

5th Annual Africa Interdisciplinary **Health Conference**



STRENGTHENING AFRICA'S HEALTH SYSTEMS THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION

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Welcome Message from AfIHC 2022 Planning Committee Chair

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you all to the 5th annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference. This conference is organized by Push Aid Africa Inc. (PAAF) in collaboration with the Africa Interdisciplinary Research Institute (AfIRI) under the theme Strengthening Africa's Health Systems through Interdisciplinary Research and Communication. We at AfIRI are committed to an interdisciplinary approach to scholarship and we believe that for research to serve its full purpose, it must be effectively communicated to serve the interests of the public.

After navigating two annual conferences online because of the global pandemic, it is just appropriate to add a virtual component to this year's conference. AfIHC 2022 is therefore the first hybrid conference. Within these three days, there will be panel discussions, concurrent oral and poster presentations from more than 15 African countries and the United States under the following subthemes: Innovative approaches to health communication in Africa; Community engagement in healthcare delivery in Africa; The role of social sciences in strengthening Africa's healthcare system; Progress on achieving the sustainable development goals in Africa; Working towards universal health coverage in Africa; and Response strategies to emerging infectious diseases in Africa. We will also hold a special session

that focuses on how Ghanaian and African students who are interested in studying abroad can prepare a competitive application package.

I would like to thank the staff of AfIRI and the members of the local planning committee for the tremendous amount of work and skills which have gone into the organization of this conference. I would also like to express my gratitude to the technical team and various sub committees, especially the logistics committee for working extremely hard to ensure everything is in order and the scientific committee for their thorough review of the abstracts and careful selection of the winners of the various awards that will be presented in this conference. To our sponsors, the board members of Push Aid Africa Inc., the secretariat of AfIRI, School of Nursing, Center for AIDS Research, and AIDS Research Institute, all at University of California San Francisco, we appreciate your generosity.

I would like to encourage the speakers and participants online to fully engage those of us here in person and not be left out of any discussion.

I look forward to knowing you more within these three days.

Have a wonderful time.

Rachel Thompson, PhD Convener, AfIHC 2022 Director, Africa Interdisciplinary Research Institute

Welcome from Push Aid Africa Board of Directors

We are delighted to welcome you to our 5th annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AfIHC 2020). The theme for AfIHC 2022 is *Strengthening Africa's health systems through interdisciplinary research and communication* is very important especially in these global unprecedented times we experience and the level of misinformation. Never before has it been as important as right now that we work together to advance interdisciplinary healthcare delivery and appropriate communication of research findings. The accentuated need, during COVID-19, to deliberate and explore best practice evidence for delivery of interdisciplinary health care will continue.

During the AfIHC 2022 hybrid conference you will have the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with a global network of colleagues while engaging with the latest research and interdisciplinary projects of colleagues from Africa. We hope that our 2022 conference will provide a tremendous opportunity for educators, clinicians, administrators, policymakers, researchers and specialist across a variety of disciplines to network and possibly foster collaborations.

Thank you for taking time to join your fellow conference participants virtually and share your experience and expertise. We trust you find your time is well spent, that old friendships could be renewed while also creating new connections. On behalf of everyone associated with AfIHC, we welcome you to our virtual conference. We look forward to engaging with you to promote interdisciplinary education and collaboration.

Sincerely,

AfIHC Board of Governors

Welcome Message from AfIHC Secretary General

I wish to welcome you, our participants from across the globe, to our 5th annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AfIHC). The theme for AfIHC 2022 is *Strengthening Africa's health systems through interdisciplinary research and communication*.

This year's conference marks the fifth-year since we started AfIHC. Interdisciplinary collaboration is becoming the dominant model for understanding complex health issues across the globe. However, not much has been done in Africa to promote this collaboration among healthcare professionals. AfIHC is the first of its kind in the Africa sub-region, focusing on connecting health-related researchers, academics, students and practitioners. This conference is the most remarkable event that will bring together healthcare professionals from all disciplines including governmental, private, and bilateral organizations in Africa to deliberate on the future of interdisciplinary health research and collaborations in Africa.

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has presented us with the unprecedented opportunity to use an interdisciplinary approach to promote healthcare delivery in Africa. AfIHC 2021 is the ideal platform for us to discuss innovative ways to prevent or handle pandemics such as COVID-19 using an interdisciplinary approach. We are grateful to our co-host, Africa Interdisciplinary Research Institute who diligently worked with us to make AfIHC 2022 a success.

We would like to say a special thank you to the local planning committee members and other members of the various subcommittees for their commitment and enormous contribution to the success of AfIHC 2022.

