

**UGHE'S MENTORSHIP
PROGRAM 2022
PROFILE BOOK**

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INTRODUCTION

The University of Global Health Equity (UGHE)'s Center for Gender Equity was established in 2020 to be a center of excellence for gender mainstreaming and transformative practices in global health, through targeting the overall operation of UGHE in the academic, research and community development engagements, organizational practices, and partnerships. Guided by this, UGHE launched in May 2020 a one-year mentorship program for early-career professionals and leaders in the Global Health (GH) field.

Mission

To build and enhance leadership skills of early-career global health professionals – with a focus on female and African participants – and create connections between them and thought-leaders from across the globe, with the goal of developing mentees into mentors who will pass it forward.

Vision

The UGHE's Mentorship Program provides a space for early-career global health professionals to learn from and connect with experienced mentors through a guided, personalized, and reciprocal mentorship. With the mentee as the driver of the relationship, and open-communication, empathy, trust, and commitment at the core of it, we believe each diverse and unique pair can learn from each other while creating lasting professional and personal connections that will shape future Global Health Leaders.

Program Objectives

- Connect the next generation of early-career Global Health Leaders with highly experienced leaders from across the globe for multi-cultural, multi-generational, reciprocal mentorship,
- Build lasting professional connections amongst young global health leaders across the global, but predominantly from Africa, with highly experienced mentors,
- Train mentees to promote global health and gender equity to help improve the lives of vulnerable groups where they live, as well as their own professional and family life,
- Provide resources and support for mentees to develop into mentors themselves.



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Deborah Oluwatomi, GSRH-MGHD'22

Nigeria



Oluwatomi Olunuga is a trained public health professional with over 4 years' experience in program management. She was the project manager for the StopCut project, which was funded by the United Nations Trust Fund to end Female Genital Mutilation in Nigeria. She is a Women Deliver Young Leader and was recently awarded a grant to implement the Boys Against Sexual Violence project in Nigeria. She is also a fellow at the MCW leadership program. Oluwatomi is deeply committed to gender equity, and male participation in SRH programs, and is always eager to contribute to the development of those around her.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am excited to gain so much insight into my mentor's professional journey and to learn from her experience in the global health space. Specifically, in the areas of leadership, research, program, and policy development. I believe that by the end of the program, I will have improved as a leader, broadened my network, identified key strengths, worked on weaknesses, and be exposed to new opportunities.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Dr Paul Farmer

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“With rare exceptions, all of your most important achievements on this planet will come from working with others—or, in a word, partnership.”



Bilquees Idrees

Pakistan



I'm Bilquees Idrees from Pakistan. I pursued an MS degree in Global Health Delivery from the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE). Hold 9 years' experience in community outreach, stakeholder engagement, budget management, managing field-based programs/projects, with an extensive background in advocacy, capacity building, and training. Hold skills in qualitative and quantitative research, and program leadership. Specific interest in program management and research. Currently working as telehealth program lead with Indus hospital and health network.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

My mentor can help me to identify and achieve my career goals even prioritize career requirements and commitments and contribute to fulfillment and satisfaction in my career.

I never had a mentor and I think a mentor would be valuable for both my career and academia.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Dr. Paul Farmer

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“*Opportunities don't happen, you create them.*”



Dr. Olana Wakoya Gichile, HM-MGHD'22

Ethiopia



A medical doctor and global health professional with more than six years of clinical practice, fieldwork, and teaching experience in resource-limited settings. Successfully led and managed a primary hospital as medical director and an academic program of pediatrics & child health as Head of the department. Aspiring to contribute to equitable access to quality healthcare by strengthening health systems through data-driven decision-making, value-driven leadership, and impactful research.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am looking forward to learning to think creatively and critically to solve global health problems and be an impactful researcher.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Jean-Paul Sartre

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”

Dalai Lama



Autumn Eastman, GSRH-MGHD'22

United States



Autumn is the Executive Coordinator for Partners In Health Liberia, where she is dedicated to facilitating health care delivery and catalyzing sexual and reproductive health. Autumn has a MSc in Global Health Delivery from the University of Global Health Equity in Rwanda with a concentration in gender, sexual and reproductive health. She's spent 3+ years volunteering in 10+ countries in various capacities, including leading menstrual health education programs in India. As a Certified Fertility Awareness Educator, Functional Hormone Specialist and the founder of the Cycle Literacy Project, Autumn also provides holistic and intersectionality-centered sexual and reproductive health counseling and classes.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I'm excited to have a mentor within the field of global health to receive guidance on my career trajectory and capacity-building needs. I look forward to being stretched and offered opportunities to grow and learn in my thinking, knowledge and skills. It's exciting to have the opportunity to bounce ideas off of another experienced leader!

