a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from The Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and has worked in The Gambia and Uganda. Current research involves 'The impact of C-reactive protein testing on antibiotic prescription in febrile patients attending primary care in low-resource settings' and 'The risk factors and outcomes of community-acquired Acinetobacter bacteraemia in Thailand'. [Rachel@tropmedres.ac](mailto:Rachel@tropmedres.ac)



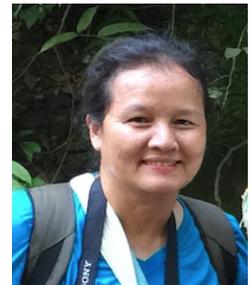
**Napat Khirikoekkong (Pat) - Social Science Researcher & Coordinator – Mae Sot**

Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medical Research (MORU) as a Social Science Researcher under the Department of Bioethics and Engagement. In this position, she is working closely with Phaik Yeong Cheah and Khin Maung Lwin on the Tak Community Ethic Advisory Board (T-CAB), a board comprised of the representatives from the populations who are familiar with culture and traditions and will contribute ideas related to ethical issues in conducting research in their populations. Since the beginning of her career, Napat has always worked on the migrant and refugee field along the Thai- Myanmar border. In 2008, she joined the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as an interpreter and assisted resettlement officers as well as immigration officers from resettlement countries such as, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan, in conducting interviews to refugees being considered for resettlement. From 2010, she was promoted to a Resettlement Assistant (case worker) and carried out interviews and counselling to vulnerable refugees. Napat is interested in medical assistance and services being provided to the migrant and border population as they lack access to proper medical care despite the continuous increase of these populations in recent years. [Napat@shoklo-unit.com](mailto:Napat@shoklo-unit.com)



**Suphak Nosten, B.Ed. - Senior Advisor SMRU, Mae Sot**

Shoklo Malaria Research Unit (SMRU) based in Maesot, Tak Province Thailand. She holds a position as communication personnel. She takes part in active supporting role for the scale up Malaria Elimination Task Force program (METF). She also acts as fixer and official photographer of SMRU activities, and coordinates with MROU media official for MORU-newsletter. Suphak worked at SMRU for nine years in Data-entry, office-clerk and bookkeeping before moving in Chiangmai for 18 years. She was involved with volunteer activities for PTA (Parents-Teacher Association) of her children’s school also study to graduate in Education as English teacher (Bachelor degree). She taught in a rural school in a suburb of Chiangmai, where the majority of the students were migrants from Myanmar. She came back to Maesot in 2013 to join SMRU again as one of the CE senior-staff for Targeted Malaria Elimination (TME) project to engage with villagers and encourage them to participate to the program, including mass drug administration campaigns.



**Professor Rose McGready, Collaborating Principal Investigator (PI) of Case Study – Mae Sot**

Rose has been based in Maesot since June 1994, heading the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Department. She has been a Professor of Tropical Maternal and Child Health (Oxford University) since 2014. Rose is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (UK) since 2008, and Educational Consultant to the Bangkok School of Tropical Medicine since 2013. She works on the treatment and epidemiology of uncomplicated malaria in pregnancy. Pregnant women are particularly vulnerable as pregnancy reduces the immunity to malaria, increasing the susceptibility to malaria infection and the risk of illness, severe anaemia and death. For the unborn child, maternal malaria increases the risk of spontaneous abortion, stillbirth, premature delivery and low birth weight - a leading cause of child mortality. [Rose@shoklo-unit.com](mailto:Rose@shoklo-unit.com)



### **Dr. Yoel Lubell, Collaborating Principal Investigator (PI) of Case Study – Chiang Rai**

Yoel Lubell is the head of the Economics and Translational Research Group in the Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit in Bangkok, Thailand. The group builds on a range of expertise and backgrounds of its members, including health economics, clinical practice, and qualitative research, and focuses primarily on the evaluation of diagnostics, treatments and vaccines for infectious diseases from an economic perspective and in terms of their impact in real-life settings. The Group primarily works on health technology evaluations in real-life settings. Group members explore the cost-effectiveness of new interventions and their clinical, social and ethical implications, in close collaboration with relevant MORU departments and units, with the aim of bridging the gap between cutting edge health research and health policy and reduce the lead-in time between scientific results and implementation. The recent establishment of a sub-unit within the Department of Medical Research (DMR) in Yangon, for example, facilitated the interaction between our health economics and modelling work and led to outputs being directly provided to the DMR and the Myanmar national malaria control programme. One of the group's current main focuses is evaluating biomarker tests for use in remote rural tropical settings. Building on recent laboratory based retrospective studies and field evaluation of CRP rapid tests, this will result in a randomized control trial for CRP guided treatment of febrile patients in primary care. Besides its own research, ETRG also supports health economic studies and early career researchers across the Major Overseas Programme Centres in Southeast Asia.



