



MSF Paediatric Days 2021  
Virtual Edition – April 15 and 16, 2021

# WHO IS WHO?

## Event Chair

### Tejshri Shah

Tejshri has worked with MSF since 1999 in different capacities: Doctor, Field and Medical Coordinator, Strategic Health Advisor, Head of the Manson Unit (MSF medical unit in London), Chair of MSF Operational Centre Amsterdam Council and member of the International Board of MSF. She has worked in numerous countries in Africa and Asia and was most recently in South Sudan where she was supporting paediatric implementation and the COVID-19 response. Tejshri was also with the World Health Organisation (WHO) as Child Health Team Lead in Sierra Leone as it transitioned out of the Ebola epidemic. She qualified in the United Kingdom as a doctor in 1994, obtained her Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in 1996, Membership to the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in 1998, MSc in Public Health in Developing Countries in 2005 and completed her specialist consultant training in 2016.

At present she is with the WHO Secretariat for the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group of Experts on Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition and works part-time at Evelina London Children's Hospital, as a Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology Consultant.

## First day – April 15, 2021

### Session 1 – Neonates, back to basics

#### Harriet Roggeveen – Session Chair & moderator

Harriet Roggeveen is the Coordinator for Maternal and Child Health for MSF and is based in Amsterdam. She is also an MSF Paediatric Advisor.

#### Himali de Silva – Speaker



Himali de Silva is a Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) specialising in infant feeding disorders. She works at Evelina London Children's Hospital and Community Services, supporting infants with complex feeding difficulties due to prematurity, genetic anomalies, neurodisability and cleft lip/palate. Himali is also an International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC). She worked in Sri Lanka for many years promoting breastfeeding. She trained community midwives and NICU nurses in lactation management. Using this knowledge and experience, Himali co-authored a training guide on Working with Infants with feeding difficulties in low-income countries. The guide has been successfully trialled in Uganda, Malawi, Rwanda and Sri Lanka.

### **Joy Lawn – Speaker**



Joy is an African-born, British-trained paediatrician and perinatal epidemiologist with 30 years' experience especially in sub-Saharan Africa including: clinical care, epidemiological burden estimates, implementation/evaluation of maternal, newborn and childcare services. Her paediatric training was in the UK, followed by teaching, implementation and research, mainly living in Africa. Her MPH was from Emory, Atlanta, USA, whilst at CDC, and her PhD at Institute of Child Health, London. For 10 years, she was Director of Evidence and Policy for Saving Newborn Lives/Save the Children.

She is Director of the MARCH Centre (Maternal Adolescent Reproductive & Child Health) at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, including more than 400 academics. Her main contribution to global health has been developing the evidence-base to measure and reduce the global burden of 2.5 million neonatal deaths, >2 million stillbirths, and 15 million preterm births, including informing Sustainable Development Goal targets. She has published >280 peer-reviewed papers including leading several influential Lancet series, with wide media and policy uptake. She and her research team work on multi-country studies on newborn health, stillbirths and child development worldwide, including NEST360 and novel work on Group B Streptococcus. She is a champion for equitable research leadership. She is one of the few women nominated to membership of both UK Academy of Medical Sciences and USA National Academy of Medicine.

### **Luis Neira – Panelist**



Luis Francisco Neira is a Doctor in Medicine and epidemiologist trained in Juan N. Corpas Medical School (Colombia). He has a Master of Science in Tropical Medicine and International Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine. He has been working with MSF as a Medical Coordinator for 15 years, currently holding the position of Medical Coordinator in the MSF mission in Iraq.

### **Doris Burtcher – Panelist**

Dr. Doris Burtcher is a Medical Anthropologist and Qualitative Researcher. She works at the MSF Vienna Evaluation Unit in Austria.



## Session 2- Community-based models of care for neonatal and child health

### Kevin Phelan – Session Chair & Moderator



Kevin P.Q. Phelan is the Nutrition Referent at ALIMA, the Alliance for International Medical Action, based in Paris. In addition to technical field support, he has helped develop and document operational and clinical research in areas of nutrition and health. Before joining ALIMA, he worked for Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières.

### Abdias Dougnon – Speaker



Abdias Ogobara Dougnon is a Medical Doctor with a master's degree in public health. He has over ten years of work experience in humanitarian contexts. He was a Health and Nutrition Coordinator in Mali and Niger. He currently works as the Regional Health and Nutrition Coordinator/iCCM for the Regional Office for West and Central Africa (ROWCA), Action Against Hunger (AAH) in Dakar (Senegal).

