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Academic degrees: Bachelor of Science; Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Fellow of the Medical College of Paediatricians

City and country of primary residence: Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Biography:
Dr Adejuyigbe obtained her medical degree from the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) in 1980. She is a fellow of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria having had her residency training in Paediatrics at the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital Complex (OAUTHJC), Ile-Ife, Nigeria. She became a Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health in 2007. Her work experience include Head of the Department of Paediatrics (2010 – 2012), Dean of the Medical School (2012 – 2016), member of the Management Board of the OAUTHC (2013 – 2015), member of the OAUTHC Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (1992 – 2010) and of which she later became the chair (2005 to 2010). She received several training on breastfeeding and lactation management organized by UNICEF from 1992 to 1996. She was the President of the Medical Women Association of Nigeria, Osun State Chapter from 2005 to 2008. She is a member of various committees at the national and international level. She is a recipient of several grants and fellowships including the International Women Leadership Forum Fellowship. Her research interests include neonatology, Paediatric HIV infection and finding novel approaches to managing childhood illnesses in poor resource settings.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Agbèrè, Abdou-Rahmane Diparidé

Institutional affiliation(s): Doyen, Faculté des Sciences de la Santé, Université de Lomé

Academic degrees: Doctor of Medicine; Bachelor of Science

City and country of primary residence: Lomé, Togo

Biography:
Professor Agbéré completed specialized paediatric studies, with diplomas as a senior lecturer-researcher and in applied nutrition training and mother and child health. He is a member of the Togolese Section of the International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN) and IBFAN-Africa in Ouagadougou. He contributed towards several national strategic documents such as the Assessment of the context, practices, policies and programmes related to Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF); the five-year Strategic Plan (2008-2012) of implementing IYCF; the Evaluation of the implementation of the Strategy for IYCF form 2007 to 2010: the Assessment of the situation of maternal, newborn and child (2008); the National Policy on Food and Nutrition; and the National Strategic Plan for Food and Nutrition (2012 – 2015). He also developed training materials such as the Essential Nutrition Actions at the community level (for community health workers) and the Lactation Amenorrhea Method (LAM) Management.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Ashraf, Rifat Nisar
Institutional affiliation(s): Independent consultant

Academic degrees: Doctor of Philosophy; Master in Medical Sciences; Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery; Diploma in Child Health; Diploma in Public Health

City and country of primary residence: Islamabad, Pakistan

Biography:
Dr Ashraf retired as Head of Department and Professor in Preventive Paediatrics (1993-2008) King Edward Medical University, Pakistan in 2008. In addition to his teaching training responsibilities he was also involved with conducting training in Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI), Lactation Management and other child health Program for the Ministry of Health, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Save the Children USA and the World Health Organization (WHO). He was also involved with various research projects in child health.

After 2008, he worked with national and international organizations like the Pakistan Initiative for Mothers and Newborns, UNICEF, WHO and the Technical Resource Facility (TRF) as a consultant for planning and training of health professionals in BFHI and IYCF. For TRF, he was involved with evaluation of the Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illness (IMNCI) in the health facilities in Pakistan and to introduce IMNCI as a course content of Paediatrics in medical colleges.

He was the General Secretary of Provincial Breastfeeding Steering Committee in Punjab from 1997 to 2008 and member of the National Infant Feeding Board from 2007 to 2010.

Some of his other contributions include: Breastfeeding (Urdu Book and Flip Chart); Lactation Management Curriculum (co-author); Training Manuals Lactation Management for level I, II and III (co-author); and adaptation of the IYCF training materials for Pakistan undertaken by UNICEF.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: González de Cosío, Teresita

Institutional affiliation(s): Director of the Health Department at Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City

Academic degrees: Bachelor Degree in Nutrition and Food Sciences; Master of Sciences in International Nutrition; Doctor of Philosophy

