



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2020

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INTRODUCTION

UGHE's Center for Gender Equity is pleased to launch its two-year Mentorship Program as part of its ongoing commitment to knowledge sharing, and providing the tools and resources to empower the next generation of equitable leaders. The program welcomes selected participants from four continents including young women from the UGHE-hosted Women Leaders in Global Health Conference working in the global health sector at community level or in public services, alumni from UGHE's Master of Science in Global Health Delivery program, students from different parts of Africa, and distinguished women and men leaders in global health field. The program is the inaugural iteration of a series of programs, with two simultaneous cohorts starting in 2021.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The need for this program was expressed by early-mid career groups, as well as by other WLGH advisory committees;

- To sustain networks made during conferences for improved professional development,
- To connect the next generation of global health leaders with experienced mentors,
- To provide resources and opportunities for participants to develop into mentors themselves,
- To build lasting professional connections between young global health professionals (majority females) and their mentors,
- To train mentees to promote global health equity to help improve the lives of vulnerable women where they live.



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Florence Bitalabeho

Uganda



Florence Akiiki Bitalabeho is currently the Director for Community Based Education at the University of Global Health Equity and Partners in Health/Rwanda. Akiiki has been practicing and teaching medicine in Africa for over 20 years and practicing Global Health internationally. As a teacher and a healer, she is passionate about teaching the next generation to be healers of their communities, feet planted where they are and moving towards their dreams and callings. Married, with 2 daughters and a son, she is privileged to call Rwanda, Uganda and South Africa her homes.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I look forward to learning about the life of another person, their world lens, what they see and how they interpret it. Also in how they overcome life obstacles to achieve their goals, how they serve their communities and the world, what they want to learn from life, and the questions that keep them awake and interested in searching.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

People who embody positivity, hope and faith; have overcome life obstacles to achieve their goals.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?



Carpe Diem."





Mumba Chalwe

Zambia



Dr Mumba Chalwe is a Consultant Urological-Surgeon: a surgical subspecialty focused on men's health as well as the urinary systems in both men and women. She holds a Master of Medicine in Urology (MMED- Urol) and has vast experience working in both local and international healthcare settings. Dr Chalwe's clinical practice spans over the last 10 years and has ranged from day to day patient care, surgery as well as teaching in the academic Hospital setting. She is passionate about championing causes that promote continued education especially for females in the STEM fields; with the overarching aim of working towards the UN SDG 5 of promoting gender equality.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

A productive and impactful connection and possibly a life long relationship

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

No single person inspires me, I'm inspired by a collection of characters and peoples spanning over time. Examples such as the Work ethic of the Japanese, the ambition of leaders in the ancient Roman and Greek civilizations

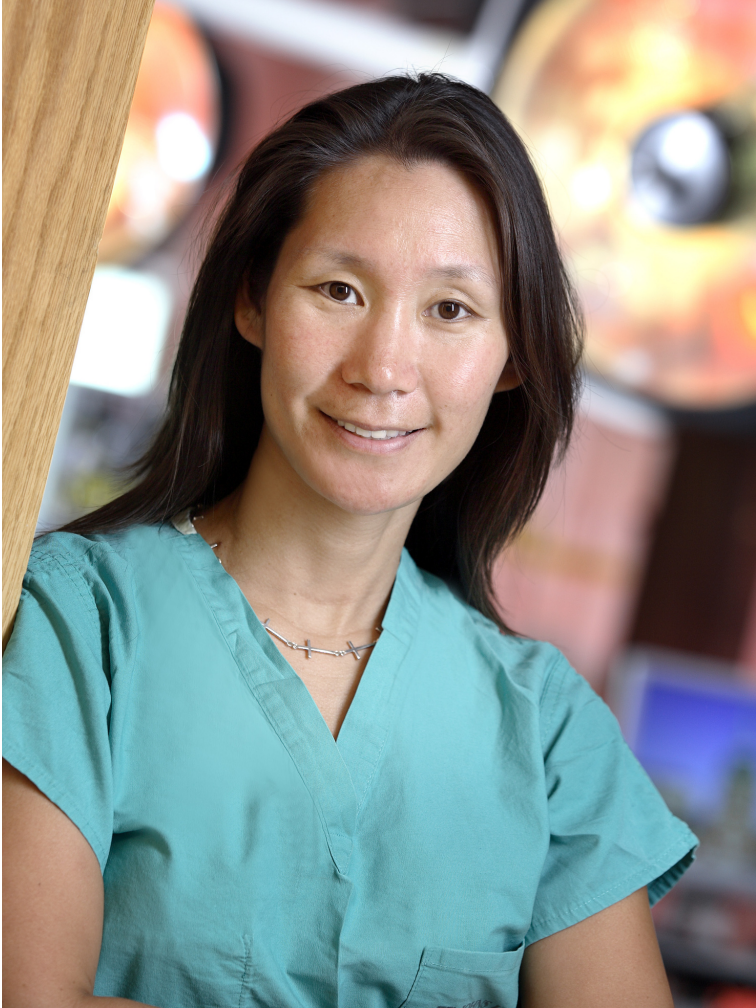
What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Failure is one of the best teachers; therefore do not be afraid to fail.”