### **Kenyan Team - KEMRI Kilifi**

#### **Prof Sassy Molyneux – Investigator & Site Co-Lead**

Associate Professor at Oxford University based at the KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya, since 1994. Sassy chairs the Health Systems and Research Ethics department in Kilifi, and plays a senior role in several international research consortia, including the Wellcome Trust funded Global Health Bioethics network, and two DFID funded health systems network (RESYST, aimed at strengthening the resilience and responsiveness of health systems, and RinGs, aimed at strengthening the understanding of gender and ethics in health systems research). Her own research has focused on two main areas: the interface between health systems and households; and the interface between health researchers and communities. A current cross-cutting area of interest is examining and strengthening accountability processes at the frontline of health and research systems in sub-Saharan Africa.



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#### **Prof Vicki Marsh – Investigator & Site Co-Lead**

Associate Professor at the Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health at Oxford University, UK, and the KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme in Kenya. Initially trained in medicine, Vicki's early research centred on Malaria Home Care, including work with WHO, TDR and the Kenya Malaria Control Programme. For the past 10 years, her research has focused on the ethics of global health research, including community engagement, informed consent,



disclosure of genetic findings and study benefits. Current research addresses research and public health data sharing, and vulnerability and resilience in research. Vicki leads on Ethics and Public Engagement training for an MSc in International Health and Tropical Medicine at Oxford University. After spending 25 years based in Kenya, Vicki now divides her time between Oxford and Kilifi. [VMarsh@kemri-wellcome.org](mailto:VMarsh@kemri-wellcome.org)

**Rita Wanjuki - Assistant Research Officer**

Rita has a BS in Environmental Health (Public Health) from Kenyatta University, Kenya. She also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research Methods awarded competitively as a fully funded training programme offered collaboratively between KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme and Pwani University, Kilifi Kenya. She has worked on the Schools Engagement Programme, on a project evaluating the web-based engagement between the programme and local schools. She has also worked as a research assistant in a health policy study aimed at assessing the implementation of the free maternity policy within selected government hospitals in Kenya. [RWanjuki@kemri-wellcome.org](mailto:RWanjuki@kemri-wellcome.org)



**Scholastica Zakayo - Research Officer**

Holds a BA in Anthropology from Moi University, Kenya and Master's degree in International Health and Tropical Medicine from the University of Oxford. Her research interests revolve around areas of global health concern such as Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health, Non-communicable diseases, and Research Ethics. Previously, she worked at the KEMRI/WT as an assistant Research Officer in Maternal and Child Health and Malaria Indicators studies consecutively. [Szakayo@kemri-wellcome.org](mailto:Szakayo@kemri-wellcome.org).



**Maureen Wandia Njue – Research Officer**

Research officer at the KEMRI/Wellcome Trust research programme, Kilifi, coordinating the activities of the research ethics group as well as conducting action research to support ethics across the Kilifi programme. She also serves as the Deputy-Chair of the Communication and Consent Committee (CCC), an Institutional review committee that reviews aspects of consent and communication for all new research proposals developed at the programme. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Maseno University, Kenya and a Master's degree in Public Health (Health Services Research) from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK. In 2012, she received a Global Health Bioethics Network (GHBN) Bursary to conduct an exploratory study on how benefits and payments in biomedical research should be planned for and implemented. Her main research interests are around research ethics focusing on consenting processes and Benefits and payments in research. [Mnjue@kemri-wellcome.org](mailto:Mnjue@kemri-wellcome.org)



**Prof Amina Abubakar Collaborating Principal Investigator (PI) of Case Study**

Amina is an Associate Professor in Psychology and Public Health at Pwani University, Kenya and a Research Fellow at the Kenya Medical Research Institute/Wellcome Trust Research Programme. She is also an honorary fellow at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford, UK. Her main interests are in the study of developmental delays and impairments among children exposed to various health problems such as HIV, malnutrition and malaria. A focus in her work is the development of culturally appropriate strategies for identifying, monitoring and rehabilitating at-risk children. Dr Abubakar has been



instrumental in developing various culturally appropriate measures of child development that have been used in many African countries. Additionally, she is interested in the role of psychosocial risk factors (such as maternal depression, quality of home environment, and parental SES) in shaping developmental outcomes of children experiencing various health problems.

