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Education : **MD** ; « Docteur en médecine, chirurgie et accouchement », **Université Libre de Bruxelles**, Brussels, Belgium, 1982.
Between 1983 and 1990, focus on tropical paediatrics, epidemiology and Public Health in the Caribbean, Central and West Africa, London and South Asia.
PhD, Epidemiology and public health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, **University of London**, 1991.

Awards **Great distinction for MD**, Free University of Brussels, “Grande Distinction”, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium, 1982.
Tropical Medicine and Parasitology Soc. Award, 15th Conference of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology, Hamburg, Germany, 1989.
Woodruff Meda for “Outstanding Doctoral Thesis”, University of London, UK, 1991.
20 years of United Nations service, 2011

Major interests: Socio-economic policies for ecological transition, halting biodiversity losses and implementing One Health approaches. Social, economic, trade, commercial and environmental determinants of health and health care, reducing inequalities and peace building. Evaluation, modelling, estimation, forecasting, and interdisciplinary methods. Enabling citizen’s engagement for inter-sectoral action.

Languages: Spoken and written: French (mother tongue), English (very fluent), Portuguese (fair)
Spoken/ reading: Italian, Spanish, German, Dutch (fair)
Spoken: Swahili, Hindi (basic).

Employment history

10/2021 – present	Researcher, Global Public Health, IHMT, Universidade Nova de Lisboa and Fundação para Ciência e Tecnologia. Portugal.
3/2018 – 10/2021	Full Professor (invited), Instituto HMT, Escola Nac. Saúde Publica, Faculdade Ciências Med., Global Health and Tropical Medicine, Fundação para Ciência e Tecnologia. Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal
6/2013 - 7/2015	Senior Adviser, World Health Organization's Regional Director Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark and Office for Investment in Health Development, Venice, Italy.
8/2011 - 6/2013	Senior Adviser, Assistant Director General, HIV, TB, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases, WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland.
1/2009 - 7/ 2011	United Nations Secretary General's Representative, UN Resident/ Humanitarian Coordinator; UN Development Programme Representative, Cameroon.
9/2007 - 12/2008	Senior Adviser to two Assistant Directors General, WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland.
7/2006 - 8/2007	Special Representative, WHO Public Health Initiative in Southeast Asia, New Delhi, India.
9/2003 - 7/2006	Director, Strategic Planning and Innovation for HIV, TB, and Malaria, WHO Headquarters, Geneva.
1/2000 - 8/2003	Director, WHO Headquarters' Inter-regional Centre for Vulnerability Reduction, Geneva, and Tunis.
7/1999 - 12/1999	Adviser to the Minister of Health, Maputo, Mozambique.
8/1997 - 7/1999	Director, HIV/AIDS, and STDs, WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland.
1/1996 - 8/1997	Head, Policy and Programme Evaluation, WHO Headquarters, Geneva.
4/1992 - 12/1995	Head, Surveillance, Evaluation and Forecasting, Global Programme on AIDS/STD, WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland. WHO Coordinator Global Response to the Ebola epidemic, Kikwit, DR Congo, 1995.

5/1991 - 3/1992	Epidemiologist, Global Programme on AIDS/STD, WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland.
7/1988 - 4/1991	Lecturer (Ass. Professor), London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, UK. Coaching researchers in Brazil, Somalia and Burkina Faso.
8/1985 - 6/1988	Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, UK, and Director, Health Impact Evaluation, Sri Lanka.
4/1983 - 7/1985	Medical Doctor and Responsible for Public Health and Paediatrics, Kivu, DRC and evaluation of maternal and child health programmes in northern Rwanda.
7/1982 - 3/1983	Medical Doctor, Belgium and Jamaica.
1980 - 1981	Paediatrics training in Colombia and Jamaica.

Policy/ programme development and research experience

1. From child health to primary health care (PHC) and community managed initiatives for prevention. Methods development for health impact evaluation.

In Kivu, in the early eighties, I worked in a region where all types of childhood malnutrition and associated conditions were prevalent. My team established prevention activities through a primary health care network. We established vaccination centres, together with the local Expanded Programme on Immunization and UNICEF, conducted a health, nutrition and demographic survey along the shores of Kivu Lake in Bulenga peninsula, set up local health committees representing around 30000 citizens, managed community pharmacies and reinforced bean cultures to improve protein intake (see publications 1-3 and 31).