Kathryn Chu

United States/South Africa



Kathryn Chu is a Professor of Global Surgery and the Director of the Centre for Global Surgery at Stellenbosch University.

She is committed to training the new generation of global health leaders in Africa. Her research interests are in humanitarian surgical delivery and improving equitable access to surgical care in Africa.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

Learning about new ways to view the world.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Nelson Mandela.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Challenge yourself to change your world.”



Justine Davies

United Kingdom



Justine's academic interest is in producing evidence to build systems for improved and equitable access to quality health care, particularly in diseases amenable to surgery or in cardiovascular diseases. Her research covers disciplines from epidemiology to qualitative research, health service assessment, predictive modeling, economics, and implementation science. She currently works with partners in Rwanda Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Malawi, South Africa, and Ethiopia. She has previously practiced as a medical cardiologist and been Editor at The Lancet Journals.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

How to be a better person and improve how I do things.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Many people inspire me in different ways, but mostly, my husband and other colleagues.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good (wo)men to do nothing.”



Lisa Hirschhorn

United States



Dr Lisa Hirschhorn is Professor of Medical Social at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and Senior Director for Implementation and Improvement Science at Last Mile Health. Trained in medicine and HIV, Dr Hirschhorn is an expert in implementation research and improvement science, actively applying these methods to improve the quality and equity of care in resource limited settings including maternal and child health, HIV, primary care and non-communicable diseases.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

Learning from the mentee's own journey to UGHE and experience and their area of work.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My daughter and son giving me hope for the future as well as other members of the next generation dedicated to justice and health

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ When we cast our bread upon the waters we can presume that someone downstream whose face we will never know will benefit from our action, as we who are downstream from another will profit from the grantor's gift.”





Somaya Hosny

Egypt



Prof. Somaya Hosny is a board member of National Authority of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Egypt, and Prof. of Histology and cell biology at Faculty of Medicine, Suez Canal University in which she served as the Dean for 4 years. She got a Master Degree in Health Professions Education from University of Illinois, Chicago, USA, and is an EMRO/WHO consultant in Medical Education.

Her areas of interest include quality assurance, accreditation, leadership management, student assessment, problem based learning, community based education, interprofessional education and social accountability.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

Changing experience with my mentee is something very important to learn more about cultural issues, different modes of learning. This in addition to enhancing my communication skills and other important aspects of leadership.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

The late Prof. Esmat Ezzat, who was a Dean of my school in the eighties, She was both very successful and a motivating leader.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?



Dream it. Wish it. Do it."





Fauzia Huda

Bangladesh



Fauzia Akhter Huda, a medical graduate and public health expert, having 26 years track record of working experience with different tiers of Bangladesh government's health system and in icddr,b. She has substantially contributed to a range of studies with the shared objective of improving maternal health. Her research focused on: dimensions of the problem of maternal mortality and morbidity and health system factors affecting them; underlying social determinants; most pressing reproductive health needs of adolescents; rights-based and gender-sensitive approach to policies and programmes for safe motherhood and advocacy strategies for making this an issue of urgent priority.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

Enthusiasm, proactiveness, optimism.

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.”



Kristin Hughes Srouer

United States



Kristin Hughes Srouer, Senior Director for Global Health Programs at Special Olympics International, leads Special Olympics' Health Programs working to increase access to health care and services for people intellectual disabilities. Prior, Kristin served at the U.S. Department of State working President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and at the White House in the Policy Development Office and as a member of the White House Presidential Advance team. Kristin graduated from Bucknell University with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

About the work my mentee is doing in their community and how I can take that back to my work.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Community Health Workers.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” "Ubuntu has to do with the very essence of what it means to be human, to know that you are bound up with others in the bundle of life. In our fragile and crowded world, we can survive only together."