City and country of primary residence: Mexico City, Mexico

Biography:
Dr González de Cosío belongs to the National System of Researchers, Level II and is a honorary researcher at the National Institute of Public Health. Her areas of expertise are breastfeeding, program evaluation and design of interventions to improve infant feeding practices and prevent preschool malnutrition. She has been the principal investigator for the evaluation of the National Food Aid Program (Programa de Ayuda Alimentaria, PAL) for several years. Her interests include nutritional interventions to improve breastfeeding performance, monitoring violations of the International Code for Marketing Breast Milk Substitutes, development of national indicators to assess public policy related to breastfeeding, micronutrient supplementation during pregnancy to improve nutritional status in pregnant women and their newborns. Her studies also involve interventions to
increase water consumption to reduce the risk of metabolic syndrome in adolescents with obesity, and interventions to improve the performance of breastfeeding mothers with obesity.

She recently received the distinction: Consolidated Researcher, awarded by the National Institute of Public Health, the "Miriam Muñoz Chávez 2009 Award” for her career and achievements in the field of Nutrition. She has obtained funding from various national and international agencies such as the Council for Science and Technology (CONACyT), the National Institute of Public Health, the Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL), a federal food distribution system (DICONSA), “Promotora Social México”, Alive & Thrive, Yale University.

She is a visiting professor at the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, at the University of North Carolina, and Emory University in Atlanta, USA. She is a member of several national and international associations, such as: National Academy of Medicine (Mexico), Latin American Society for Nutrition (SLAN), American Society for Nutrition (ASN), International Society for the Research of Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML).

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Giugliani, Elsa R J

Institutional affiliation(s): Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul

Academic degrees: Medical Doctor, Doctor of Philosophy, International Board Certified Lactation Consultant

City and country of primary residence: Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Biography:
Dr Giugliani is a medical doctor, paediatrician with a Master of Science in Child and Adolescent Health from the University of São Paulo, Master of Science in Maternal and Child Health from the University of London, PhD in Child and Adolescent Health from the University of São Paulo and postdoctoral degree from the Johns Hopkins University. She is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) since 1993. Currently she is a full professor of the Department of Paediatrics at the Faculty of Medicine of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, in Porto Alegre, Brazil, working in the postgraduate courses in Child and Adolescent Health and in epidemiology, a researcher of the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), member of the National Committee for Breastfeeding, president of the Scientific Department of Breastfeeding of the Brazilian Society of Paediatrics, and advisor to the Brazilian Ministry of Health. She was the Coordinator of the Department of Child Health of the Brazilian Ministry of Health from 2007 to 2011. Her area of main interest is Maternal and Child Health, working mainly on the following topics: breastfeeding and infant feeding.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Lucas, Nishani Marianne

Institutional affiliation(s): Consultant Neonatologist, University Unit, De Soysa Hospital for Women and Senior Lecturer in Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
**Academic degrees:** Medical Doctor; Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery; Member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health; International Board Certified Lactation Consultant

**City and country of primary residence:** Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Biography:**

Dr Lucas completed her undergraduate studies in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo (1996-2002). Her postgraduate training in Paediatrics and Neonatology was in Sri Lanka and Queen Charlotte and Chelsea Hospital, London (2006-2012). She received board certification as a Consultant Neonatologist in 2012 by the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo.

She received board certification as Lactation consultant in 2011 by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBCLE). She is involved with promoting breast feeding in the clinical setting as a Neonatologist where she has achieved almost 100% exclusive breastfeeding in the term as well as preterm babies. She is also involved with training health care workers in breast feeding counseling.

She is certified in Neonatal Behavioural Assessment (Brazelton scoring) since 2012 (Cambridge, UK) and use this assessment to help parents improve their skills of handling their baby and thereby become more confident, which will enhance their chances of continuing breast feeding, instead of giving up due to excessive crying etc.

She is a Doctor of Philosophy candidate and is part of the Longitudinal Infant Body Composition Study funded by the International Atomic Energy Agency, where she is following up a cohort of infants from birth to two years.