I wish all the best in this year's conference

Best Wishes

Jerry John Nutor, PhD

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Wednesday July 13

08:30-09:00 GMT - Welcome

09:10-11:00 GMT - Panel discussion

Moderator: Dr. Maureen Akolo



11:00 - 11:30 GMT Break

11:30am-12:30 GMT

Concurrent abstract presentation

Session A-COVID Vaccine

Moderator: Gbande Sulleh

COVID-19 vaccine uptake among health care workers in Ghana: a case for targeted vaccine deployment campaigns in the global south - Robert Kaba Alhassan

To take or not to take: determinants of student's preparedness to take COVID-19 jabs in the University of Cape Coast, Ghana -Daniel Ampem Darko-Asumadu

Determinants of COVID-19 vaccine uptake among FSW in Nairobi County, Kenya - Maureen Akolo*

Session B: Health systems

Moderator: Atubiga Baba

Health systems resilience in contexts of unequal chances in access to health insurance in Nigeria - Henry T. Asogwa*

Using Lekgotla discussion to formulate and verify the strategies to empower women with indigenous dysmenorrhea knowledge - Melitah M Rasweswe*

CSD-Materials: An Indispensable Tool for the Prediction of Polymorphism in the Pharmaceutical Industry - Samuel Tetteh*

Strengthening research through African oiaspora Organization through medical education and research strengthening initiative (MERSI) - Eiman Ahmed Mahmoud*

*Poster presentation

12:30-13:30 GMT Lunch

13:30-14:30 GMT

Keynote Speech

Moderator: Dennis Penu



14:40-14:55 GMT - Break

15:00–17:00 - GMT Concurrent abstract presentation

Session A: Impact of COVID-19 on individual and healthcare delivery

Moderator: Dr. Patience Afulani

COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among the adult population in Ghana: evidence from a pre-vaccination rollout survey - Robert Kaba Alhassan Response to COVID-19 pandemic in slum communities in Oyo State, Nigeria - Cecy Balogun

An Assessment of perceptions of health professionals' students on their role in COVID-19 pandemic - Susan Nassaka Byekwaso

An evaluation of the tuberculosis surveillance system in the Lankwantang Madina municipality during the covid-19 pandemic-Alex Ansah Owusu

Exploring the impacts of precarious work and family caregiving on the health of African immigrant women during COVID-19 in Canada - Joyceline Amoako

The extent of self-reported impact of COVID-19 on daily life and income among university students in Kumasi, Ghana - Emmanuel Keku

Session B: Healthcare management

Moderator: Atubiga Baba

Management of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases in Ghana: Qualitative study of the practices, coping strategies, and challenges in the Volta region - Robert Kokou Dowou

Effects of a school-based intervention to reduce cardiovascular disease risk factors among secondary school students - John Amoah

Bidirectional relationship between Cognition and Motor function in Older Ghanaians: Results from the WHO-Study on Global AGEing and Adult Health (SAGE) Wave 2 - Daniel Gyaase

An assessment of mental healthcare financing strategies and the free mental health policy of Ghana - Richard Agbanyo

Healthcare financing policy tools as determinants of health system efficiency: evidence from sub-Saharan Africa - Kwadwo Arhin

Thursday July 14

 $08:00-09:50\,GMT$ - Concurrent presentation

Session A: Physical disability and poverty reduction

Moderator: Michael Deynu

Experiences with prosthetic rehabilitation after lower limb amputation in Ghana: an exploratory study - Rebecca Dordunu

The use of pineapple leaf fiber for prosthetic socket application -Eric Worlawoe Gaba*

Pre- Perioperative experiences and expectations of patients at the Suntreso district hospital in Ghana – A phenomenological study -Eunice Eduful Adu-Gyamfi

Interdisciplinary intervention to reduce poverty and undernutrition in Kigezi, Uganda: The rabbit breeding project -Patrick Driscoll

Session B: Technologies and advances in healthcare

Moderator: Keku Emmanuel

Leveraging e-Learning technology to enhance pre-service training for healthcare trainees in Ghana: evidence from a pilot project and pointers to policy reforms - Robert Kaba Alhassan

Association of sociodemographic factors with knowledge and compliance to standard precautions measures amongst student nurses in Eswatini university - Ncobile Victoria Gina

Translation, cultural adaptation and psychometric properties of the Ghanaian language (Akan; Asante twi) version of the health literacy questionnaire - Millicent Ofori Boateng

Utilization of online education among ursing students during Covid-19 pandemic: a study in the Northern region of Ghana -Patricia Adade

Assessment of knowledge, perceptions and beliefs towards universal safety precautions and vaccine acceptance in Ghana -Hannah Taylor-Abdulai

Session C: Formal and informal caregivers

Moderator: Joyceline Amoako

Perception about elder abuse perpetration among caregivers of elderly persons in Oyo State, Southwest Nigeria -Oludoyinmola Ojifinni

Quantitative survey of caretakers satisfaction to support student patients on admission - Maxwell Seyram Kumah

Parental Involvement in the sex education of adolescents with disabilities in the Ejisu Juaben municipality - Theresah Ivy Mensah

Knowledge and Practices of infection prevention among health workers at Police Training School 11, Ebola Treatment Centre, Hastings, Freetown, Sierra Leone - Frank Nukunu*

Unsafe abortions among adolescents in Chibolya compound, Katete district Zambia - Mutinke Zulu*