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Paul Farmer's relentless mission and vision to bring quality equitable healthcare to marginalized populations.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ I am not free while any woman is unfree... Audre Lorde



Shreya Khanal

Nepal



Shreya is a youth activist, public health practitioner from Nepal, and recent WHO TDR Scholar who is enrolled in Gadjah Made University, Indonesia, to pursue a master's degree in public health. She is working to end the cycle of societal taboos surrounding sexual and reproductive health and rights for adolescents, girls, and women on both a local and regional level. She is aware that each person's contribution to the community has the potential to result in positive change. She strives to guide her society toward a supportive and tranquil atmosphere with such passion and dedication.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I look forward to learning time management skills, and life strategies to balance study, work and personal life. Reconstruct my positive attitude even after failing or not able to accomplish goals and ability to re do again. Research skills and many more life skills.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Everyone who has come across my path and has given me memories and life lessons.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“How big would you dream, if you knew you couldn't fail?”



Dr. Etsegent Arega Asmamaw, GSRH-MGHD'22

Ethiopia



A passionate medical doctor and global health professional with more than 5 years of clinical practice and fieldwork experience in resource-limited settings. I hold a master's degree in global health from the gender and sexual reproductive track. I am currently practicing as a physician and quality officer in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, working to strengthen and improve access and health care service quality. During my career, I have contributed to the development, implementation, and improvement of protocols in different health facilities. Through research, I have tried to support access to knowledge and the improvement of health care. I envision an Africa with enhanced access to health care and fight for the empowerment of youth and women to achieve this objective.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I look forward to learning from my mentor how to identify the strengths that will help me advance in my future profession, as well as how to fill in my gaps and improve my research, advocacy, and leadership abilities through the mentorship program. I anticipate receiving feedback that will aid in my personal growth and achievement of my short- and long-term plans. I hope to learn the skills essential to overcome obstacles in my future profession.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My father Arega Asmamaw and Dr. Paul farmer.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ *The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong with the world. — Paul Farmer*



Dr. Betel Amdeslassie Fenta, GSRH-MGHD'22



Arsè Betel Fenta is a physician from Ethiopia, who is passionate about advancing gender equity within health systems. She recently graduated with her Master of Science in Global Health Delivery (MGHD): Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) track at the University of Global Health Equity. She has over 5 years of work experience in project coordination, management, and research in gender equity and SRH including serving as CEO of the Ethiopian Medical Women's Association (EMeWA). In addition, she strongly believes in empowering healthcare professionals to bring social change, she currently serves as chair at Ethiopian Medical Association: Junior Doctors Network (EMA-JDN).

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

Overall, I look forward to the process of mentorship and getting to know my mentor and vice versa. More specifically, having recently completed my master's degree, I am looking for guidance on how I can best apply what I have learned to my work and the initiatives I am involved in. Through this mentorship program, I hope to acquire the knowledge and support I need from my mentor to achieve the above and advance my career further.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Maya Angelou, her resilience, wisdom, and how she empowers and motivates women inspires me.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter - MLK



Evelyn Grace Bigini, OH-MGHD'22

United States



Evelyn Grace Bigini is a Registered Nurse and Child Care Health Consultant working with the University of California, San Francisco, which rests on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone people. Evelyn learns and acts at the intersections of children's development, mental health, environmental health, and migrant and Indigenous rights. She is an early-career global health professional with Masters degrees from the Netherlands and Rwanda. Evelyn has experience with global health collaborations and impact (Partners In Health), climate advocacy (Earth Uprising, International), youth program delivery (Refugee Project Maastricht), qualitative and quantitative research (several universities), and teaching (University of Pittsburgh).

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

People know what they do; frequently they know why they do what they do; but what they don't know is what what they do does." Michel Foucault, *Madness and Civilization: A History of Insanity in the Age of Reason*. I'm looking forward to learning about, from, and alongside my mentor. People and environments in my life have taught me that I can always learn more about "what what [I] do does." Here's to deconstructing, reconstructing, and co-constructing knowledge and practices.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Folks, including children, who imagine and create a more just, equitable, and peaceful world.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?