--- Desmond Tutu



Marc Julmisse

Haiti



Marc Julmisse is the Chief Nursing Officer and the Deputy Chief Operating Officer at the Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais in Haiti. she is responsible for the Nursing services at HUM leading a team of 400 staff members, she shares the responsibility for the clinical, financial and operational leadership at HUM focusing on strategic planning hospital development and capacity building. She served as the Medical Education Program Coordinator (2010-2013) and Chief of Party for Adventist Health International-Haiti. Marc has worked in the nursing profession for more than 19 years.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

How I can be a sounding board for my mentee, what his/her needs are, how can I serve as a bridge, what their challenges and successes are.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I've been fortunate to have people in my life that have provided inspiration along my path. At this point in my life my inspiration comes from my son, who encourages me fight for equity.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow human being let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

---Stephen Grellet, 1773-1855
(French-born Quaker Minister)



Margaret Kaseje

Kenya



Margaret Kaseje is a professor of health systems/policy and Director of research and programs at the Tropical Institute of Community Health and Development in Kisumu, Kenya. She is the Vice President of the Association of Schools of Public Health in Africa (ASPHA). Margaret is passionate about the inclusion of communities and vulnerable groups as well as women, youth and children and makes use of innovations to improve livelihoods. She uses her vast experience to invest in building youth leadership skills.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am looking forward to learning new ways and innovations to reach the populations needing support.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I am inspired by women leaders within countries, companies, SMEs, as well as women leaders in communities.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ You have come to your ...position for such a time as this.”

--- Esther 4:14



Zahirah McNatt

United States



Zahirah McNatt is the Godley-St. Goar Chair of the Department of Community Health and Social Medicine and Assistant Professor at the University of Global Health Equity. She also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Columbia University. Dr. McNatt has been a consultant in the areas of global health, humanitarian systems, education in emergencies and human rights. Dr. McNatt has more than 13 years of experience in the Middle East, East Africa, the Americas & Southeast Asia, working on health systems strengthening in partnership with governments and research in humanitarian settings.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

My mentee is remarkable and I look forward to learning more from her in each of our sessions -more about HIV management, more about her passion for the world and more about ways we can collaborate.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My mother. My sister. My grandmother and women all across the globe.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Nothing can stop the power of a committed and determined people to make a difference in our society.”

--- John Robert Lewis



Jolly Mazimhaka

Rwanda



Prof. Jolly Rwanyonga Mazimhaka is a Rwandan professional educator, an Associate Professor of Literature, a consultant in various aspects of communication and of higher education matters, most especially, the quality of programmes, and of teaching and learning enhancement. Her academic qualifications include BA (Hons), PGDE, MA, and a PhD. Throughout her teaching career, she held various leadership and managerial positions, and served on several committees and boards at the University of Rwanda and in the region. On a personal level, Prof. Mazimhaka is a published author of children's books, who is also family-oriented, a people person who enjoys sharing laughter and fun moments.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

From my mentee, I'm looking forward to building stronger leadership skills, and gaining a sense of satisfaction from knowing that I've helped someone. With the big generation gap between us, I hope to gain different perspectives and new insights into the world of the millennial generation.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My beloved mother (RIP) for her loving, giving, and caring heart, and her belief in never giving up. My dearest husband (RIP) for believing in endless possibilities,

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ There is something about everything that you can be glad about, if you keep hunting long enough to find it.”



Margaret Mliwa

Kenya



Margaret Mliwa is a program officer with the Ford Foundation, Office of Eastern Africa, Nairobi. She is the recipient of a Commonwealth Scholarship and holds a bachelor's degree in education. She currently makes grants aimed at addressing systemic corruption by creating a healthy, robust civic space that ensures civil society can play a full and vital role in mediating public, private and government interests. Her work focuses on bringing together civic groups to build a strong, effective advocacy network to help increase the impact of their work in tackling corruption.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I hope that I will not only get to share my knowledge and perspectives, but also experience reverse mentorship learning from my mentee, establishing open and genuine feedback.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Prof. Wangari Mathai

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

---Margaret Mead



Etheldreda Nakimuli-Mpungu

Uganda



Etheldreda Nakimuli-Mpungu MD, PhD is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry at the Makerere University. She developed group support psychotherapy – a culturally appropriate evidence based mental health intervention that improves social, emotional and economic wellbeing of highly stressed individuals in rural communities. For this, she has been honored with a Presidential National Independence Medal of Honor and the 2016 Elsevier Foundation Award.

She completed her Master of Medicine in Psychiatry and Doctoral degree in Psychiatric Epidemiology from Makerere and John's Hopkins University respectively. She has been funded by Grand Challenges Canada, MQ Transforming Mental Health and CRI Foundation.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am hoping to learn more about human resource management during a pandemic.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Nelson Mandela.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ For it is in giving that we receive.”





