

Technical Review Panel Member

Curriculum Vitae

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Nationality: Italian/Ugandan

Additional languages: English, French, Portuguese, Spanish and Italian

Expertise: Health Systems Strengthening, HIV, TB, Malaria

Qualifications

Qualification	Institution	Department	Year
Executive Master in Management of International Organizations	Bocconi University	SDA Bocconi	2017
PhD	Makerere University	School of Public Health	2009
Master Public Health	Istituto superior di Sanità	ICHM	1996
BioMedical Sciences	University of Camerino	Biological Sciences	1990

Employment History

Employer	Position	Place	Year
UNICEF	Evaluation Consultant	Cote D'Ivoire Namibia Tchad South Sudan Zimbabwe Guinea Bissau	2017-present
Save The Children	Senior Technical Advisor	Mali, Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire	2018
Chemonics	Consultant	Burundi	2017
Cardno	Consultant	Uganda	2107
URCo	Consultant	Angola	2016
Texila American University	Professor	Hong Kong & Caribbean	2016-17
IMC	Consortium Coordinator	Central African Rep	2015-16
MSH	Country Director	Angola	2013-15
CUAMM	Country Representative	Angola	2009-13
CRS	Chief of Party	Zambia	2008
CRS	Chief of Party	Uganda	2004-08
Italian Cooperation	Technical Advisor	Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi	2003-04
UNDP/UNAIDS	UN Volunteer	Uganda	2000-02

UNDP	UN Volunteer	Angola	1999
City Council	Social Worker	Italy	1997-98
INN	Researcher	Cuba	1996
WHO/MAECI	Researcher	Tanzania	1995
Italian Cooperation	Researcher	Burkina Faso	1992-1995
MSF Epicentre	Researcher	Niger	1992
University of Camerino	Researcher	France	1990-92

Relevant Publications

Conestà N., Nasi G., Alesani D.: SPIRAL 5P, a new development paradigm for International Cooperation prioritizing local structural change to reduce poverty in poorest countries in Sub Saharan Africa. Capstone at SDA Bocconi.

Ademola P. O.: Prevention of Active Tuberculosis among HIV Infected patients receiving HIV Care and Treatment. AIDS PREVENTION INITIATIVE IN NIGERIA. PhD Research, Texila American University. Tutor: Prof. Natalia Conestà

Ebenezer O. D.: Impact of nutrition therapy program on the global acute malnutrition rate in three counties - an experience in a war-torn lakes state of South Sudan. PhD Research, Texila American University. Tutor: Prof. Natalia Conestà

Chidimma E. A.: Intergenerational variation in prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting in Nigeria and factors influencing the practice. PhD Research, Texila American University. Tutor: Prof. Natalia Conestà

Ahmad I. M.: Determination of Biochemical and Haematological Markers in Malaria-Malnutrition Co-Morbidity among Children Under 5 Years of Age in Kano State Nigeria. PhD Research, Texila American University. Tutor: Prof. Natalia Conestà

Effectiveness of structured- Unique of worm infestations among primary school children in Ndola. PhD Research, Texila American University. Tutor: Prof. Natalia Conestà

Abatanda S.: Barriers to retention in HIV infected children on ART: Improvement strategies at Kaduna state Comprehensive Health Care Facilities in Nigeria. PhD Research, Texila American University. Tutor: Prof. Natalia Conestà

Coulibaly O., Conestà N., Magbondo M. J. G., Ignaleamoko M. J., Ogoulo M. C. G., Nembara-Zin Wogbia Lembo P. U. et al.: Initial Community Evaluation on barriers to treatment and good practices of Infant Young Child Feeding in Alindao, Basse Kotto, Central African Republic. Save The Children, ISTEJEC with Funds DFID. February 2016

Conestà N., Wabwire F., et al.: "Determinants of PMTCT uptakes among pregnant women attending antenatal clinic in rural Uganda". PhD Research, School of Public Health, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.

Scanagatta C.: "Obstetric Fistulas prevention and treatment: a challenge for the sustainability and effectiveness of Developing Countries maternal health programs. The case of Angola". Master Public Health in Developing Countries", London School of Tropical Medicine. Tutor: Dr. Natalia Conestà.

Athuman, S. C.: Health Challenges in Angola by 2010. Master for International Cooperation, University of Pavia. Tutor: Dr. Natalia Conestà

Odoy S., Conestà N., Nganda A., Mubangizi J. and Naikaali I.: WE STOP AIDS- An Innovative Paradigm To Behavior Change. 5th Uganda National AIDS Conference, March 26-27, 2008

Akumu E., Odoy S., Naikaali I., Nganda A., Conestà N., Mubangizi J.: Impact of the Faithful House Program on Couples. A Faith Based approach to HIV prevention. 5th Uganda National AIDS Conference, March 26-27, 2008

Ssenabulya D., Nekesa V., Odoy S., Conestà N., Nganda A., Mubangizi J., Odoy S.: Providing livelihoods options for HIV/AIDS infected and affected orphans and vulnerable children/youth in Uganda – A case of Villa Maria Hospital OVC Programme. 5th Uganda National AIDS Conference, March 26-27, 2008