From 1985 onwards, I worked as staff researcher of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in research and teaching. I continued leading health, nutrition and demographic surveys (see report 22 in publication list) and worked on child health (Sri Lanka, Burkina Faso and Brazil e.g., publications 40, 41, 73), low birth weight prevention (Sri Lanka and Burkina Faso, publication 71) and Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (see e.g., publications 4,5,8,14,16, 18-21). I designed, conducted, analysed and published with a large team a health impact evaluation of the impact of improved water supply and sanitation facilities (Sri Lanka). We generalized the methods for large-scale case-control studies of common childhood conditions for health impact evaluation of structural interventions (publications 4, 10, 14, 21 23-27, 29, 33). I also worked on understanding the risk factors for Acute Respiratory Infections and low birth weight in Burkina Faso and Brazil (public. 28).

2. HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infections, epidemiological methods for surveillance, intervention development and evaluation; health systems facing vertical programmes.

As a medical practitioner in Kivu in the early eighties, I experienced the first AIDS cases among young adults with rapidly deteriorating conditions, including untreatable Tuberculosis. As of 1985, I became progressively involved in designing and setting up research and public health intervention programmes in the field of HIV and STIs (Burkina Faso, Tanzania). In 1989, I put forward with two colleagues a proposal to explore the potential impact of systematic detection and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases on HIV with community-based randomized control trials (CBRCT). Subsequently, the WHO Global Programme on AIDS invited me to present such approach (publication 20).

Soon after, I was invited to join the World Health Organisation for a sabbatical year and was selected to head the team on Surveillance, Evaluation and Forecasting of the WHO Global Programme on AIDS and STDs. This was a time of great innovation at the cutting edge of international public health surveillance, research and policy/ programme development. We initiated the development of estimation methods from surveillance data to track the HIV pandemic in each country. The team developed methods for the evaluation of national and local HIV and STDs prevention and impact alleviation programmes and modelling methods for projections (publications 29, 30, 32, 34, 46 to 116).

Towards the mid-nineties, decades of health systems underfinancing, vertical programmes working in parallel, and the combined threats of major killing diseases challenged entire societies, especially in Africa. As Director of the WHO HIV-AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Department from 1997 onwards, and a few years later, as Director of Strategic planning for HIV, TB and Malaria, we worked together with countries to integrate programmes within Primary Health Care.

3. Social, economic, commercial and environmental determinants of health; building resilience through citizens' participation, inter-sectoral action and the life-course approach. Exploring the global economic determinants of biodiversity losses and climate change.

For 15 years, I had seen malnourished children returning to the hospital six months after treatment and rehabilitation because of their living conditions; I contributed to studies of the interactions between low birth weight, childhood diseases and chronic malnutrition, including stunting. During the late eighties and early nineties, conscious of the importance of improving their structural and socio-economic environment, we focused on water and sanitation programmes, better access to health care facilities, but also improving the legal rights of e.g. sex workers or injecting drug users.

However, a good deal of our research and policy development had focused practically exclusively on individual behaviours or on specific groups, and households, rather than on the factors rooted in local, regional and broader global social and economic policies. I therefore undertook to shift the focus of my subsequent work.

My involvement in trying to contribute stemming the spread of HIV reinforced my conviction that upstream work with communities, national and global actors was necessary to ensure a better response and recovery from environmental and social hazards. From 2000 onwards, I

decided to address the social, economic and environmental determinants of health, ensuring that citizens engage as priority agents of change.

As United Nations Secretary-General Representative, Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator in 2009, 2010 and 2011 (UN Ambassadorial and coordinating function), I worked in a region (Chad, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Northern Nigeria) shaken by widespread poverty, severe disparities, socio-political tensions and unstable security environments. We developed programmes to ensure more transparent governance in local institutions, increased access to resources, and additional support for the service providers.

I have continued to be involved in promoting inter-sectoral action to address the social determinants of health and health disparities when I worked in the Central Asia, Eastern and Southern European region, from the WHO Offices in Copenhagen and Italy.

Teaching experience

In Kivu, DRC, 1983-1984, I was responsible for the training of medical undergraduates (*Faculty of Medicine*, Kinshasa) studying at the Kirotshé hospital and at IRS (research centre). I trained Medical Officers, statisticians, demographic and health survey's managers, laboratory personnel and interviewers.

Between 1988 and 1991, I played a very active role in the London School's teaching programme. In the late 1980s, I taught a 40 hours course on epidemiology from theory to practice, using Professor Paul Fine's experience in the Masters of *Community (now named Public) Health in Developing Countries* with an interactive teaching approach and a lot of practical work. I also developed and taught a full module on the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS for master's courses. Evaluation of teaching from students was consistently very positive.

