Our work in primary health care and community health encompasses technical support, capacity building, literature reviews, program evaluations, intervention development, and teaching – all with a focus on community-based primary health care. Our faculty are also leading the development of improved community-based interventions for improving maternal and neonatal health.

Meet Some of Our Primary Health Care and Community Health Faculty

William Brieger, DrPH
Professor

Dr. Brieger’s major research focus is on the social, cultural and behavioral aspects of health and illness, especially in tropical contexts with an emphasis on programs designed around primary health care, community participation and health education. Through his projects, Brieger has endeavored to learn about health and health care from the community’s perspective in order to develop communication bridges between consumers and providers, to learn appropriate community participation mechanisms, and to strengthen community capacity during intervention research.

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Anbrasi Edward, PhD
Associate Scientist

Dr. Edward has been the principal or co-principal investigator for several projects on health systems research and evaluation, including conducting performance assessments, training on quality management, and community-based research. Her focus has been primarily in low- and middle-income economies, including health systems in post-conflict contexts. She has conducted numerous training programs for health policymakers and clinicians in East and Southern Africa and Asia on quality management, balanced scorecards and other initiatives for enhancing community-based healthcare.

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Henry Perry, MD, PhD, MPH
Senior Scientist

Dr. Perry’s primary research interest concerns the impact of community-based primary health care programs on health improvement, especially on the health of mothers and children. He has a broad interest in primary health care and community-oriented public health, community participation, and equity and empowerment.

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Meike Schleiff, DrPH, MSPH
Associate
Dr. Schleiff is actively engaged in research and consultation on Primary Health Care programs and capacity strengthening in Ethiopia and Madagascar. She also works on curriculum development for the new USAID Sustaining Technical and Analytical Resources (STAR) project and Last Mile Health and continues to manage an NGO, The GROW Project, that she co-founded in Haiti (www.thegrowproject.org).

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Kerry Scott, PhD, MSc
Associate
Dr. Scott is passionate about building a world where everyone enjoys the right to health. Dr. Scott’s key focal areas include human resources for health, social accountability, community participation in health, community health workers, gender, power, provider-patient relationships and health systems governance.

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Examples of Current Projects
- Strengthen National Community-based Delivery of Primary Health and Nutrition Services in Madagascar
- Community directed malaria control in Nigeria and Burkina Faso
- International Institute for Primary Health Care – Ethiopia, technical support
- Taking stock 10 years into India’s ASHA program: Systematic review, gender analysis and policy analysis of India’s accredited social health activist (ASHA) community health worker program
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