**Surname, first name(s) and initial:** McGrath, Marie

**Institutional affiliation(s):** Emergency Nutrition Network

**Academic degrees:** Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition and Dietetics

**City and country of primary residence:** Oxford, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

**Biography:**

Ms McGrath is a graduate nutritionist and trained as a paediatric dietitian. Since 1996, she has worked on nutrition in emergencies, beginning with overseas postings with non-governmental organizations (1996-2001). She joined the Emergency Nutrition Network (ENN) in 2001 and became Co-Director in 2004. She has worked on infant feeding in emergencies (IFE) since 1999, when she conducted research on the humanitarian response to the 1999 Kosovo crisis. Since 2004, she has been the co-ordinator for the IFE Core Group, an interagency/expert collaboration on IFE hosted by ENN. In this role, she has facilitated and technically contributed to the development of key policy guidance and training materials; conducted reviews; led meetings; supported documentation of programming experiences; brokered technical consensus; contributed to WHO technical guidance development on Ebola, Zika virus and HIV in the context of breastfeeding in emergencies; highlighted, and sometimes, stop-gaps guidance; and collaborated in research. At ENN, she also leads on
research, networking and advocacy on the management of acute malnutrition in infants under six months of age (MAMI), a core component of which involves breastfeeding support.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Menon, Purnima
Institutional affiliation(s): International Food Policy Research Institute
Academic degrees: Master of Science in Foods and Nutrition; Doctor of Philosophy in International Nutrition
City and country of primary residence: New Delhi, India

Biography:
Dr Menon is Senior Research Fellow and Theme Leader for South Asia Nutrition Programs in the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division. She conducts research on effective interventions to improve maternal and child nutrition, including infant and young child feeding. She has research experience in India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Nepal, Haiti and other countries. She also works on strengthening research-to-policy linkages in India and other contexts. In the area of infant and young child feeding, Dr Menon led a three-country multi-component evaluation of the Alive & Thrive initiative, which aimed to improve infant and young child feeding through a multi-pronged package of interventions. Dr. Menon directs POSHAN (Partnerships and Opportunities to Strengthen and Harmonize Actions for Nutrition in India), a knowledge initiative to support the use of data and evidence in nutrition policy and strategy in India. She is a member of the independent expert group of the Global Nutrition Report, an advisory member of the WHO Technical Expert Advisory group on nutrition Monitoring (TEAM), and a member of the Countdown to 2030 coverage measurement group. Dr Menon has a PhD in International Nutrition from Cornell University and a MSc in Nutrition from the University of Delhi.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Perez-Escamilla, Rafael
Institutional affiliation(s): Yale School of Public Health
Academic degrees: Doctor of Philosophy in Nutrition
City and country of primary residence: New Haven, Connecticut, United States of America

Biography:
Professor Pérez-Escamilla is a tenured Professor, and Director of the Global Health Concentration and the Office of Public Health Practice at the Yale School of Public Health. He obtained his doctorate in maternal-child nutrition at University of California in Davis. He is a world authority on the Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative, breastfeeding peer counselling programmes, and scaling up of national breastfeeding programs. He has published over 180 research articles, 10 special journal issues, two books and numerous book chapters and technical reports. He is a member of the United States of America (US) National Academy of Medicine’s Food and Nutrition Board, has served twice in the US Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, and has been a high level advisor to maternal-child nutrition programs led by United Nations and US Government agencies. In 2016-17 he chaired the US National Healthy Eating Research Robert Wood Johnson Foundation panel that developed the first set of
comprehensive responsive infant and toddler parenting/feeding guidelines in the country. He was awarded the Patricia Martens Excellence in Breastfeeding Research Award by the International Lactation Consultant Association in 2005, a Doctorate Honoris Causa by the University of Guadalajara in Mexico in 2016, and was a member of the executive committee of the 2017 Lancet Early Childhood Development Series.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Rouzier, Vanessa Aline
Institutional affiliation(s): Chief of Paediatrics, GESKIO Centers
Academic degrees: Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology, Doctor of Medicine
City and country of primary residence: Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Biography:
Dr Rouzier trained at McGill University in Paediatrics and Paediatric Infectious Diseases. After returning to her native Haiti in 2009 she joined the GHESKIO Centers where she currently serves as the Chief of Paediatrics and the IMPACCT Coordinator of the GHESKIO Clinical Trials Unit. Her research interests include tuberculosis, in particular improved diagnostics and treatment of drug susceptible and multi-drug resistant tuberculosis in children and pregnant women, pneumonia in children and outcomes of HIV/AIDS treatment programs, including the prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) and the impact of HIV in breast milk on infants’ immune development. She coordinated the oral cholera vaccination pilot in 2012 and is involved in evaluating the impact of the vaccine in the long term.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Saadeh, Randa Jarudi
Institutional affiliation(s): Independent consultant
Academic degrees: Nutrition/Dietetics; Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Engineering
City and country of primary residence: Cologny, Switzerland