### **Prof Jay Berkley, Collaborating Principal Investigator (PI) of Case Study, CHAIN - The childhood acute illness and nutrition network**

Paediatrician and Professor of Paediatric Infection Diseases, Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Group Head / PI, Consultant Physician, Fellow and Supervisor, KEMRI Centre for Geographic Medicine Research – Coast and Wellcome Trust Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya. Prof Berkley leads a research group focusing on infection and inflammation in childhood malnutrition, and on perinatal health. Jay joined the KEMRI/Wellcome Trust Collaborative Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya in 1997. He undertook a Wellcome Trust Research Training Fellowship on invasive bacterial infections and their relationships with malaria, HIV and malnutrition. His current Wellcome Trust Intermediate Clinical Research Fellowship is on tackling infection and inflammation to prevent mortality in malnourished children. Jay is involved in the Kenyan national training programme on integrated management of severe acute malnutrition and is an expert adviser to the Ministries of Health and the World Health Organisation.



### **South African Team - AHRI KwaZulu-Natal**

#### **Prof Janet Seeley – Investigator & Site Lead**

Professor of Anthropology and Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, seconded to the MRC/UVRI Uganda Research Unit to lead the Social Science Programme, a post I have held since 2008. Janet is a social anthropologist by training. She has been actively engaged in research on the social aspects of health, particularly HIV and AIDS, since 1987, working in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. Other current research interests include chronic poverty and social protection, internal migration, livelihoods and gender. She has undertaken extended periods of research in Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Papua New Guinea. In addition to heading the social science programme for the MRC/UVRI Unit, where she leads a team of 30 social scientists, she is now working with the Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI) in KwaZulu-Natal as they move into the next 5 years of research funding. [Janet.seeley@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:Janet.seeley@lshtm.ac.uk)



#### **Researcher, TBH**

#### **Dumile Gumede – Site Coordinator**

Coordinator: Qualitative Research Operations at the Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI) and her position has both operational and scientific responsibilities. She is responsible for developing and maintaining skills and systems for qualitative and ethnographic data collection methods. Dumile has been involved in both methodological and exploratory qualitative research aimed at identifying possible intervention research, including a) a pilot study on the acceptability of electronic data collection for sensitive sexual behaviour data, b) assessing community perceptions of HIV/TB prevention, treatment and care options, c) to



understand health care seeking experiences of people living with HIV, and d) how to optimize the delivery of household contact tracing for TB control. Academically, she holds a bachelor's degree in Community and Development Studies (2006) from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, a bachelor of technology degree in Business Administration (2010) from Durban University of Technology, and a master's degree in Social Science (2014) from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She is currently working towards her PhD studies in Health Promotion focusing on selfcare practices among older people. [dgumede@africacentre.ac.za](mailto:dgumede@africacentre.ac.za)

### **Tinofa Mutevedzi – Senior Advisor AHRI**

Head, Population Research Platform, AHRI

Demographer who has worked at the Somkhele site of the Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI) since 2003 responsible for strategic direction and optimal coordination of research operational support for all population-based research projects, including oversight of the entire Data Centre and the Community Engagement Unit. Tinofa is interested in, and has over 18 years' experience in designing data collection, data processing and quality assurance and quality control systems for studies ranging from large observational surveys, interventions to clinical trials, as well as training research teams, including in Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and research ethics, using outcomes based adult education approaches. Tinofa previously worked as Research Manager for the Manicaland HIV Prevention Project under Biomedical Research and Training Institute in Zimbabwe and as a Clinical Trials Programme coordinator for UZ-UCSF Research Programme in Zimbabwe. Scientifically, Tinofa is interested in research on adolescent sexual and reproductive health; he is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Witwatersrand, studying social context as a source of vulnerability and resilience for adolescent reproductive health outcomes in rural South Africa. [tmutevedzi@africacentre.ac.za](mailto:tmutevedzi@africacentre.ac.za)



