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Abdisalam Bahwal

Abdisalam Bahwal trained as a medical doctor in China. He returned to his home country of Somalia in 2013 and practised medicine for two years before joining the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) as a national programme officer in 2015. His work focused on supporting the health authorities and civil society partners to improve access to reproductive and maternal health services including family planning, Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC) and prevention and treatment of obstetric fistula. In July 2020, he joined UNICEF Somalia as Health Specialist. His current role involves supporting the strengthening of the primary health care services, particularly the Expanded Programme of Immunisations (EPI) and other Maternal, Newborn and Child Health interventions and supporting local response to the Covid-19 pandemic and other health emergencies. Dr. Bahwal is passionate about improving access to health care for vulnerable and marginalized populations. He completed the MSc Public Health for Development at LSHTM in 2019.

Cáit Berry

Cáit is a senior consultant at PPL, a management consultancy focused on healthcare, based in London. Cáit joined PPL from Deloitte Ireland's strategy and operations public sector health group. Prior to moving into consulting, Cáit worked as an Occupational Therapist in the NHS, Irish and Singapore healthcare systems. She has worked across a range of health and care projects including digital transformation, strategic planning and policy development. Cáit holds an MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing from LSHTM.

Ngozi Erondu, PhD, MPH

Ngozi is a Senior Scholar with the Global Health Policy & Politics Initiative at the O'Neill Institute (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC) and is trained as an Infectious Disease Epidemiologist and health system policy and global health governance. She also runs the social enterprise the public-private partnership, Project Zambezi, a novel tech-enabled logistics approach to improve access to essential medicines throughout sub-Sahara Africa. Dr Erondu was an Assistant Professor at the London School of Hygiene and

Tropical Medicine where she taught disease outbreak response and epidemiology.

She is also an Associate Fellow at the Chatham House and was a Senior Public Health Advisor at Public Health England. She often provides technical support to the Africa Centres for Disease Control (CDC), the Nigeria CDC, the US CDC, the World Health Organisation and other governments across sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and SouthEast Asia. Her support is aimed at strengthening institutional capacity to control infectious diseases such as Covid19, Ebola, meningitis, malaria, and poliomyelitis.

She is a Trustee at two UK Charities: Imperial Health Charity and Castlepines Medical Foundation and is a Fellow with the Aspen Institute and the John Hopkins University Emerging Leader in Biosecurity Programme.

Laura Hallas

Laura Hallas is a research assistant with the Oxford Covid-19 Government Response Tracker and a Covid-19 Public Policy Consultant with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. She previously attended LSHTM in the 2019-2020 MSc Public Health cohort and the University of Texas at Austin, where she graduated in 2019.

Angel Xiaohan Ji

An alumna of Trinity College, University of Toronto, Angel has always been inspired by the intricacies of international relations and its interaction with different spheres. She worked with the World Health Organization in China on programmatic and policy areas before commencing her studies in Public Health for Development at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The experience at LSHTM not only prepared her with pragmatic and essential skills necessary for the field of public health, but also rewarded her with invaluable insights and a community like no other. Upon graduation, she worked with the WHO Western Pacific Region on COVID-19-related work and is currently working with the WHO Country Cooperation and Strategy team in Geneva.

Jennifer Panitz

Jennifer joined LSHTM following a BSc and MSc in research psychology in Germany and two years working as a research assistant whilst studying. After graduating with an MSc in Epidemiology from LSHTM in 2019 Jennifer started working as an epidemiology and information analyst at PHE - Field Service. She

became an epidemiology and information scientist in May 2020 and is now a senior scientist in the same team. Pre-COVID her work involved - GI surveillance outputs, TB data requests and local surveillance reports, research projects on TB, hepatitis, vaccine preventable diseases, and outbreak investigation. Her current focus lies in COVID surveillance, research, and ad hoc data requests as well as local outbreak investigations and ongoing GI surveillance.