Biography:
Ms Saadeh is a scientist, nutritionist and a registered dietitian with a focus on infant and child health and nutrition as background. She was the Coordinator of the Nutrition in the Life Course Unit in the Department of Nutrition for Health and Development of WHO in Geneva, Switzerland. She had been the focal point for activities related to infant and young child feeding, maternal health, malnutrition in all its forms, nutrition in emergencies and nutrition and infections. Highlights of her achievements have been the launching of the Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative and the development of the Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding. She has retired in 2011 after 27 years of experience with the WHO and UN setting which included experience in strategic planning and policy development; extensive experience in leading and performance management of multicultural and multi-disciplinary teams; experience in international health and development in a number of Regions mainly Asia, Middle East and Africa; good communication and interpersonal skills, in presenting ideas, policies and programme strategies; extensive experience in training and counseling skills and use of multiple infant and young child feeding counselling courses;
strong experience in public speaking through a number of conferences and meetings at country, regional and international levels.

Surname, first name(s) and initial:  Sall, Mohamadou Guélaye
Institutional affiliation(s): Professor emeritus of the Faculty of Medicine in Dakar
Academic degrees: Doctor of Medicine; Specialization in Paediatrics, infant nutrition and lactation
City and country of primary residence: Dakar, Sénégal

Biography:
Dr Sall, a nutritionist and paediatrician, is a member of the Academy of National Sciences of Senegal. He is a Laureate of the Foundation for Child Health of the World Health Organization (1989) and received the Great Prize for Sciences of the President of the Republic of Senegal (2000). He is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine of Senegal, the National Institute of Nutrition of La Sapienza de Roma University, Italy and the University of California San Diego, USA. He has authored more than 150 scientific publications regarding children’s nutrition and health in Africa.

Surname, first name(s) and initial:  Savage King, Felicity M
Institutional affiliation(s): Chairperson, World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action
Academic degrees: Bachelor of Arts in Physiology; Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery; Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians; Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health; Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health; Fellow of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics; Fellow of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine
City and country of primary residence: Leeds, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Biography:
Dr Savage qualified in medicine from Oxford University, and worked as Government Medical Officer and Nuffield Research Fellow in Zambia from 1966 to 1972. From 1972 to 1977, she was resident in Indonesia, working on health worker training materials including Primary Child Care. From 1979 to 1984, she was resident in Kenya, consultant with WHO developing book-led child health training courses, and with UNICEF to train health professionals on breastfeeding. She continued working with UNICEF and WHO on the meetings preparatory to the Innocenti Declaration, and the Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative. From 1992, she conducted annual 4-week Masters level courses on Breastfeeding Practice and Policy at the Institute of Child Health, London, in collaboration with WHO and UNICEF. In 1993, she joined the WHO Division of Diarrhoeal and Acute Respiratory Disease Control as a Medical Officer and developed and introduced the course Breastfeeding Counselling: A Training Course, and other key documents, and collaborated on research into the effectiveness of the course. After retiring from WHO in 2001, she continued working as a consultant on breastfeeding training and programmes for WHO, UNICEF, and various NGOs. With two colleagues, she formed the Infant Feeding Consortium, a community interest company, which conducts 2-week training courses for health professionals. From 2006, she has been
Chairperson of the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action, and have been increasingly involved in advocacy.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Siegfried, Nandi