### Jérôme Pfaffmann-Zambruni – Speaker

Dr. Jérôme Pfaffmann-Zambruni is a Senior Advisor in Public Health Emergencies and work for UNICEF.

### **Georges Tonamou – Panelist**



Georges Tonamou, born in Nzérékoré (Guinea), is a Doctor in Medicine by Famal Abdel Nasser University in Conakry and has a Master Degree in public health (Strategic Management of Health Systems specialisation) of the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp (Belgium). He has been working with Médecins Sans Frontières since 2004, first as Field Doctor, then as field medical manager and project manager in several countries of sub-Saharan Africa. Since July 2020, he holds the position of Mission Medical Coordinator in Niger.

### **Michel Quéré – Panelist**



Based in Geneva, Dr. Michel Quéré is MSF's medical officer supporting with community health approaches and working on preventive and curative packages. Between 2009 and 2017, Dr. Quéré was the medical advisor for MSF missions in Chad, Niger, Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo as the deputy medical coordination from 2007 to 2009, after being in Chad as the project coordinator (2000 – 2004) and then as the medical coordinator in Ndjamena (2004 – 2007). During his time in the field, he has worked on community-based activities on top of the medical work in Primary health care, the hospitals and clinics. Before joining MSF, Dr. Quéré worked as a medical doctor in Benin between 1984 and 1999 on community-based activities, and in hospital (Tanguieta District), with the Fratfatebeneli Order and Swiss organization Jura-Afrique. Dr. Quéré graduated as a medical doctor from the Medical Faculty of Brest (France), and holds a master's degree in public health from the Tropical Medicine Institute of Antwerp (Belgium).

### **Teresa Murray – Panelist**

Teresa Murray is the Deputy Director of Operations for MSF and is based in Barcelona.

## Second day – April 16, 2021

### Session 3- Paediatric tuberculosis

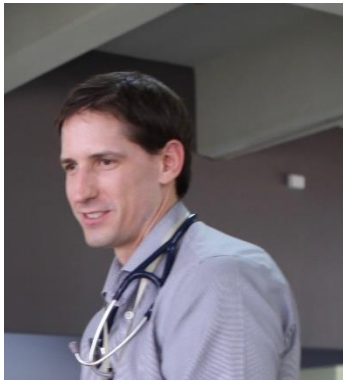
#### **Alexandra Kruse – Session Chair**

Alexandra Kruse is a medical doctor and paediatrician specialized in paediatric infectious diseases. She has worked in the field of international child health in Denmark, East Timor, Albania, Rwanda and Malawi. She works as a consultant at the Paediatric Department and the Immigrant Health Clinic at Copenhagen University Hospital-Hvidovre. She joined MSF in 2017 as Operational medical research liaison in MSF-DK, Copenhagen, Denmark. She is currently the Neglected Tropical Diseases referent for MSF Brussels.

#### **Cathy Hewison – Session Moderator**

Cathy is the Leader of the MSF Tuberculosis Working Group.

#### **Henry Welch – Speaker**



Dr. Henry Welch is a Paediatrician with Baylor College of Medicine Global-TB Program (Houston, TX). Since 2014, he has supported the PNG School of Medicine to improve health-care training. Dr. Welch actively supports the PNG Paediatric society to improve care for children with malnutrition, TB, and HIV. He serves as the Child TB-HIV Program Manager at Port Moresby General Hospital and is the consultant for the Child TB/DRTB ward, which treats 800 cases of child-TB yearly.

### **James Seddon – Speaker**



James Seddon is a Senior Lecturer at Imperial College London, an Associate Professor at Stellenbosch University, and a Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases at St. Mary's Hospital in London. His major area of research is that of children with tuberculosis, specifically drug-resistant forms. James has trained in paediatric infectious diseases at centres of excellence in the United Kingdom, with extensive clinical experience in resource poor settings. During 2006-2007, he worked for MSF in Côte d'Ivoire and has supported the MSF project on paediatric drug-resistant TB in Tajikistan.

### **Martina Casenghi – Speaker**



Martina Casenghi, Ph.D., is a public health professional with more than 10 years of experience in tuberculosis. She is currently collaborating with EGPAF, acting as Technical Director for the UNITAID-funded paediatric TB Project (CaP TB) that is being implemented in 9 African countries and in India. From 2006 to 2016, she worked as TB Advisor at MSF Access Campaign and her work spanned from supporting the introduction of new TB diagnostics in MSF projects, to executing advocacy strategies aimed at ensuring medical-needs oriented TB R&D pipelines as well as affordability of end products.