*Poster presentation

 $09{:}50-10{:}00\ GMT$ - Break

10:30 – 12:30 GMT : **Special Panel** Moderator: Dennis Penu, MPhil, PhD©



12:30 - 13:30 GMT - Lunch / Study Abroad panel



Plenary 13:30-14:30 GMT



- 14:30 14:40 GMT Break
- $14:40-15:50\,GMT$ Concurrent abstract presentation

Session A: Maternal healthcare

Moderator: Dr. Robert Kaba Alhassan

Factors associated with provision of person-centered maternity care: a cross-sectional study with maternity providers in Kenya and Ghana - Patience Afulani

The Uptake of Key Interventions Among Pregnant Women Attending Antenatal Clinic at The University Hospital - KNUST, Kumasi - Rosemond Serwaa Nyarko Factors contributing to inadequate utilisation of local primary healthcare facilities by women during labour and childbirth in Limpopo province, South Africa - Kgadi Ruth Mosehla

*Poster presentation

Session B: Mental health

Moderator: David Asakitogum

Living with schizophrenia: the role of interpersonal relationships - Isaac Tetteh Commey

Mental health literacy: A case study of students at (t.i) Ahmadiyya and Kumasi Anglican senior high schools, Ghana -Rebecca Tawiah

Experiences of residents in a therapeutic community model of addiction treatment at a psychiatric hospital in Ghana - Kweku Lindsay*

Mental health and Substance abuse among adolescents: An Integrated Literature Review - Miriam Moagi*

16:00–17:00 GMT - Concurrent panel discussion Panel 1



Panel 2



17:30-19:00 GMT: 5th Anniversary Cocktail

Friday July 15

Panel discussion 09:00 – 10:30 GMT Moderator: Dennis Penu, MPhil, PhD(c)



10:30 - 11:00 GMT - Break

11:00 - 12:30 GMT - Concurrent Abstract Presentations

Session A: Determinants of cancer screening and treatment

Moderator: Michael Deynu

The journey of getting cervical cancer diagnosis: Experiences of women in Accra, Ghana - David Asakitogum

Determinants of late reporting breast cancer to health facilities in Northern Ghana for the impending conference in Ghana -Solomon Suglo Factors affecting the utilization of screening services for cervical cancer among women in the Cape Coast metropolis, Ghana - Samuel Arhin

Alteration in taste and hair in breast cancer patients treated with chemotherapy: Exploration of coping strategies - Gbande Sulleh

In vitro and in vivo antiplasmodial activity of β -amyrin and its in silico Plasmodium falciparum target(s) prediction- Janet Agyen Donkor

*Poster presentation

Session B: Maternal and child health

Moderator: Maxwell Seyram

Magnitude and causes of maternal mortality in Sidama Regional State, southern Ethiopia: Population based survey - Aschenaki Kea*

Maternal mortality in Sidama Regional State, southern Ethiopia: Estimates using the sisterhood method - Aschenaki Kea*

Care Seeking Behaviour and knowledge of Mothers regarding Pneumonia in Under-Five Children at Bashayir Hospital, April 2020/October 2021 - Zaid Suleiman* Factors Contributing to The Default of Sulphurdoxine-Pyrimethamine for Intermittent Preventive Treatment of Malaria Among Pregnant Women in the Kwadaso Municipality -Magdalene Abiana Quantson*

Knowledge, attitude and practice of mothers regarding under five nutrition: key policy recommendations - Alice Makafui Yevoo*

Perception and attitude of mothers towards use of chlorohexidine-gel for umbilical cord care during ante-natal and post-natal care sessions at South West Hospital, Nigeria - Simeon Olubiyi*

*Poster presentation

 $12:30-13:30\,GMT$ - Lunch

Study Abroad Panel



$13:30-15:00\,GMT\text{-}Concurrent\,Abstract\,presentation$

Session A: Advances in HIV care and management

Moderator: Dr. Robert Kaba Alhassan

Predictors of adherence and survival among HIV/AIDS adult patients in Volta region of Ghana - Lilian Mawuse Morti

Comprehensive knowledge about HIV and general health literacy in Angola - Neida Ramos

Effect of targeted counselling on retention into HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis program among Men who Have Sex with Men in Nairobi, Kenya - Maureen Akolo Risk Behaviors among People Living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from the Ghana Demographic and Health Surveys - Emmanuel Koku

*Poster presentation

Session B: Burden of chronic diseases

Moderator: Michael Deynu

Lived experiences of patients co-infected with HIV and Tuberculosis in the Cape Coast Metropolis - Hannah Taylor-Abdulai

Herbs, Spirits and Treatment of Gonorrhoea in Ghana: a focus of the traditional health practitioner - Wonder Agbemavi

Spatial analysis of Buruli ulcer among residents in the Hohoe Municipality - Atubiga A Baba

Exploring challenges for managing chronic health conditions -At the Last Mile, Lamu, Kenya - Amina Mohamed

15:00 - 16:00 GMT

Plenary



Closing / Awards 16:00 - 16:30 GMT

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