Mihigo Bonaventure, OH-MGHD'22

Rwanda



Mihigo Bonaventure is a Global Health Enthusiast with an interest in (One) health Innovations for the community. He is a graduate of a Masters of Global Health Delivery, in One Health track, from the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE). He is currently working as a research affiliate at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Rwanda. It is the same organization that he was working with before joining UGHE. Prior to that, he volunteered and served as the Executive director of Rwanda Village Community Promoters (RVC), a non-profit organization aimed at empowering vulnerable communities in Rwanda.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I envision creating one health innovations to respond to the most pressing health challenges of my people in Rwanda and the region. To do this, leadership, an improved understanding of the (health) system thinking, and partnership building are at the forefront of skills I need to achieve my vision. I am fortunate enough to be a mentee of Prof. Dr Marion Lynch who has over 38 years of experience in the skills mentioned above and more.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My mother inspires me. She is a hard-working woman with compassion and love for people.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“After all, it’s only by helping others that we can truly help ourselves.” Dr John Dolittle (Robert Downey Jr.)



Dr. Mahlet Tadesse Admasu, OH-MGHD'22

Ethiopia



I am a medical doctor with a passion for communication, neuroscience, and service. I love to teach and I hope to someday be a teacher and work on education and the education system. One of the biggest lessons I have received recently is on global health/One Health and the recognition that everyone and everything is interconnected. This is the lesson I will be taking forward with me as I pursue my passions.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I look forward to learning from a seasoned professional and having a space where I can discuss success from all aspects of life. I hope to develop my communication, leadership, planning, and critical thinking skills. By the end of this program, I hope to have found a way to define a path that leads to my goals and aspirations and fits my specific identity.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I can't think of one specific person but people who forgive and love easily inspire me.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ *Serenity is not freedom from the storm; but peace amid the storm.* ”



Dr. Alpha Seifu Ali

Ethiopia



I am a final year orthopedics and trauma surgery resident at Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia looking to sit for my finals in a month. I graduated from the same medical school in 2018. I have worked as a lecturer there for a year prior to starting my residency. I am also a passionate medical educator, junior researcher and aspiring health care leader. I am passionate about insuring equitable surgical care in my home country; particularly interested in orthopedic trauma care, trauma-related death and disability prevention and conducting pertinent research with regards to that.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am looking forward to receive some guidance in my pursuit to venture into advocacy work for orthopedic trauma care in addition to clinical practice. I would also like to learn something about conducting pertinent research. And on a more personal level, I would appreciate pointers on work-life balance.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My late father because he valued accountability and integrity about all else.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ *To thine own self be true* ”



Makamohelo Malimabe

South Africa



I am a Fulbright Scholar with a special interest in the scaling up of mental health care in Southern Africa. I am a Counseling Psychology major, currently based in Michigan, America. I am completing my clinical internship at two local sites where I serve as an Learning Therapist. I enjoy working with people and seeing them take care of their mental health. Sadly, there is still a long way to go with mental health delivery in most African countries. There is still stigma, poor quality services and shortage of mental health specialists. With my training and field experience, as well as background working in HIV and TB programs in Lesotho, I have recently launched an organization "Leseli Project" which is a hub for a wide range of mental health services.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am looking forward to gain additional skills and knowledge in areas of mental health and global health. Lessons in how to successfully lead an organization and the team. Things to look-out for that pose threats to health programs, how to thrive in a leadership position.

How to establish collaborations with other stakeholders, as well as contribute to science through my work in mental health in my country. I am hoping my mentor assigns me take-home tasks.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My parents are truly the best.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Franklin D. Roosevelt – A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor.



Dennis Amadi

Malawi



Dennis Amadi is a Global Health Specialist trained at Gothenburg University in Sweden. He is a Swedish Institute (SI) Scholar, with over 10 years of practical work experience, in clinical, preventive and project management. He has worked with the Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Health , private sector and international organizations. His research interest is within the population studies in health and implementation science.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I look forward to get practical career guidance and support, and life time networks within the global health field. In particular am looking forward to gaining and sharpening my hard and soft skills that are relevant for my career growth, research, and leadership

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My Parents for their selflessness guidance and classical approach to life.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“Opportunities don't happen, you create them





Jean d' Amour Umazimpaka

Rwanda



I am a health professional with a background in Biomedical Laboratory Sciences worked in a district and central Labs within 5 years and then worked in private local company which was a molecular diagnostic representative of an international organization. I am currently working for an international molecular leading diagnostic organization based in Rwanda. I am passionate about medical technological innovation in healthcare setting.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

As I'm venturing into the global health field, I'm looking forward to learning more about leadership skills and practices, professional network leverage, career, and academic development. I hope I'll be able to learn from my mentor's experience how to maintain a work-life balance, pursue dreams, achieve life goals, and other aspects.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I am looking forward to strengthen my knowledge and skills related to my career in health sector especially biostatistics and molecular biology.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“My Consistency Thinking Becomes A Reality.