Institutional affiliation(s): Independent consultant; Chief Specialist Scientist, Medical Research Council of South Africa; Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town

Academic degrees: Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery; Master of Public Health (honours); Fellow of the College of Public Health Medicine of South Africa; Doctor of Philosophy

City and country of primary residence: Cape Town, South Africa

Biography:

Dr Siegfried is a South African public health physician working as an independent consultant based in Cape Town. Following several years in clinical medicine, she transferred to a research career focused on clinical epidemiology and trials methods. She worked for a decade at senior management level at the South African Medical Research Council, where she was co-director of the South African Cochrane Centre and Deputy Co-ordinating Editor of the Cochrane HIV/AIDS Review Group. In 2011 she commenced working as an independent clinical epidemiology consultant.

As an independent consultant she provides assistance and guidance, as well as technical support to international, national, institutional and non-government agencies in the healthcare sector. Most notable is her role as Chair, Technical Advisor and/or Methodologist to 13 World Health Organization Clinical Guidelines Development Groups and serving as the South African representative on the Organization for Cooperation and Economic Development Working Group on Multinational, Non-commercial Clinical Trials.

She has a thorough knowledge of the methods required for high quality clinical trial conduct, is highly experienced in systematic review methodology and knowledge translation, and her public health training affords her with a broad perspective across the healthcare arena. As a South African who has worked in neighbouring African countries, she has experience and knowledge of the healthcare challenges facing low- and middle-income countries. She has published widely and enjoy teaching and lecturing.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Silvestre, Maria Asuncion A

Institutional affiliation(s): Kalusugang ng Mag-Ina, Inc (Health of Mother and Child)

Academic degrees: Doctor of Medicine; Certificate in Paediatric Residency; Fellow in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

City and country of primary residence: Quezon City, Philippines

Biography:

Dr Silvestre completed Fellowships in Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine at Wayne State University (Detroit). In 1997, as UP College of Medicine faculty, she modelled ideal family centered care of critically-ill newborns including breastfeeding support and counselling,

With WHO Philippine Country Office, she contributed to guideline development and implementation of Essential Intrapartum and Newborn Care (EINC), since 2008. She then founded a non-stock, non-profit Kalusugan ng Mag-ina Inc., (Health of Mother & Child) dedicated to the health of the mother-child dyad. She has contributed to the Department of Health systems approaches through Integrated Policies on Essential Maternal & Newborn Care and Mother and Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative (MBFHI) (2016); National Policy on Quality of Care for Small Babies (2016); and to WHO Optimal Feeding of Low Birth Weight (2005); Acceptable Reasons for Supplementation Annex to Revised MBFHI (2007). Her collaborative work catalysed Unang Yakap (First Embrace) and she is currently in WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific Independent Review Group for Early Essential Newborn Care.

With the Asia-Pacific Center for Evidence-based Healthcare (APCEBH), she co-authored 2008 & 2017 editions of “Painless Evidence Based Medicine” with a new chapter on Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) in the latter. She has participated in Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation CPGs and is currently conducting a scan of CPG processes to assist the Department of Health.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Starets, Olena

Institutional affiliation(s): Vice-Rector and Head of the Paediatrics Department, Odessa National Medical University

Academic degrees: Doctor of Medicine; Certificate in Paediatric Residency

City and country of primary residence: Odessa, Ukraine

Biography:
Dr Starets graduated from Odessa State Medical University in June, 1991 and had specialized as paediatrician. From 1991 to 1995 she had clinical internship in the Paediatric Department of Odessa State Medical University. She had special trainings in the following: Care and management of complementary feeding; Prevention of HIV Infection; Care and Management of Patients with HIV Infection; Prevention Mother-to-Child Transmission; Infant feeding and HIV training of trainers for WHO; and, Community based approach to HIV care.