## **Advisory Board**

**Prof Philip Bejon**, Professor of Tropical Medicine, Director of the Wellcome-KEMRI-Oxford Collaborative Research Programme, Group Head / PI, Consultant Physician and Unit Director, Kenya. Dr. Bejon first came to Kilifi in 2002 to conduct Phase I and IIb clinical trials of a candidate malaria vaccine based on viral vectors. He returned to the University of Oxford in 2006 to complete specialist clinical training as a clinical lecturer, and then was appointed as a senior fellow in the NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre. These posts allowed him to remain active in malaria research, leading further trials of GSK's candidate malaria vaccine "RTS,S", and as a member of the Malaria Vectored Vaccine Consortium funded to test viral vectored malaria vaccines in several sites in Africa including Kilifi. An MRC Clinician-Scientist Fellowship, allowed him to return to be resident full-time in Kilifi in 2013. He became Executive Director of the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme in September 2014. He has an interest in the evaluation of malaria vaccines in the field and work with GSK and with colleagues in the Jenner in Oxford on candidate malaria vaccines. His research focuses on determining the impact of heterogeneity of malaria transmission on vaccine efficacy, in examining correlates of protection, and the duration of efficacy. Other epidemiological interests include validating definitions of severe malaria, studies of naturally acquired immunity to malaria, bone infection and osteomyelitis, and over the last few years a developing interest in spatial epidemiology.



**Prof Jay Berkley**, Paediatrician and Professor of Paediatric Infection Diseases, Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Group Head / PI, Consultant Physician, Fellow



and Supervisor, KEMRI Centre for Geographic Medicine Research – Coast and Wellcome Trust Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya. Prof Berkley leads a research group focusing on infection and inflammation in childhood malnutrition, and on perinatal health. Jay joined the KEMRI/Wellcome Trust Collaborative Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya in 1997. He undertook a Wellcome Trust Research Training Fellowship on invasive bacterial infections and their relationships with malaria, HIV and malnutrition. His current Wellcome Trust Intermediate Clinical Research Fellowship is on tackling infection and inflammation to prevent mortality in malnourished children. Jay is involved in the Kenyan national training programme on integrated management of severe acute malnutrition and is an expert adviser to the Ministries of Health and the World Health Organisation.

**Prof Elizabeth Anne Bukusi**, MBChB, MMed (UON), MPH, PhD (UW), PGD (Research Ethics, UCT). Senior Research Officer at Kenya Medical Research Institute, and faculty of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Nairobi, University of Washington Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Chair of the National Bioethics Society of Kenya and on the Board of Management of the Medical Research Council (MRC) (South Africa). Dr. Bukusi's primary area of interest in research focus is on sexually transmitted infections, reproductive health and HIV prevention, care and treatment. In 1995, she established the Research Care and Training Program (RCTP) at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) in collaboration with Dr. Craig Cohen (UCSF). In addition to conducting research, the goal of the program is to enhance local capacity to conduct socio-behavioral and biomedical research and provide HIV care through training and infrastructure development. In addition to her substantial experience in conducting research in Kenya as well as providing HIV Care, mentoring and training different cadres of health care and research personnel, she has an interest in research and clinical ethics and the development of systems and structures for regulation of research at KEMRI and in the country. She chairs the Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) at KEMRI in addition to overseeing scientific regulation. She has served on the Scientific and Technical Advisory Board of the Department of Reproductive health and Research at WHO. She also served on the MIRA (Diaphragm) study, the CAPRISA 004 DSM Professor Elizabeth A. Bukusi is Chief Research Officer and the Deputy B, and the LEAP DSMB (DNDi) and currently serves on the IPM Ring study DSMB, and as the Co-chair of the HPTN's Women at risk committee. In addition to being a member of the Kenya National AIDs Control Committee (NACC) HIV prevention Task force, she is the chairperson of the National Bioethics Society of Kenya and was recently appointed to serve on the Board of Management of the Medical Research Council (MRC) (South Africa).