---Colossians 3:23



Jenna Hickey, GSRH-MGHD'22

Canada



Jenna holds a Bachelor of Science degree (Kinesiology) from Queen's University and a Master of Science in Global Health Delivery degree (Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health specialization) from UGHE. Jenna's interests in global health, international development, disability justice, participatory research and intersectional feminism have stemmed from various work and volunteer experiences, spanning the education, health, and gender fields. She has worked with Youth Challenge International, CARE Canada, Education Development Center and most recently, the University of Toronto. Jenna is excited to continue bringing her educational and experiential background together with her passions for women's rights, sexual health, and reproductive justice.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am looking forward to absorbing the wisdom, expertise, and experience of my wonderful mentor to learn how I am best able to use my skills and build upon my expertise to contribute to my fields of interest in the most meaningful and valuable manner possible.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My brilliant friends, family, colleagues, past professors and lecturers, and the strong women whom I have the pleasure of working alongside.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”



Nwaliweaku Anidi

Nigeria



Nwaliweaku Anidi has over 2 years' experience working in the Nigeria's national public health institute, where she is responsible for strategic and technical support to the Director General and contributes to the research for the development of disease guidelines and policy briefs to protect the health of Nigerians. She is passionate about generating scientific evidence that highlight the increasing risks, and prevalence of diseases of public health concern as well as bridging the gap between this policy and practice. This passion led her to start Active Lifestyle Project, a social project that encourages healthy lifestyles, particularly physical activity, through educational awareness and behaviour changes towards fight against Non-Communicable Diseases.

Nwaliweaku holds a Bachelors in Physiotherapy and is working towards a master's degree in public health.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am looking forward to connecting with Professor Anil Krishna, a senior global health expert with extensive experience and expertise in non-communicable disease (NCD) prevention and management. I hope to learn the critical skills required in health research, policy development and implementation science to address the growing burden of NCDs.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu.
He has an exceptional work ethic, leadership skills and vast experience in global health, while also empowering next generation of public health leaders like me.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ For I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength. *Philippians 4:13* ”



Dr. Ghislaine Gatasi

Burundi



Ghislaine is a medical doctor and a skilled public health professional with expertise in research, monitoring & evaluation as well project management support and quality assurance of public health and nutrition projects.

She is dedicated to implement evidence-based, innovative and quality programming with appropriate baselines, targets and indicators that are tailored to local context.

She is also a team player with an ability to work in multidisciplinary, multicultural and diverse environment

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I look forward to grow both personally and professionally by improving my knowledge and skills, as well as increase my leadership capabilities, through observing and interacting with a mentor and professional whose experience has led through diverse journeys, but still managed to shine among their peers. I aim to be empowered in my personal development, guided in identifying and achieving my career goals, build confidence, and build my own mentoring/coaching ability to carry on to the next generation.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I am inspired by Resilience and anyone who does not give up despite difficulties.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.



Patricia Nyokabi Njuguna

Kenya



I am a Pharmacist with a Masters in Health Economics and Policy. I am currently undertaking a specialization in Health Technologies Assessment following a bilateral agreement between the Ministries of Health in Kenya & Thailand. I have previously served as a Senior Pharmacist in an annex of the largest teaching and referral hospital in Kenya. Prior to this, I worked in the Department of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in the Ministry of Health and was part of the team that formulated and initiated the implementation of the Kenya UHC strategy. I have taken up leadership roles throughout my life's journey. I was the founding Chairperson of the Pharmaceutical students association at my University, now in its 8th year.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am at a point in my career trajectory, where I would seek to venture from mid-level to top-level management. I am greatly anticipating to be nurtured in that direction and furnished with the skills needed. I look forward to spreading my wings in Global Health and making an impact beyond my city and country.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's First Prime Minister.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ If I can ease one life the aching, or cool one pain, or help one fainting robin unto his nest again. I shall not live in vain. I shall not live in vain.



Rafiat Tolulope Akinokun

Nigeria



Rafiat Tolulope Akinokun is a Registered Nurse with two years experience in clinical nursing practice, public health advocacy and research. She holds a Bachelors degree in Nursing Science from Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso Nigeria. She has worked at Federal Medical Centre Owo and has taken up leadership roles in various Non Governmental Organizations such as Chemonics International and Mentally Aware Nigeria Initiative. She currently serves as an immunization advocacy champion with the Nursing Now Challenge and the Sabin Vaccine Institute where she advocates for improved vaccine acceptance by tackling vaccine hesitancy through indigenous health education.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I look forward to learning more about research and story telling

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Prof. Pascale Allotey

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“Accept no one's definition of your life, define yourself.”