### **Abdullahi Chara – Speaker**

Abdullahi Chara is a medical doctor graduated from University of Maiduguri (Nigeria) with a master's degree on Health Planning and Management. Since 2017, he has been working with MSF in Nigeria.

### **Laura Moreto – Panelist**

Laura Moreto is the HIV, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis Referent for MSF and is based in Spain.

### **Kemi Ogundipe – Panelist**

Kemi Ogundipe is a Paediatric Advisor for MSF and she is based in Belgium.





## Session 4- Antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial stewardship in neonatal and paediatric care

### Jorgen Stassijns – Session Chair & Moderator

Jorgen is a medical doctor with specific experience in tropical diseases, public health/disease control and epidemiology. He has been working with MSF since 1998. Since 2010, he is the Malaria Advisor for MSF. Since 2016 he is working at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp as Scientific Collaborator. He is involved in capacity building, education and research in the field of Antibiotic Resistance.

### Mike Sharland – Speaker



Professor Mike Sharland is a leading expert in antimicrobial prescribing, resistance and healthcare associated infection in neonates and children. He is the lead clinical advisor for the neonatal and paediatric programme of the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP) and Vice-Chair and AMR lead of the Penta Foundation, a global Paediatric Infectious Diseases research network. Mike leads multiple strategic global observational and interventional trials in neonatal and paediatric serious bacterial infections. He previously Chaired the Department of Health's National Expert Advisory Committee of Antimicrobial Prescribing, Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection (APRHAI). He has been an advisor for the WHO for many years and Chairs of the

Antibiotic Working Group of the Essential Medicine List /EMLc, developing the Access/Watch/Reserve (AWaRE) grouping of antibiotics and the new global WHO EML AWaRe Antibiotic Guidance Handbook.

### Uduak Okomo – Speaker



Dr Okomo is an Assistant Professor within the Vaccines and Immunity Theme, MRC Unit the Gambia at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. A paediatrician and epidemiologist by training, she has over 20 years' experience in paediatrics and child health in West Africa. Her research focuses on better measurement and reduction in the burden of maternal and newborn mortality in developing countries, particularly neonatal infections, and infection transmission dynamics, infection control, antimicrobial resistance, and stillbirths. Dr Okomo is a member of the WHO Sepsis Expert Technical Group and serves on several technical and advisory committees, including the Advisory group for ReAct Toolbox, an online open access knowledge repository of evidence-based information for action on antibiotic resistance.



### **Jane Davies – Panelist**

Jane Davies did her BSc Nursing training in Australia. She is specialised in Tropical Nursing and Public Health. She has worked as a nurse in Australia, NZ, UK, Ireland in a variety of specialities including A&E, ICU, Public Health and IPC. Davies joined MSF in 2017 – first as IPC Manager, then in HQ as IPC Implementation Advisor – which later developed into IPC/AMR/Nursing Implementation Advisor.

### **Nada Malou – Panelist**



Nada Malou is PhD in Microbiology. After several years spent in the field implementing microbiology laboratories (Mali, Jordan, Yemen), she joined MSF' medical department as a Laboratory advisor and then as Bacteriology and ABR advisor. She supervised the implementation of bacteriology laboratory in CAR, Liberia, Gaza, Yemen, Iraq and Lebanon. She collaborated with the ABR task force where she led the Microbiology intersectional group. In 2016, she joined the MSF Foundation in order to create AntibioGo, an open access, free and offline smartphone-based application that allows the reading and interpretation of antibiograms by non-expert laboratory technicians.

Whereas she continues the development of AntibioGo with MSF foundation, she joined the AMR team of Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) since October 2020.

### **Amel Filali – Panelist**



Amel Filali is an infectious diseases Medical Doctor trained in France. After implementing an antibiotic stewardship program in Central African Republic, she worked for MSF as an Infectious diseases and antibiotic resistance referent. She also holds a master's degree in Geopolitics, with a specialization in the geopolitics of pandemics.