Naikaali I., Nganda A., Conestà N., Akumu E., Odoy S.: Program Integration as a Solution to Scarce Resources. Integration with existing diocesan structures. 5th Uganda National AIDS Conference, March 26-

27, 2008

Naikaali I., Nganda A., Conestà N., Akumu E., Odoy S., Improving Effectiveness of HIV Community Prevention programs in Uganda through the Church Structures. PEPFAR Implementing partners Meeting, Kampala, 6-7 June 2008

Morina O., Conestà N., Nganda A.: Integration of community based programs/follow up with public (or private) care and treatment programs. World AIDS Conference, Mexico August 2008

Amoroso A., Etienne M., Mesubi O., Conestà N., Seruyange H.: A Review of Treatment Support Models used to Provide Antiretroviral Treatment in AIDSRelief sites in Uganda. 4th Uganda National AIDS Conference, March 21-22, 2005

Technical support to revision of “Antiretroviral drugs for treating pregnant women and preventing HIV infection in infants” Guidelines on care, treatment and support for women living with HIV/AIDS and their children in resources constraints settings. 2004, WHO Geneva

Dente MG, Conestà N., Okwey R., Fabiani M., Francesconi P., Declich S., Akello P.: Impact of Health Education on Risk Behaviors for HIV/AIDS among secondary school students in North Uganda. July. 2002. Barcelona XIV International AIDS Conference.

Dente MG, Conestà N, Fabiani M, Okwey R, Francesconi, P, Opira C. and Declich S.: Impact of Health Education on risk behavior for HIV/AIDS among secondary school students in Northern Uganda. AIDS Conference, Barcelona 2002

Opoka K., Aol R., Conestà N., Salandini M., Costanzi A., Bassani L. and Valla L.: MEETING POINT KITGUM: 10th ANNIVERSARY, The history of a presence. SWAA, 8th Conference, 2nd-6th April 2001

Dente MG, Conestà N, Fabiani M, Okwey R, Francesconi, P, Declich S.: Evaluation of School Health Education to Prevent HIV/AIDS in the Framework of the ISS-AIDS Project, Gulu District, North Uganda, Oct. 2000. SWAA, 8th Conference, 2nd-6th April 2001

Namukisa N., Valla L., Conestà N. and Salandini M.: Kyamusa Obwongo Women's Development Project: The Revolving Fund. SWAA, 8th Conference, 2nd-6th April 2001

Ashaba V., Costanzi A., Salandini M., Conestà N., Valla L., Amooti S.M. and Bassani L.: MEETING POINT HOIMA: care for orphans. SWAA, 8th Conference, 2nd-6th April 2001

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Conestà, N., Brachetti Felcini, A., Bevilacqua, P., Ahmed, A.: Resources allocation to OPD services at public and private dispensaries in Iringa District, Tanzania. *Annali di Igiene e Medicina Preventiva e di Comunità*; Rome, Nov-Dic. Vol. 8, 1996

Branca, F., Conestà, N., Ferro-Luzzi, A.: The implementation of the food aid in the framework of the action “Segundo plan de ayuda humanitaria al pueblo cubano” with special reference to the province of Matanzas. INN, CISP, ECHO; La Habana, Sept. 1996

Conestà, N., Brachetti Felcini, A., Bevilacqua, P., Ahmed, A.: Cost-Analysis of Outpatient Department Service of Public and Private Dispensaries in Iringa Rural District, Tanzania. ISS Rome, WHO Geneva; December 1, 1995

Esposito, F., Conestà, N., Brachetti Felcini, A., et al. “Report about the Study of Seroconversion after Vaccination against Measles in Burkina Faso, 1992-1994” Italian Cooperation, MOH of Burkina Faso

Malfait, P.; Jatou, I.M.; Jollet, M. C. et al. Measles epidemic in the urban community of Niamey: transmission patterns, vaccine efficacy and immunization strategies, Niger, 1990 to 1991. *The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal* 13(1):38-45 · February 1994

Additional Information

Field of experience: Management, Health Policy analysis and decision making (costs and access to care, quality of and satisfaction with care, accountability for value in health care, and public health), Policy for Decentralization, Health Systems (Primary and Secondary Health Care, Health Systems Strengthening, Malaria-HIV-TB, Hospital's Management, PBF -Performance Based Financing, HMIS, VMMC, Human Resources for Health, Laboratory), Monitoring Evaluation

Accountability and Learning Community work, Nutrition, Family Planning, WASH, Education, Protection, Child Protection, OVC-Orphans and Vulnerable Children, Gender including Gender Based Violence, Human Rights, Interreligious Dialogue, Peace Building and Social Cohesion. Worked with People with Disabilities, Migrant Populations, Women's Groups and Civil Society Organizations. Conducting operational research, population-based surveys, and program impact evaluations. Expert on COVID-19.