Dr. Beza Tekleyohanes

Ethiopia



A medical doctor and public health expert by experience who's currently doing my International Master in Public Health at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Beza spent the past 3 years in the field of Public Health Emergency Management from National Case Management Lead to National Consultant at the Office of the Minister. Global health, global surgery, and public health emergency are Beza's top interest areas.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

What the textbook doesn't teach me.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Nature, human interactions, purposeful knowledge, and art.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ *Not everyone who wanders is lost - J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring (The Lord of the Rings).* ”



Dr. Colyse Nduwimana, GSRH-MGHD'22

Rwanda



Colyse Nduwimana is a young female medical doctor born and raised in Burundi. She pursued her education in Rwanda where she graduated from the University of Rwanda with a bachelor's degree in general medicine and from UGHE with a master's degree in Global Health Delivery with a concentration in Gender, Sexual, and Reproductive Health. She is passionate about advocating for the access to the highest attainable quality of care especially sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for women and girls with an emphasis on Adolescents and vulnerable populations. Also, having an extensive experience in the Covid-19 pandemic response, she is very interested in Health System Strengthening.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

This mentorship is a fantastic opportunity to learn from a Global Health Expert. Along with advancing my personal development, I look forward to improving my professional and career advancement. I want to learn about the realities of global health and how to apply what I learn to make actual changes in my community and at a higher level. Since there are many obstacles for women to overcome in leadership positions,

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Every person who have invested in my education and my career development.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ *To Kindness and Love, the things we need most.*”



Dr. Bet-ini-Nsikak Christian

Nigeria



I am a Physician and Public Health expert (Health Systems Policy and Management). I hold a Masters' degree in Public Health from the Vrije Universiteit/KIT (Royal Tropical Institute), Amsterdam, Netherlands. I also have a background in Human Anatomy (Bachelors), and Medicine/Surgery, both from the University of Calabar, Nigeria. I am currently working with the Hospitals Management Board in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria, with over ten years of experience in primary care and community health practice as a physician, and a volunteer with the Medical Womens' Association of Nigeria (MWAN): a non-profit organization of female Medical Doctors and Dentists whose core objective is to empower women and girls in Nigeria with information required to achieve and maintain good health.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

As an emerging public health leader and researcher, I look forward to growing my professional network through the mentoring relationship. On a personal level, I hope to increase my confidence and assume a higher level of self-awareness as I work on my career goals with someone I look up to. Again, I look forward to gaining from my exposure to new and different perspectives while also developing strong communication skills, learning to ask good questions, self-reflect, as well as give and receive feedback.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My late Father lived a simple, yet very impactful life. He remains my greatest inspiration.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams (Eleanor Roosevelt)



Lucky Gondwe, HM-MGHD'22

Malawi



Lucky Gondwe is a global health professional with a passion for social justice and health equity. With over 8 years of experience supporting health program implementation, she has supported program implementation in a range of health areas including innovation in health, digital health, family planning, sexual and reproductive health, and HIV/AIDS. Through her professional and volunteer experience, Lucky has supported health system strengthening program implementation in Malawi and South Africa.. Lucky holds a Master's of science in global health delivery and is skilled in project management, stakeholder management, research, advocacy, and knowledge management.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

As an aspiring and growing global health professional, I look forward to learning from her vast knowledge and experience as one of the leading women in Global health. Aside from my shared interest in research, I also look forward to learning from her work providing strategic support to health-implementing entities at a wide range of levels in healthcare delivery.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

The many people that made the choice to dedicate their lives towards helping others and found the courage to keep doing so despite the challenges they faced