From 1988 to 1990, I taught the demographic impact of HIV/AIDS at the *Centre for Population Studies* in London, interventions for diarrhoeal diseases and the epidemiology of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV at the *Institute of Child Health*, London. In the MSc course in *Health Planning and Financing* (jointly run by the LSHTM and the London School of Economics), I taught epidemiology and cost-effective approaches for the control of childhood illnesses in 1989-1990. In the MSc *Clinical Tropical Medicine* I taught the epidemiology of acute respiratory infections and lectured to the MSc in *Human Nutrition*, LSHTM in 1989-1990 on the potential association between low birth weight and infectious diseases. In 1993, I was faculty of the *Centre for Population Studies*, part of LSHTM, and taught in the Reproductive Health Course.

Throughout these years, the theory and practice of experiential and participatory learning influenced my approach to teaching undergraduates and postgraduate health professionals and social scientists.

Between 1986 and 1990, I was a tutor of students sitting on the MSc *Community Health in Developing Countries* for their final dissertation. From 1988 to 1996, I seconded tutors of PhD students. Following my move to World Health Organization, these PhD students presented their thesis under the supervision of their main tutor in various Universities (UK, France, the Netherlands and University of Burkina Faso).

In 2006 and 2007, the *Public Health Initiative* team that I was heading as WHO Special Representative in South-East Asia put online a “Virtual Resource Centre” (VRC), which increased access to competency-based learning materials in public health (case-studies, presentations, scientific articles) and fostered exchange of such materials. The VRC encouraged public health training institutions to use, adapt, translate and share the learning materials across all of South-East Asia. The first set of materials available was developed in collaboration with the Indian Field Epidemiology Training Programme (FETP) and was organized out of a spreadsheet with hyperlinks. A number of competencies were the primary focus, including epidemiological study designs, disease-specific surveillance, health information systems, outbreak investigation and response, scientific communication, programme management and evaluation, and basic human subject protection.

Throughout my professional career, I took many opportunities to interact with researchers, teaching staff and students of various academic institutions e.g., in South Africa, Colombia, Brazil, India, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Japan, France, Germany, UK, USA, West Africa, Belgium and Italy.

Between 2015 and 2019, I delivered a keynote lecture entitled “Epidemiology in action and inaction” at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to close to 100 students of various backgrounds. I opted to deliver the lecture in an interactive way and ratings by students were consistently very good each year. I have pasted below a couple of students’ comments from 2016.

« This lecture was very interesting as well as important. The speaker raised many issues of concern. Most of what he dealt with was thought provoking and really gave me the opportunity to realign my thinking towards the bigger picture of epidemiological studies and or research which is its impact on populations. He also opened us up to the realities of the world and how and why things may simply not work. I really enjoyed this session ».

« Teaching quality overall has been excellent. The insight provided by some of the experts is incredibly interesting. I particularly enjoyed the action and inaction session format which was more lecture-style with discussion and lecturer-led debate ».

In March 2018, I started working as Full Professor at the Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Universidade Nova de Lisboa. For the following three and a half years, I have been in charge of teaching to doctoral and post-doctoral students at The National School of Public Health, the IHMT and to students of the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

As of October 2021, I have continued as researcher within GHTM Network and continue to direct, supervise and coach doctoral and post-doctoral students.

Selected chairing, leadership, coaching and advisory work (starting from most recent)

- *Member, Ethical and Data Monitoring Board, Welcome Trust funded Community Randomized Control Trial on improving Early Child Development Interventions, Burkina Faso-2020- ongoing.*
- *Supervisor and coach of post-doctoral and doctoral Students at Universidade Nova de Lisboa, 2018-present: Dr. Sara Babo Martins, post-doctoral winner of the European Commission MS Curie Award, 2021; Dr. Sara Cordeiro, PhD thesis on congenital malformations in Sao Tome and Principe, and Guinea Bissau; Dr André Almeida, PhD thesis on the association between air pollution and severity of COVID-19 diseases in various cities of the world; Dr. Nazira Abdulah, PhD thesis on child malnutrition interventions in Mozambique.*
- *WHO's Representative to the South European Network on Health Inequalities, 2014-2015, Italy and Spain.*
- *Adviser for inter-sectoral action to the Minister of Finances, Minister of Environment, and Minister of Health, San Marino, 2014.*
- *Chair, European UN ad-hoc Working Group on Social Determinants of Health, 2014.*
- *Chair, All Stakeholders (countries, civil society, UN, GFATM) Working Group on the Global Fund against AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM), 2011-2013.*
- *Co-Chair, UN Country Teams in Cameroon, Chad, and Central African Republic for Peace, 2009*
- *Co-Chair, all stakeholders (Cameroon-EU-USA-) Committee on Sustainable Development, Cameroon 2010-2011*
- *Member, UN Cameroun-Nigeria Mixed Commission, 2009-2011.*
- *Editorial Adviser of the Bulletin of the World Health Organization, 2003- 2008.*
- *Co-Team Leader WHO evaluation of the Country Health Strategy in Guatemala, 2004.*
- *Senior adviser to the World Bank/UNAIDS on the US\$ 500 million Multi-country AIDS Program (MAP1), 2001.*
- *Member of the Scientific Steering Committee of Transcriptase Sud, Paris, France. 1998-2002*
- *Chair, Maghreb and South European alliance for health, WHO, Eastern Mediterranean Office 2001-2003*
- *Co-Team Leader WB/WHO/UNAIDS Team to review the Indian National AIDS Programme, 1999.*
- *Member and alternate Chair, UNAIDS Evaluation Reference Board, Geneva, 1997- 1998.*
- *Chair, Intervention Development, 12th International Conference on HIV/STI, Geneva, 1998.*
- *Member and alternate chair, UNAIDS/WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Steering Committee on Mother-to-child-transmission of HIV, Geneva, 1997-1999.*

