

Cultural, The Cultural, Anthropological, Social and Economic Impact of Emerging Infectious Diseases (CASE) Sub Faculty

Sub Themes:

- a. African cultural practices and management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (EIDs)
- b. Community engagement and the fight against emerging infectious diseases
- c. Determinants and impact of EIDs in Africa
- d. Ethics and the management of EIDs in Africa
- e. Contextualising policy approaches and intervention strategies to fit local responses to EIDs
- f. Capacity building for public health emergencies in Africa

Members:



Primus Che Chi, PhD, is a public health specialist, evidence synthesist and bioethicist with a particular interest in reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH), and health systems strengthening in low-resource and crisis settings. Primus has over eight years of work experience in research and evaluation in developing countries, including five years of work experience in humanitarian/ crisis settings. He has designed and implemented a number of operational research projects in the domains of RMNCH and research integrity across central and eastern Africa, including fieldwork in Cameroon, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, and

Uganda. Primus is a contributor to the Cochrane's Effective Practice and Organisation of Care (EPOC) Group, and a member of the Inter-agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises, the Cultural, Anthropological, Social and Economic Impact (CASE) Working Group of the Global Emerging Pathogens Treatment (GET) Consortium and the Cameroon Bioethics Initiative (CAMBIN). He holds a PhD in International Health with a focus on maternal and reproductive health in crisis settings from the University of Oslo and a Master of Public Health, specialising on health policy & research ethics from the University of Pretoria. He is currently a Postdoctoral Researcher with the Centre for Research on Healthcare in Disasters at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, Associate Researcher at the Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway and Chair of the CAMBIN Ethics Review and Consultancy Committee based in Yaoundé, Cameroon.



Godfrey B. Tangwa is Professor of Philosophy and former Head of the Department of Philosophy (2004-2009) at the University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon, from where he has recently (2014) retired. He had his academic formation at the Universities of Nigeria in Nsukka, Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo) in Ile-Ife, and Ibadan in Ibadan. He lectured at the University of Ife from 1978-1986 and moved to the University of Yaounde in 1987. His research interests span the areas of African philosophy, inter-cultural philosophy and Bioethics. He is a member of the International Association of Bioethics (IAB), served on its Board of Directors from 1997-2003 and was its Vice-President from 1999-2001. He has been a member of the Scientific Ethics Advisory Group (SEAG) of Hoffmann La Roche since 2005. He is a Fellow of the Cameroon

Academy of Sciences (CAS), the African Academy of Sciences (AAS), Chairperson of the Cameroon Bioethics Initiative (CAMBIN), an executive committee member of the Pan-African Bioethics Initiative (PABIN) and Advisory Board Member and Chairperson of the Cultural, Anthropological, Social and Economic (CASE) working group of the Global Emerging Pathogens Treatment Consortium (GET). He has over a hundred academic publications, including nine books, over twenty five book-chapters and several peer-reviewed articles in international academic journals.



Francis Kombe is a COHRED Associate and chair to the International Advisory Group of the RHInnO Ethics programme; and chair to the Ethics, Community Engagement and Patients Advocacy and Support (ECEPAS) Working Group under the Global Emerging Pathogen Treatment Consortium (GET).

He is a UNESCO trained teacher of ethics and an appointed Member of International Forum of Teachers of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. He works as Senior Community Facilitator and Training Coordinator of frontline staff's training in communication and ethics at KEMRI/Wellcome Trust Research Programme, Kilifi- Kenya. He has a keen interest and passion in biomedical research ethics, capacity building and community engagement. He has over 20 years of experience applying these skills in the field of international collaborative health research.

Funded by the South Africa Research Ethics Training Initiative (SARETI), Kombe holds a Master of Social Science in Health Research Ethics from the University of Kwazulu Natal; a Master of Science and Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and did Community Based Project Planning and Management (CBPPM) studies at the Kenya Institute of Social Work and Community Development. A 2015 Pillars of Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) award winner (<http://blog.primr.org/meet-2014-15-pillars-of-prim-award/>), Kombe has vast experience in the field of responsible conduct of research and has attended numerous conferences and received training in health research ethics (PRIM&R, USA; UNESCO, France) and communication skills and Training of Trainers from Kenya and Norway. He started his career as a field officer. In his current position, he coordinates training on communication skills, and research ethics for nearly 300 research frontline staff at KWTRP. He is a member of the International Teachers of ethics Forum (ITF) and of the KWTRP Research Ethics Committee.

Kombe's current work involves understanding different pedagogies and how these influence the capacity of research frontline staff to address the moral and ethical dilemmas they face in their day to day activities. He has published widely in the field of community engagement, frontline staff, research integrity, fair study benefits and informed consent among others.



Samuel J Ujewe, PhD, MHealSc, BA Hons is an early career researcher in Bioethics and Moral Philosophy, with a research focus on ethics and health policy, healthcare ethics and cross-cultural bioethics. His research interests span through integrating major ethical theories with relevant African moral principles to enhance just and responsible healthcare policies in African health systems. His research focuses on the intersection of ethics and policy, exploring the ethical gaps in health policies and intervention strategies using a moral compass that aligns with African contexts. He employs a conceptual mode of inquiry in pursuit of practical objectives for health system reforms.

Dr Ujewe is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Here, he focuses on publishing, as well as developing a research proposal that aims to establish an African ethical framework for managing emerging and re-emerging deadly infectious diseases on the continent. He is a member of the GET Consortium, an Associate Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy, and a member of the International Forum of Teachers of Ethics, Bioethics and Medical Law (IFT). He has previously been a Visiting Researcher at UCLan Cyprus, in Larnaca, Cyprus; and the New Zealand Catholic Bioethics Center in Wellington, New Zealand.

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