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

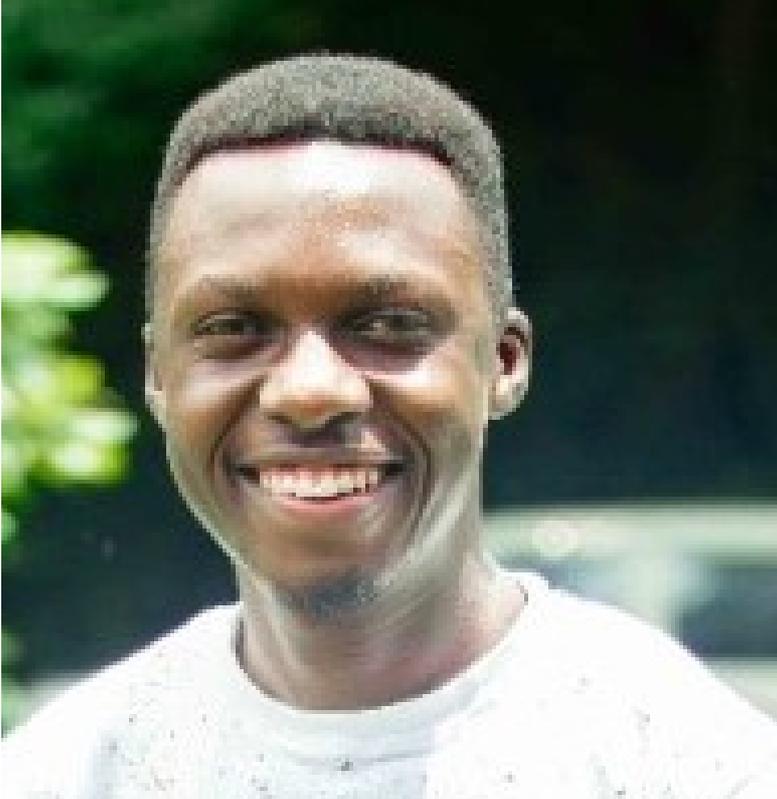
“It always seems impossible until its done.

Nelson Mandela



Egide Niyotwagira, OH-MGHD'22

Rwanda



I hold a Master of Science in Global Health Delivery, One Health track. In addition, I am a licensed Environmental Health Practitioner registered under Rwanda Allied Health Professions Council (RAHPC). I served as a Students' representative on the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee (ASCRC) at UGHE, and as the Minister of Information at the University of Rwanda during my undergraduate. For about four years, I served at Health Development Initiative (HDI), under data management and research capacities, on projects around HIV prevention among Key Populations and Adolescents' Sexual and Reproductive Health. I am a music composer and guitar player.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am looking forward to learning from my mentor practical skills around data management, research, Monitoring and Evaluation, and data analysis including different systems and resources and projects around those. I hope as well to have broader networks from him that work in the same area as mine so that I can have more people to work with, learn from and share the experience with.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Late Dr. Paul Farmer

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“*The idea that some lives matter less, is the root of all that is wrong with the world.*

Dr. Paul Farmer



Musafiri Tumusime

Rwanda



I'm called TUMUSIME Musafiri. Currently working with Partners In Health/IMB as Mercury Project Manager. Mercury project is working to leverage Community Health Workers to counter health misinformation in Haiti, Malawi and Rwanda. I have over 6 years of experience working with governmental (incl. Kacyiru, RBC, UR) and non-governmental (incl. ICAP and PIH) organizations as laboratory scientist, enumerator and research assistant. I gained experience in managing public health programs. I'm with bachelor's degree in Biomedical Laboratory Sciences from UR and I'm a candidate for a MPH(Epidemiology and Disease Control) from Mount Kenya University.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

As a younger leader, my mentor will help me to gain comprehensive understanding of leadership goals that will help me to develop leadership skills as younger leader, hence supporting my community

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I would say P2 which stands H.E Kagame Paul and Dr. Paul Farmer

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong with the world. Paul Farmer

Despite the challenges we still face, there is clear evidence of forward movement, and a sense that the moment is ours to seize.

H.E Paul Kagame



MENTORS



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Dr. Shubha Nagesh

India



Dr. Shubha Nagesh is a medical doctor and a public health consultant based in the Himalayan state of India. She is the Chapter Development Manager, Asia-Pacific & Middle East at Women in Global Health. She is an inaugural 2022 Women Life Health India Fellow and a Senior Atlantic Fellow in Global Health Equity. She has been the South Asia Correspondent for International Health Policies Blog. Previously she has worked with Childhood Disability for over a decade and as a clinician in the NHS, UK.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am looking to learn from, to engage with and to be inspired to do more from my mentee. My earlier mentoring experiences at Global Health Mentorships and the Canadian Society of International Health, taught me about how powerful a mentor-mentee relationship is! The learning is immense, the magic is unimaginable and the impact is beyond powerful.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

A sense of community and a common vision for the well-being of everyone.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ You alone are enough. You have nothing to prove to anybody. - Maya Angelou