She is an international trainer for UNICEF training programmes on “Prevention Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission”. She has conducted 19 training courses since 2000; a member of the National adaptation group for Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) from 2009; a developer of WHO IMCI HIV complementary course on HIV for the European region from 2009; a national trainer for UNICEF training programme on “Care and Support of HIV-infected Children” since 2002; an international trainer for WHO training programme on “HIV and Infant Feeding Counselling” from 2003. She is an author of 86 publications, monographs, articles, abstracts, guidelines. She has a clinical practice as Consultant Paediatrician at the Pediatric University Hospital.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Tomlinson, Mark
**Institutional affiliation(s):** Professor, Department of Psychology, Stellenbosch University

**Academic degrees:** Doctor of Philosophy; Bachelor of Arts; Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

**City and country of primary residence:** Cape Town, South Africa

**Biography:**
Professor Tomlinson is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at Stellenbosch University. His scholarly work has involved a diverse range of topics that have in common an interest in factors that contribute to compromised maternal and child health, such as breastfeeding and nutrition; and to understanding infant and child development in contexts characterised by poverty, violence and adversity. He is also interested in the development, implementation and evaluations of community based intervention programmes to improve maternal and child health. He has a particular interest in understanding infant and child development in the context of caregiver mental illness. He has conducted five large randomised controlled trials aimed at improving maternal and child health and infant development, and is currently implementing three randomized controlled trials. He is on the Editorial Board of PLoS Medicine. He is also an Associate Editor of Infant Mental Health Journal, and on the Editorial Board of Psychology, Health and Medicine. He has published over 170 papers in peer reviewed journals, edited two books and published numerous chapters. He is the lead editor of a forthcoming volume from University of Cape Town Press “Child and adolescent development in Africa in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals”.

**Surname, first name(s) and initial:** Wefwafwa, Terrie

**Institutional affiliation(s):** Independent Consultant; Chief Executive Officer of Karibuni-Kenya

**Academic degrees:** Bachelor of Education (honours) in Food and Nutrition

**City and country of primary residence:** Bungoma, Kenya

**Biography:**
Ms Wefwafwa is the Chief Executive Officer of Karibuni-Kenya a local NGO whose focus is Health, Nutrition and Food Security and is the Chairperson of the International Baby Food Action Network in Africa. She is a graduate nutritionist who previously worked with the Ministry of Health in Kenya, in various capacities rising to Head of the Division Nutrition. She provided leadership that resulted into Kenya being the only country on track on all World Health Assembly global nutrition indicators in Eastern Africa.

She was a member of the drafting team for the following policies and legislations; Kenya Food and Nutrition Security Policy, Breastmilk Substitutes (Regulation and Control) Act and Food Fortification Regulations. She carried out technical review of several national guidelines for Kenya including National Nutrition Action Plan, Maternal Infant Young Child and Nutrition Strategy, national guideline for Healthy Diets and Physical Activity, Multiple Micronutrient Powders Policy guideline, and the National Technical Guidelines for Micronutrient Deficiency Control. She is a co-author of the published Integration to Implementation and the Micronutrient Forum: A coordinated approach for global nutrition.
Her leadership effort for nutrition improvement was recognized by The Kenya government and she was awarded Head of State Commendation (HSC). Globally she is one of the recipients of Transform Nutrition Champion award for 2013. She continues to be a breastfeeding advocate and defender of good nutrition practice.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Yang, Ruikan

Institutional affiliation(s): Save the Children International China Programme

Academic degrees: Master of Science in Public Health

City and country of primary residence: Beijing, China

Biography:

Mr Ruikan joined Save the Children in 2009, currently is the National Health Lead of China Programme, and has been leading and provide technical support to health projects in areas including newborn health, child health and child nutrition.

He worked as technical officer at the Chinese National Centre for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control (NCAIDS) and the US Centre for Disease Control (USCDC) in Beijing, in areas of HIV/AIDS anti-retrovirus treatment (ATR), Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV/AIDS, and TB/HIV co-infection.

He studied for a Bachelor of Science in Chinese Pharmacy in Beijing University of Chinese Medicine and a Master of Science in Public Health in University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.