Deogratias Niyizonkiza

Burundi



Deogratias Niyizonkiza is a leading advocate for the most impoverished people in the world. His compassion, expertise, and life experience have made him a key voice in global health and international development. Despite the hurdles he faced in the U.S.—homelessness, illness, and low-paying work delivering groceries—he received a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry and philosophy from the Columbia University, he attended the Harvard School of Public Health, where he met Dr. Paul Farmer and began working at PIH and Harvard Medical School.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

My mentee is on her way to achieving great things. I want to learn more about the practical work she plans to undertake in global health. I'm fascinated by her interest in implementation research, and her goal to create a project to end child marriages through education is critical. I want to learn about her plans to empower communities, which is so crucial to this work.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Our community members are a constant source of inspiration.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up.”

--- Vince Lombardi



Folake Olayinka

Nigeria



Dr. Folake Olayinka is a medical doctor with public health specialist in maternal and child health. She has 25 years experience in development and global health leadership. She brings deep passion for primary health care with particular focus on equity and leadership. Dr. Olayinka works with JSI as a Senior Immunization Advisor in Arlington. She most recently served as the Global Immunization Team leader on USAID's flagship Maternal Child Survival program (MCSP) from 2016 to 2019 providing technical assistance across fourteen countries and global policy engagement. Dr Olayinka also serves as an advisor on several global and regional advisory groups.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I would like to understand my mentee's future career objectives and see how best my experience sharing, providing guidance, and stimulating engagement can assist in their achievements. I will like to learn what informs my mentee's ultimate decisions.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I am inspired mainly by women leaders such as Jacinda Arden and Prof Helen Rees

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

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A desk is a dangerous place from which to view the world."

--- John le Carre



Lydia Pace

United States



Lydia is a general internist practicing at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, USA, and also a researcher studying women's health service delivery and policy in the United States and sub-Saharan Africa. She teaches and mentors medical students, residents and fellows at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is privileged to work closely with colleagues at Partners In Health, the University of Global Health Equity, and Rwanda Biomedical Centre on work to promote earlier detection of breast cancer in Rwanda.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

Most of my formal mentoring roles have been with trainees at my own institutions in the U.S. I'm excited to learn how I can apply the lessons I've learned in my own career to support and mentor trainees in other settings.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

U.S. Congressman and U.S. civil rights hero John Lewis, who died on July 17, 2020.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”

--- John Lewis



Patricia Tweedley

United States



Trish has more than 25 years of experience in the tax-exempt sector working with a wide range of tax-exempt organizations, including private and corporate foundations, family offices, governmental entities, NGOs, and other organizations with local, national, and multi-national operations. She holds a Masters in Public Health and was the first Director for Education & International Programs at the American Foundation for AIDS Research. (amfAR), and member of the team at the Rockefeller Foundation that created and launched the HIV/AIDS Alliance and the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

To better understand my mentee's career aspirations, skills, and interests to support the identification of a satisfying career path.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Healthcare workers at every level of service

What quote motivates you day-to-day?



There are two ways to be the light: to be the candle of the mirror that reflects it."

--- Edith Wharton





Loune G. Viaud

Haiti



Loune G. Viaud joined Zanmi Lasante/PIH in 1987. She studied Journalism and received her BA in education. Ms. Viaud initiated numerous programs for the protection of rights for children and adolescents as well as launched Sante Fanm in 1992, the first women’s health project for PIH. She received the Robert F Kennedy Human Rights Award in 2002. In 2010, Ms. Viaud established Zanmi Beni, a children’s home after the Haiti earthquake. In April 2019, Ms. Viaud spoke on behalf of Haitian women at the UN Security Council. Ms. Viaud currently leads a 6,000+ team in health care and supportive program throughout central Haiti.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

More about my mentee, and her goals and expectations. It's an incredible opportunity to share my experiences with my mentee, and peers at the Center for Gender Equity in the first cohort of the UGHE's Mentorship Program.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Many inspire me, but I will name Paul E. Farmer and Marie Claire Heureuse Félicité Bonheur Dessalines.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ ... the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most...”