Dr. Jo Freudenheim

United States



I am a cancer epidemiologist, doing research mostly on breast cancer. My formal training is in nutrition--I trained as a clinical nutritionist and then did a PhD in nutritional sciences. I am also trained in epidemiology--I did a MS in preventive medicine/epidemiology. I started my research career focusing on nutrition, and alcohol consumption and cancer epidemiology. While I continue with that focus, my research interests have expanded. Recent work has focused on factors related to all-cause and breast cancer specific mortality following a breast cancer diagnosis including molecular differences in breast tissues as indicators of the carcinogenic process.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

For me, mentoring is a collaboration, where everyone is enriched by the experiences and insights of the others. I look forward to learning from my mentee about their research interests and about the important questions that they would like to explore. Also, I am always interested in brainstorming about ways to move forward in their career to find the right place for them and to make a larger impact.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I am inspired by the strong women, young and old, in my family, who have each found a way to make an impact on their world.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?



When you teach, you learn.



Dr. Leana May Moser

United States



I was a Boston Children's Hospital Partners in Health Pediatric Global Health Delivery Fellow in 2013-2015, splitting my time between the Butaro mountain top and Boston. Over the past years I have remained involved in Rwandan physician mentorship and a low cost non-electric infant warming blanket research project. Since 2015 I have lived in Denver, with my husband, 4 kids (10, 5 year old twins and 1) and our 2 dogs. I work at the Children's Hospital of Colorado/University of Colorado School of Medicine/Colorado School of Public Health. My clinical work is in the pediatric emergency room. The other half of my time is spent on global health education, professional identity formation, mentoring and coaching pediatric trainees and medical students.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

It is an honor and a privilege to help mentor a Rwandan health professional to be a leader and change maker for my beloved 2nd home, Rwanda. Mentoring I always feel like I learn and grow as much, if not more, than what I am able to provide in exchange. I have not been in country, on the ground, since the pandemic and I know things continue to change and develop in my absence. I am sure my mentee will have many things to teach me about the current healthcare situation in Rwanda.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My children inspire me everyday to strive be the best version of myself and continue to find ways to make my community and world a better place

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Be the change you wish to see in the world. - Gandhi





Dr. Paul Park

United States



Dr. Paul Park is the Senior Director of Programs at Solid Ground (Seattle, USA) and holds appointments in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School as an Assistant Professor, the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women’s Hospital as an Associate Scientist, and UGHE as an Adjunct Lecturer. Solid Ground is a local, equity-driven NGO that addresses the social determinants of health in the Seattle area. Dr. Park previously worked at Partners In Health for four years in Rwanda as a clinician, Community Health Implementation Specialist, and later as the Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Chronic Disease. He then served as the Director of Implementation for the NCD Synergies project supporting the implementation and evaluation of PEN-Plus, a novel outpatient care delivery model for NCDs in LMICs.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

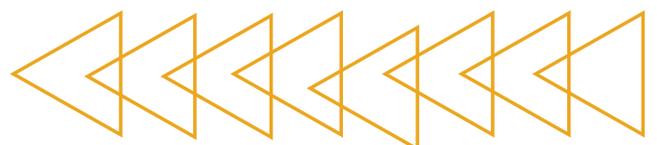
I am looking forward to learning the experiences and interests of my mentee. Through this exploration, I hope to guide the mentee to move closer to identifying fulfilling career goals and an initial road map to attain them. This field of work is difficult, but should also bring laughter and smiles. I look forward to having an enjoyable time.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

The front-line health care workers in resource-limited areas demonstrate incredible dedication, compassion, and accompaniment.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ *If you tremble with indignation at every injustice, then you are a comrade of mine.* ”



Dr. Fauzia Akhter Huda

Bangladesh



Dr. Fauzia Akhter Huda has long working experience with the Bangladesh Government's health system. Since joining icddr,b, she has substantially contributed to a range of studies with the shared objective of improving maternal/child/adolescent health. Her research primarily focuses on: determinants and consequences of poor sexual and reproductive health (SRH); unintended pregnancy, family planning, and post-abortion care; reproductive cancer; data quality assessment; and implementation of a rights-based, gender-sensitive approach to policies and programs.

Findings from some of her research studies have major achievements at the policy level and were instrumental in getting the approval for several key recommendations in relevant areas.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

Clear and open communication of perspectives and interests; high standards of ethics and professionalism; awareness of and ability to openly discuss preferences; and, strategies for addressing challenges as they arise.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Myself

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“Shoot for the MOON. Even if you miss, you'll land among the STARS.”