**Prof Nicholas PJ Day**, FMedSci FRCP, Director, Mahidol-Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU), Thailand. Nick Day's particular interests include the epidemiology, pathophysiology and treatment of malaria, melioidosis, leptospirosis, rickettsial infections, Staphylococcus aureus infections, influenza, dengue and other communicable diseases afflicting rural populations throughout Asia and beyond. The Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit (MORU) develops effective and practical means of diagnosing and treating malaria and other neglected diseases such as melioidosis, typhus, TB and leptospirosis. MORU was established in 1979 as a research collaboration between Mahidol University (Thailand), Oxford University (UK) and the UK's Wellcome Trust. MORU's main office and laboratories are located within the Faculty of Tropical Medicine at Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand, with MORU study sites and collaborations across Thailand, Asia and Africa. MORU is generously supported with significant funding from the Wellcome Trust, our major funding partner. We also receive funding from other trusts and foundations, governments, and



multi-lateral donors.

**Dr. Caroline Jones**, Ph.D. Medical Anthropologist and senior social scientist at KEMRI- Wellcome Trust Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya. With a background in medical anthropology her research over the past 12 years has focused on treatment seeking and preventive behaviours for malaria and the factors that influence provider practices in sub-Saharan Africa. More recently she has been looking at the implementability and sustainability of public health interventions, focusing on issues relating to social relationships, organizational structure and management and leadership. Research capacity strengthening and the promotion of the appropriate use of high quality social science research in the development and implementation of public health policy are major concerns underpinning much of her work. A key role in her current position is to contribute to building Kenyan and regional expertise to develop and lead such research. [cjones@kemri-wellcome.org](mailto:cjones@kemri-wellcome.org)



**Prof Stephen Kennedy**, Head of Nuffield Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Professor of Reproductive Medicine, University of Oxford. Dr. Kennedy qualified at Guy's Hospital, London, in 1984, having graduated from Keble College, Oxford, in Experimental Psychology. He trained at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford; Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, London, and the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading. He has held the posts of Research Fellow (1986-89), Clinical Lecturer (1992-94), and Senior Fellow in Reproductive Medicine (1994-99) in NDOG, before being appointed as Clinical Reader in 1999 and Professor of Reproductive Medicine in 2011. He has been Head of Department since 2005. With Jose Villar, Dr. Kennedy jointly leads the INTERGROWTH-21st Project, a large-scale, multi-centre project involving health institutions in 11 geographically diverse countries around the world that aims to assess fetal and newborn growth under optimal, and various sub-optimal (e.g. exposure to malaria, HIV and malnutrition), conditions. [stephen.kennedy@obs-gyn.ox.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.kennedy@obs-gyn.ox.ac.uk)



**Prof Wendy Rogers**, Professor of Philosophy, Macquarie University. Prof Rogers joined Macquarie in 2009 as a CORE joint appointment between the Philosophy Department and the Australian School of Advanced Medicine. She initially trained as a general practitioner before undertaking philosophy honours and a PhD in medical ethics at Flinders University, after which she spent two years at the University of Edinburgh on an NHMRC post-doctoral fellowship. Prior to coming to Macquarie she spent five years leading the ethics, law and professionalism teaching in the School of Medicine at Flinders. She has long standing interests in the ethics of organ donation, feminist bioethics, public health ethics, conflicts of interest in health care, research ethics and the ethics of evidence-based medicine. From June 2014, she will take up a Future Fellowship on Defining disease: addressing the problem of overdiagnosis. This research investigates the concept of 'disease' and the ethical issues associated with expanding definition of disease that label people whose health is not compromised. Her books include: *Vulnerability: New essays in ethics and feminist philosophy*, Mackenzie C, Rogers WA, Dodds S (eds) New York: Oxford University Press (2014). *Practical Ethics for General Practice* 2nd edition, co-authored with Annette Braunack-Mayer (Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2009).



**Katharine Wright**, Assistant Director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, and led the Council's project exploring the ethical issues arising out of the involvement of children and young people in clinical research. Her background is in health policy, law and ethics: before taking up her current post, she spent nine years at the UK House of Commons, briefing MPs of all political parties on health issues, and then four years in the NHS, monitoring the effect of the Human Rights Act on health law in England. During this time she was also seconded to the English Department of Health to work on patient consent. Her work at the Nuffield Council has included consideration of ethical issues arising in dementia; in the donation of all forms of bodily material for treatment or research; the sharing of information in the context of people born as a result of the donation of gametes and embryos; and the growing use of cosmetic procedures.