--- Haile Selassie



Rhoda Wanyenze

Uganda



Dr. Rhoda Wanyenze, MBChB, MPH, PhD, is a Professor and Dean of Makerere University School of Public Health (MakSPH). She has vast experience in infectious diseases research, capacity building and program management and has also conducted research in maternal and child health. Prior to joining MakSPH, Dr. Wanyenze was the Program Manager for the Makerere University Joint AIDS Program. Dr. Wanyenze is active in public health policy leadership, has served on various technical committees and boards of several public health organizations.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I like engaging and learning from young people as I support them to reach their career goals. New thinking and innovations to resolving public health challenges in Africa, is what I hope to learn from my mentee.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

German Chancellor Angela Merkel as smart, accomplished, calm, and supportive of the vulnerable, making a great contribution to global health and development.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Making a difference, making this world and whatever I work at better than I found it, no matter the circumstances.”



INTRODUCING



THE PROGRAM MENTEES



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Daniel Bangura

Sierra Leone



Daniel Bangura is a Master's student at the University of Global Health Equity. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from Sierra Leone and works with the Ministry of Health as Hospital Pharmacist. He is passionate about the provision of a holistic healthcare package to adolescents and youths. This passion led him to start a local youth based organization call "Raising Hope" in 2012 and is now determined to take this organisation to another level after completing his Master's program.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am looking forward to gaining more knowledge in project management and program implementation, as well as how to deliver healthcare to adolescents and youths through my mentors 30 years experience gained in working purely with youth-based organisations.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My father who has spent over 20 years taking care of orphans.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”



Mastewal Bekele

Ethiopia



Mastewal Zenebe Bekele is a Nutritionist and policy advocate who is currently working in International Nonprofit organizations. She has MSc. In Nutrition and is passionate in advocating for equitable health access focusing on vulnerable groups like women, people with disabilities and youths. Mastewal has implemented an effective advocacy project called empowering evidence driven advocacy by conducting qualitative research involving youths and stakeholders on barriers to access family planning. She designed an advocacy objective based on the findings of the study and conducted higher level advocacy with decision makers.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am hoping to receive guidance on my professional and entrepreneurship journey.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Sheryl Kara Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Facebook, She is also both a founder of LeanIn.Org, and a philanthropist.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

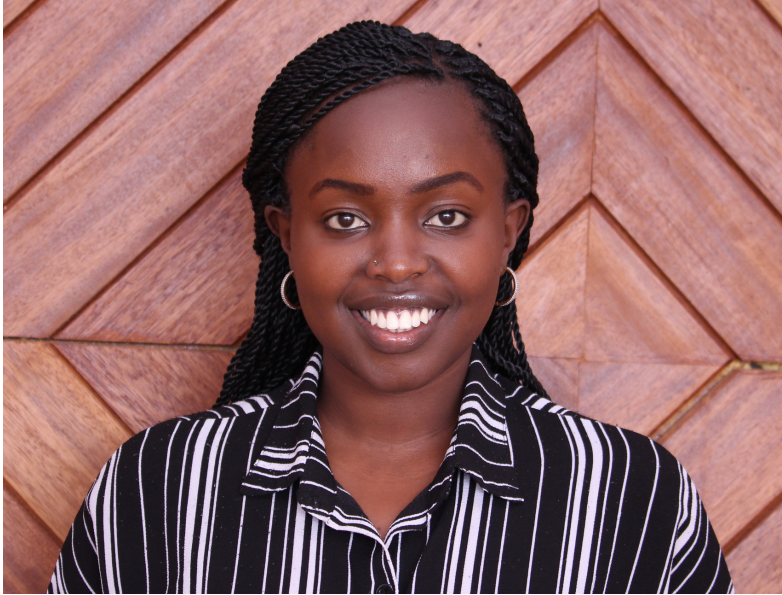


The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today."



Lisa Berwa

Rwanda



Lisa has a passion for equity in food security and is a graduate from the University of Global Health Equity. She's experienced, for a sum of 2 years, in assistantship for various nutrition and agricultural programs. In her work experience, Lisa has enjoyed learning the intersectionality between nutritional sciences and social aspects that determine food security. Lisa aspires to be part of the research that assesses and addresses challenges in food security with particular focus on accessibility social justice. She is passionate about the relationship between women and youth empowerment and how it relates to sustainable community development. In her free time, Lisa indulges in self-love and reflection.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am looking for assistance from my mentor as someone with broad experience across different fields. I look forward to this mentorship experience from Prof. Davies as someone who has once been where I am and who would support, help and give me advices both generally and specifically.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Dr. Steven Waller is one of the best mentors I've ever had.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

--- *Philippians 4:13*



Saddam Bukuru

Democratic Republic of the Congo



Saddam Bukuru is the Former Hospital Manager at the Africa Healthcare Network. Now, he is pursuing his master's degree in Global Health Delivery at the University of Global Health Equity. His background is Healthcare Management with a Concentration in Global Perspectives. Currently, he supports the Institute of Global Health Equity Research (IGHER) and is extremely passionate about research, health advocacy, one health, M&E, and policy making and analysis. His duties include to support the IGHER to reimagine global health through research to address socioeconomic barriers to health adherence.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I look forward to gaining social skills to help connect with the right people and ensure my growth and development professionally. I'd like to also be more dynamic in interactions with my mentor to make this opportunity as productive as possible. I'd like my mentor to share with me her experiences as a leader.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Patrice Lumumba, DRC.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?