Dr. Stephanie Engel

United States



I am a 70 year old psychiatrist and have spent my professional life working in the field as a teacher and clinician. My primary work has been in the United States but I worked as a consultant with Partners in Health in Haiti in the years following the 2010 earthquake and have worked in Burundi as a consultant at Village Health Works since 2014.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I look forward to learning a lot from my mentee about her life and education and the impact those factors have had on her goals as a developing professional in the field of counseling and mental health. I am interested to find out how I can be most useful to her in supporting and enriching her growth as a professional and an agent for change in the world.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I was inspired by my parents, both of whom were educators. I took care of both of them as they were aging and then dying and reflecting on their lives.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?



We make a life by what we give.



Dr. Tayechalem Moges (UGHE)

Ethiopia



Tayechalem Moges is an assistant professor for the Gender and SRH program at the Centre for Gender Equity at UGHE. Previously, she has taught Gender and Human Rights Law at the Centre for Human Rights in Addis Ababa University and is a former teaching fellow at the University of Melbourne Law School. Tayechalem holds a PhD in Law from the University of Melbourne, an LLM in Human Rights from the Central European University, a Master of Gender Studies and a Bachelor of Laws from the Addis Ababa University.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I hope to get a good experience with this mentorship as the first mentoring without really knowing my mentee, I hope to learn from my mentee that it can work despite the distance and diversity if each of us got dedicated to the success with mutual trust

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My long time mentor, who overcome challenges of a physical disability to achieve success.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ *All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.* ”



Prof. Anil Indria Krishna (UGHE)

India



Prof. Anil Kumar Indira Krishna is Director of The Centre for Leadership in Global Health Equity (The Centre) at UGHE. Anil worked as Professor and Dean School of Public Health, SRM University, India. He served as Principal Investigator of over 15 funded projects. Prior to that Anil has worked with several international, national and UN organizations in India, Myanmar, and Bangladesh in implementing research and programs in public health. Anil's research focus is on health systems research and implementation science. Anil holding a doctorate in public health and have been working in the public health over two decades.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am looking forward to acting as a role model by demonstrating values and leadership competencies as I guide and support the mentee's career and professional development goals. While mentoring I would learn the real life problems faced by the mentees in their professional career and how are they addressing it. This would help me as to fine tune my mentoring skills.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, scientist and former President of India, the missile man of India.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ His contribution in the scientific development, and his devotion towards serving the nation.



Dr. Tomlin Paul (UGHE)

Jamaica



Dr. Paul is a family physician and medical educationalist who is currently Chair of the Educational Development and Quality Center at the University of Global Health Equity. He has developed and taught several courses in health care delivery and health promotion and has coordinated the delivery of an integrated curriculum for physicians' training in the Caribbean. Dr. Paul is an advocate for continuous quality improvement, inter-professional education and social accountability. He has participated in several international conferences and panels on medical education and social accountability.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

I am looking forward to learn about the career journey of my mentee, their world view and what strategies they have used to succeed and manage challenges.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Hearing the thoughts and ideas of others especially when they show passion and belief in what they are thinking and sharing.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ *Nelson Mandela said, It always seem impossible until its done.*



Cate Oswald

United States



Cate Oswald serves as Chief Policy and Partnership Officer for PIH where she leads a team with a mandate to drive global strategy for PIH's policy, advocacy, government accompaniment, and institutional partnerships efforts, working hand-in-hand with leaders on how the work of PIH strengthens the efforts of local, district and national governments and how that work translates into redefining how high quality health care is delivered globally. She earned a MPH in Epidemiology and a BA in International Development and Community Health from Brown University. For the past 16 years has served as a course leader in Brown University's Leadership Institute Global Health program.

What are you looking forward to learning in the program?

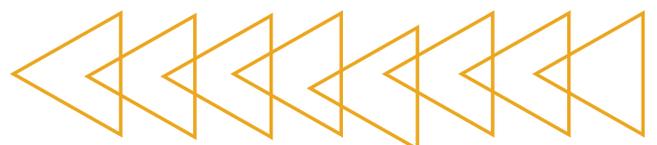
I look forward to the opportunity to learn and share together about our passion for global health equity. I hope to inspire my mentee through the conversations we have. Simultaneously, I look forward to the opportunity to listen and hear her story and learn from her life experiences to-date.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My friends and colleagues at PIH around the world

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ *Tout Moun Se Moun.*
Every person is a person.
Haitian Creole proverb





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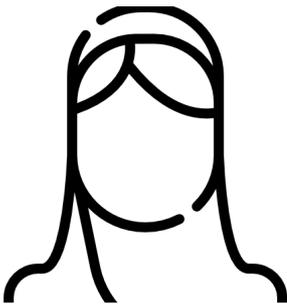
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