- *Chief Adviser* to Health Canada, Laboratory Centres for Disease Control on the evaluation framework for HIV/AIDS/STD, 1996.
- *Coordinator*, International Response and Investigations of the Ebola virus outbreak in Kikwit, Rep. Dem. Congo, June 1995.
- *Chair*, US Centres for Disease Control's (CDC) training programme on evaluation strategies for the US-based STD programmes, 1996.
- *Member*, UN Interagency Working Group on Evaluation, 1996 – 1997, New York and Geneva.
- *Member*, Centro Interuniversitario di Ricerca per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile, Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”, Rome, Italy, 1993- 2000.
- *Co-Team leader*, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Government of West Bengal, India and British Council’s Evaluation of the Sonagachi sex workers’ empowerment project, Calcutta, India, 1995,
- *Co-Team Leader*, Evaluation of WHO’s collaboration with the Government of Myanmar (Burma), 1996,
- *Member*, International Scientific Programme Committee, Yokohama Conference on AIDS / STD, Japan, 1994.
- *Adviser* to the World Bank on evaluation strategies, Washington, 1994
- *Senior adviser* to the World Bank/ WHO team for the review of the Indian National AIDS control programme, 1994.
- *Chair*, Evaluation of programmes, Berlin International AIDS Conference, 1993;
- *Team leader*, External Evaluation of Burmese (Myanmar) AIDS Programme, 1993.
- *Chair*, Evaluation round table, and Chair, surveillance at the International Conference on AIDS, Marrakech, 1993.
- *Special adviser*, State Council of China, on the possible courses of the HIV epidemic in China, Beijing, 1992.
- *Member*, International Scientific Programme Committee of the VIII International Conference, Amsterdam, July 1992;
- *Chair*, Interventions development round table, Dakar, VI International conference on AIDS in Africa, 1991;
- *Member and Rapporteur* of the Scientific Steering committee of Centre Muraz, Organisation de Coordination et Contrôle des Grandes Endémies (OCCGE), West Africa, 1990-1995.
- *Adiser*, University La Sapienza, Italy and Ministry of Health of Somalia for the Science and Technology for Development programme, Merka, Somalia, 1989-1990.
- *Adviser* to the European Commission on the implementation of the AIDS Medium Term Plan in Burkina Faso, 1990.

Other training

- Ethics, UNDP, 2010.
- Gender Equity, UNDP, 2010.

- Strategic communication and media training, Geneva, 2010.
- Human Rights Based Programming, UNDP, 2009
- Leadership and Coordination skills for UN Resident Coordinator, Turin, Italy, 2009.
- Global Leadership Program, WHO, Geneva 2004-2006.
- UN Security in the Field, Geneva and New York, 2001-2008.
- International course in Tropical Epidemiology, University of Antwerp, Belgium, 1985.
- International course in Medical Statistics. London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, 1985.
- Managing Development Programmes, Administration Générale de la Coopération au Développement, Brussels, 1983.

Experience in countries

I have lived and worked for extensive periods in:

- India, Sri Lanka, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, The United Kingdom, Italy, Portugal, Cameroon, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Jamaica, Switzerland, Tunisia, and Rwanda.

I have worked for lesser periods in:

- China, Philippines, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, Nepal, Myanmar, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Canada, the USA, Albania, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Turkmenistan, Denmark, Republic of South Africa, Madagascar, Somalia, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Burundi, Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Central African Republic.

Publications

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