The level of your happiness depends upon the quality of your thoughts."

--- Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor, 161AD



Amara Chizoba

Nigeria



Amara Frances Chizoba, is a specialist in geriatric programming. She holds degrees in Nursing and MPH, and is a PhD student of Public health. She's the Director of Mission to Elderlies Project –an NGO- that is making health care acceptable, accessible and affordable for elderly persons. She's also a consultant in HIV programs in Nigeria. She's a researcher, global health award recipient and speaker at global health conferences around the world. Amara is passionate about geriatrics and global health concern.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

How to write grants, and reduce turn around time between research proposal, to publication. Also how to make strong cases for older people to the government and funders to influence policy, guideline and funding; learn human capital development and volunteer management; and more about emotional intelligence.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Michele Barry, a chair in CUGH. I'm inspired by her achievements as a woman and interest in helping other women grow.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Don't wait to be given a sit to make an impact, pull a sit yourself and make contributions that command the recognition you deserve.”

Nardos Darkera

Ethiopia



Nardos Darkera is a Project Coordinator with Bay Area Community Resources and holds a B.S. in Public Health and an M.S. in Global Health.

She currently works with the Department of Public Health in San Francisco to address Big Tobacco's predatory targeting of youth & BIPOC by advocating for restrictive tobacco policies and building the capacity of disadvantaged youth.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

Gaining invaluable knowledge from Dr. Jolly Mazimhaka who has years of experience in research and academia. Also to receiving support and guidance in my professional career. I'm excited to have a confidant that I wholeheartedly look up to so early in my career.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Beyoncé. She is the epitome of perseverance, excellence, and a true force for change.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“Girls with dreams become women with vision. May we empower each other to carry out such vision – it isn't enough to simply talk about equality. One must believe it. It isn't enough to simply believe in it. One must work at it. Let us work at it. Together. Starting now.”

--- Meghan Markle

Sosina Dessalegn

Ethiopia



Sosina Dessalegn is a global health professional who received her Msc in Global Health Delivery at University of Global Health Equity in 2020.

She did her BSc in doctoral medicine and worked at the Ministry of Health Of Ethiopia for two years. She is passionate in working to reach the underprivileged who do not have quality health care access.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am looking forward to learn networking in global health world from my mentee's experiences. communication skills, as well as different program implementation skills are also my areas of interest.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Prof Senait Fisseha inspires me in her role as a successful global health leader, and mother of four.

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



Nkweleko Falone

Cameroon



Nkweleko Fankam Falone is the assistant Head of Health Department at Reach Out Cameroon, a nonprofit entity where she implements projects geared at improving the sexual and reproductive Health and Rights of youths, HIV/AIDS and STIs especially those in hard to reach and crisis affected communities. She graduated with a bachelor degree in Psychology and a masters degree in Epidemiology and control of Infectious Diseases from the University of Buea Cameroon. She is currently studying for a degree in Global Sexual and Reproductive Health at the Dalarna University Sweden.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

Career paths of a young girl advocate and how to effectively carry out an advocacy. Also looking forward to learning how to best prepare for top leadership roles and position from my mentor. Hoping to get avenues of networking through my mentor.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Michelle Obama.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ If a mosquito can make a difference as small as it is, then I can too.”



Agazi Fitsum Gebleselassie

Ethiopia



Agazi Fitsum is an MGHD masters alumni at the University of Global Health Equity. He holds a medical degree but is very casual about it. He is currently interested in the role of data in driving evidence based decision making in healthcare. He is also an ardent panafrican who is supremely irritated by the current state of neoliberal economic exploitation, racism, and ill health bleeding through the continent.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

The secrets of the universe.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Rebels and dissenters.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Until they become conscious they will never rebel, and until after they have rebelled they cannot become conscious.”



Leah Gwatimba

Zimbabwe



Leah Gwatimba is a doctoral candidate in the field of gender studies. She holds a Bachelor of Laws degree. She is passionate about global health law and gender issues particularly the emancipation of women.