## Session 5- Collateral damage of Covid-19 on child health

### Kim West – Session Moderator



Kim West has a background in public health and has been working for MSF in different roles covering communications, advocacy and operational research since 2011. Prior to this, she worked in academic publishing and social sustainability. She is currently based in Nairobi as the Medical Advocacy Advisor for MSF which involves supporting MSF operations with analysis, reflection and operational advocacy issues related to global health. She is also the representative for the MSF Access Campaign in East Africa and is working towards improving access to essential drugs diagnostics and vaccines.

### Ana de la Osada – Session Chair

Ana de la Osada is the Nursing Care Advisor for MSF and is based in Spain.

### Ann Lindstrand – Speaker



Ann Lindstrand is a paediatrician and specialist in Public Health and Social Medicine with an MPH from Harvard University and PhD from Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm. Dr. Lindstrand is the Coordinator of the WHO Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) at WHO Headquarters in Geneva since September 2018. She has worked for five years overseas in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea Conakry with Médecins Sans Frontières. In French Guyana she was responsible for Maternal and Child Health programs 2004-2006. Between 1999 and 2002 she was the President of Médecins Sans Frontières in Sweden, and member of the Board for 9 years. She has been a lecturer at Karolinska Institute in Global Paediatrics for 25 years and organized courses for young health professionals in Tanzania, Cuba and India. She is the author of Global Health-a textbook in public health. Before joining WHO, she was the National Program Manager for Immunization and NITAG chair at the Public Health Agency of Sweden for five years. Until joining WHO, she has been a practicing Paediatrician at one of the main hospitals in Stockholm and a senior Paediatrician for all preventive child health services in Stockholm, with focus on migration and health and attitudes towards vaccination.

### **Zulfiqar A. Bhutta – Speaker**



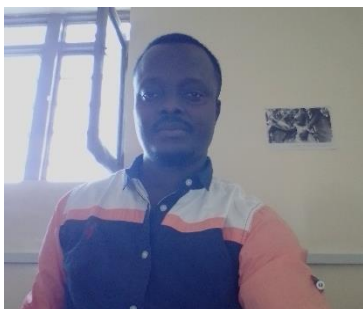
Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta is the Inaugural Robert Harding Chair in Global Child Health at the Hospital for Sick Children, Co-Director and Director of Research at the SickKids Centre for Global Child Health, and Founding Director of both the Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health, and Institute of Global Health and Development at Aga Khan University. Dr. Bhutta is a Distinguished National Professor of the Government of Pakistan, co-Chair of the Maternal and Child Health oversight committee of World Health Organization Eastern Mediterranean Region, and the Coalition of Centres in Global Child Health Chairman. He is a leading voice for health professionals supporting integrated maternal, newborn and child health globally. Dr. Bhutta leads large research groups in Toronto, Karachi and Nairobi with special interests in scaling up evidence-based, community setting interventions and implementation of RMNCAH&N interventions in humanitarian contexts. He obtained his MBBS from the University of Peshawar and his PhD from the Karolinska Institute. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Pakistan Academy of Sciences. In 2020 he was awarded the honour of Fellow of the Royal Society.

### **Wahdatullah Nijrabi – Speaker**



Dr. Wahdatullah Nijrabi was born in Kabul city (Afghanistan). After graduating from Kabul Medical University, he specialized in Paediatrics at the Ata Turk National hospital. He worked as a Medical Advisor for Afghan Turk NGO. In 2019, he joined MSF as a paediatrician at Herat province (Afghanistan).

### **Akodjoua Ehouni Berenger – Speaker**



Akodjoua Ehouni Berenger is a Medical Doctor from Ivory coast, currently working in Sudan as Project Medical Referent in White Nile project. He started with MSF in June 2015 in Ethiopia (Dolo Ado project) as Field Doctor. In February 2016, he joined Nguigmi project as Medical Activity Manager in Niger. Later, in December 2016, he spent two years in Nigeria. In May 2019, he arrived in Sudan (Tawila project).

## Bakri Abubakr- Panelist



Dr. Bakri is a Health Advisor for East Africa at MSF-Spain. Prior to this, he has been Head of Mission and Medical Coordinator for MSF since 2011, during which time, he participated in responding to major emergencies in conflict zones. His humanitarian experience started with MSF in 2006 for a short time before leaving to work with the Sudanese Ministry of Health in Darfur. He later re-joined MSF in 2008 and has worked in various field-based roles in South Sudan, Yemen, Pakistan, Nigeria, Somalia and recently in Kenya. Dr. Bakri is a medical doctor, graduated from the University of Khartoum, Sudan. He holds master's degree in "Public Health for Developing Countries" from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

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