She seeks to advance a career in the field of women's rights, public health, research and development work.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am hoping to receive guidance on how to break into the network of global health learning, as well as theoretical and practical issues. I am also looking for support and guidance to help achieve my career goals, alongside provision of appropriate and timely advice.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Prof. Rosina Mamokgethi Phakeng. She breaks barriers in positions that were previously male dominated.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Always play to win not to seek. other peoples validation".





Gloria Igihozo

Rwanda



Gloria Igihozo is an MGHDA alumni from UGHE and holds a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from Messiah College. Prior to joining UGHE, Gloria served as the Chair of the Messiah College Multicultural Council and the Events Coordinator a human rights awareness organization. She is passionate about addressing inequities that affect the health of women and children, hoping to delve into this field in the future. A rising global health leader, Gloria also hopes to use her knowledge and skills to address health services accessibility gaps in rural and remote areas of sub-Saharan Africa.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I look forward to learning about her experience in the global health field and to absorb all the wisdom she has to share. I am also excited to understand how her identity as an African woman and a leader has fuelled her passion to help.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My mother, a strong and bold woman, inspires me every day.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Our work should equip the next generation of women to outdo us in every field. This is the legacy we'll leave behind.”

--- Rupi Kaur



Jolly Kenan

Malawi



Jolly is a development, project management and public health specialist who holds an MSc in Project Management. He is currently finalizing an MSc in Global Health Delivery at the University of Global Health Equity. Jolly has worked in the development and public health sector implementing programs and projects that target the marginalized. He is passionate about equity and serving the under served constituents.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am looking forward to learn more on multidisciplinary research and high profile leadership

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I am inspired by people who positively impact societies, challenge social injustices and live a selfless life such as Thomas Sankara, Nelson Mandela and Jesus Christ to list a few.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Life is worth living because of others.”



Jean de Dieu Mirukiro

Rwanda



Mirukiro Jean de Dieu holds an MBA in International Business and he is a certified Professional in Human Resources international (PHRi). Currently, He serves the University of Global Health Equity as Talent Acquisition and Development Coordinator, and spends much of his time sourcing local and international talent. In his free time, he serves a USA based world class HR Certification Institute as a Subject Matter Expert (SME). He is passionate about reading personal development and self-improvement books.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

Throughout this mentorship programme, I expect to grow not only as a person, but also professionally as well as building my network. During this mentorship period, I want to see my mentor focusing on learning activities that sharpen my skills in the area of leadership, publication, writing, presentation and public speaking.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I am inspired by my mother.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“The sky is the limit, never doubt yourself.”



Georgette Munezero

Rwanda



Georgette Munezero is an aspiring global health researcher and holds a B.S. in Biochemistry.

She is passionate about conditions and diseases that affect vulnerable populations, particularly women and children.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I would like to learn more about the leadership practices that are crucial to advancing the field of global health.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Children.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ The preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.”

--- H. Jackson Brown, Jr



Lamek Nyabuga

Kenya



Lamek is a Candidate in the Master of Science in Global Health Delivery at UGHE. He holds both a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and a Certificate of Leadership and Mentorship Development from Kenyatta University. He recently served as the Adolescent and Youth Programme Officer with LVCT Health ,a Kenyan NGO that utilizes research to inform policy reform, advocacy and strengthen HIV service delivery. Lamek envisions a world where quality healthcare is accessible to all with an emphasis on young people.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am looking forward to receiving career advice and planning, as well as opportunities that will be helpful in expanding my professional network in global health.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Barack Obama. He is an exemplary leader who believes that where you are right now doesn't have to determine where you'll end up.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Challenge yourself to change your world.”



Hawa Iye Obaje

Nigeria



Hawa Obaje has finalized her master's degree in Global Health Delivery at the University of Global Health Equity, Rwanda and holds a Bachelor of Science honours degree in Microbiology. Ms. Hawa is an emerging global health leader with work experience in child and reproductive health particularly immunisation, family planning and capacity building. She's passionate about equity and serving impoverished populations. Her areas of interest include research, evaluation, policy and programs.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I'm looking forward to support in developing technical skills in global health, decision making for career and academic pursuit leadership and management in global health, understanding challenges of women in leadership and how to navigate it, and navigating work-life balance.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My mother is the greatest mentor of my life.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“

Keep your eyes on the ball, but no one said it'll be easy but the end goal is worth it.”



Chinelo Okengwu

Nigeria



Chinelo Okengwu is an MGH 20 Alumni from UGHE, as well as a Medical Doctor working with the Ministry of Health, Abia, in the Department of Paediatrics. She is passionate about improving health outcomes among disadvantaged populations. She has also been involved in several community service projects involving public health awareness on pressing health concerns such as HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am looking forward to learning more about different community development projects, leadership and team management in cross cultural settings.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I am inspired by Dr Paul Farmer, Chancellor at UGHE, and Co-Founder and Chief Strategist at Partners In Health.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?



The basis of our preferential option for the poor to say: I accompany them not because they are all good, or because I am all good, but because God is good."

--- Dr Paul Farmer



Aimable Uwimana

Rwanda



Aimable Uwimana holds an MSc in Global Health Delivery from the University of Global Health Equity and a BA in Healthcare Management at Southern New Hampshire University.

Aimable has experience in the field of research and Non-communicable diseases education in Rwanda. He is passionate about addressing the social determinants of health, especially among vulnerable communities.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am looking forward to learning from my mentor how to start initiatives and projects that address social determinants of health issues, considering culture and contexts. I also want to leverage my advocacy skills through writing and multimedia.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I am inspired by my loving mother!

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“All things work together for good”.



Annick Uwitonze

Rwanda



Annick Gloria Uwitonze is an MGHED '20 alumni from the University of Global Health Equity. Annick holds a bachelor's degree of Health care Management from Southern New Hampshire University/ Kepler program. She previously operated as a research assistant, where greater part of participants she reached were vulnerable population. This inspired her and became passionate about improving access to equitable and affordable health system. Annick dream of having an impressive career in promoting Health Equity and Human Rights.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

As an individual who wants to expand my network through this mentorship program, I believe that my mentee will be helpful in this area. In this way, what I am anticipating learning from my mentor is to support increasing my confidence and improving my knowledge. I anticipate her to suggest some of the paths I might take for my career.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Anyone who challenges my ability and show me that I can conquer the limit I put upon myself.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ It is health that is the real wealth, and not pieces of gold and silver. ”

--- Mahatma Gandhi



Salome Sijenyi

Kenya



Salome Alice Sijenyi is an administrator and health policy advisor at the County Assembly of Siaya, Kenya. She is an MGHED '20 alumni from the University of Global Health Equity. She holds a B.A in Communication & Media Technology, and an MBA in Strategic Management. Salome is passionate about health policy processes that seek to foster equity in health service delivery, particularly in the global south. She recently got accepted at Duke University's Centre for Policy Impact in Global Health 2021 fellows program.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I'd like to learn how to navigate the health policy career path and to be successful.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Lisa Nichols.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“ Success in life begins with preparation for it.”





Afolabi Tolulope

Nigeria



Oluwatoyosi is a Medical Doctor and a staunch Sexual and Reproductive Health Advocate. As a public Health enthusiast passionate about contributing her quota to make a difference in the lives of young girls, Oluwatoyosi have been volunteering for years with youth led NGOs working at the grassroot level to engage, educate and empower young girls to be agent of change within their communities. She presently works with Heartland Alliance Nigeria as a Clinician on a USAID funded project aimed at reducing the prevalence of HIV/AIDS among Key populations.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

There is this quote from Issac Newton which says "If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants". I hope I'll be able to learn from the experiences of my Mentor on career development, leadership, setting life goals, management skills, balancing career and other aspects.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

My Father for his spirit of selflessness, sacrifice & leadership.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“Never doubt that a group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. It is the only thing that ever has”
--- Margaret Maed.



Denise Wanyana

Rwanda



Denise Wanyana a Master of Science in Global Health Delivery graduate from the University of Global Health Equity. She holds a Bachelor's in Medicine, Health and Society with a concentration in Global Health from Vanderbilt University. Denise most recently served as a Global Health Corps Fellow with the American Refugee Committee. She is passionate about tackling health inequities through community participation and ownership. Denise wants to raise awareness around the gaps that still exist in the health sector by thinking about different perspectives of achieving equity, and seeks to address global health issues in sustainable, fair, and ethical ways.

What are you hoping to learn from the program?

I am looking to learn how to leverage my connections and the work I have done in the past for future job opportunities – how to shape/mold my past experiences into a specific career journey. I would also like to learn about my mentor's career journey and development.

Who has been a mentor to you in your life?

I am inspired by my friends and family.

What quote motivates you day-to-day?

“Don't ever make decisions based on fear. Make decisions based on hope and possibility. Make decisions based on what should happen, not what shouldn't.”

--- Michelle Obama



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