

## Technical Review Panel Member

### Curriculum Vitae

Name: Dr. Njeri Gitau

Nationality: Kenyan

Languages: English, Kiswahili, Kikuyu, French

Area of Expertise: Health systems strengthening, private health sector development, policy formulation and development, regulatory reform with a focus on quality of care, community health systems and healthcare financing

### Qualifications

Qualification	Institution	Department	Year
MSc. Public Health (Health Services Management)	University of London	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	2009
PGD. Public Health (Health Services Management)	University of London	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	2008
Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery - MBChB	Makerere University	Faculty of Medicine	2002

### Employment History

Employer	Position	Place	Year
Office of the President-Kenya	Senior Director, Presidential Delivery Unit	Nairobi, Kenya	2021-
World Bank Group	Senior Health Specialist	Nairobi, Kenya	2013 - 2020
AMREF Health Africa	Programme Manager	Nairobi, Kenya	2010 - 2013
AMREF Health Africa	Health Systems Strengthening Manager	Nairobi, Kenya	2008 - 2010
Ministry of Health, Kenya	National Programme Officer, Sector Planning and Monitoring Department	Nairobi, Kenya	2007 - 2008

Ministry of Health, Kenya	District Medical Officer of Health	Nairobi, Kenya	2004 - 2007
Ministry of Health, Kenya	Medical Officer	Nairobi, Kenya	2003 - 2004
Ministry of Health, Kenya	Medical Officer Intern	Nairobi, Kenya	2002 - 2003

## Publications

- **Edwine Barasa, Khama Rogo, Njeri Mwaura & Jane Chuma (2018)** Kenya National Hospital Insurance Fund Reforms: Implications and Lessons for Universal Health Coverage, Health Systems & Reform, DOI: [10.1080/23288604.2018.1513267](https://doi.org/10.1080/23288604.2018.1513267)
- [Use of standardized patients to assess quality of healthcare in Nairobi, Kenya: a pilot, cross-sectional study with international comparisons](#) ; A Goicoechea, [J Coarasa](#), F Wafula, N **Mwaura**... - BMJ global ..., 2017 - gh.bmj.com
- [Observations of infection prevention and control practices in primary health care, Kenya](#) ; [G Bedoya](#), A Dolinger, K Rogo, N **Mwaura**... - Bulletin of the World ..., 2017 - who.int
- [Examining the quality of medicines at Kenyan healthcare facilities: a validation of an alternative post-market surveillance model that uses standardized ...](#) ; F Wafula, A Dolinger, [B Daniels](#), N **Mwaura**... - Drugs-real world ..., 2017 – Springer [\[HTML\] nih.gov](#)
- [Extending voluntary health insurance to the informal sector: experiences and expectations of the informal sector in Kenya](#) EW Barasa, N **Mwaura**, K Rogo... - Wellcome open ..., 2017 - ncbi.nlm.nih.gov
- [\[PDF\] worldbank.org ; The Path to Universal Health Coverage in Kenya](#) ; RN **Mwaura**, E Barasa, GNV Ramana, [J Coarasa](#)... - 2015 - openknowledge.worldbank.org
- [\[PDF\] dacb.org ; Repositioning the Role of the National Hospital Insurance Fund](#) ; RN **Mwaura**, E Barasa, GNV Ramana, [J Coarasa](#)... - 2015 - agris.fao.org
- [Organizational HIV monitoring and evaluation capacity rapid needs assessment: the case of Kenya](#) ; M **Mbondi**, J Scherer, GO Aluoch... - The Pan African ..., 2013 - ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

## Additional Information:

I have wide experience and in-depth knowledge of the public and private sectors in Africa and other emerging markets specifically: -

- **Health systems strengthening** e.g. as a district medical officer of health significantly scaled up integrated HIV Care and Treatment – trained > 60% of healthcare workers in both Public & Private health care facilities; established two Comprehensive Care Centres (incorporating them with existing services for TB, RH/FP and MCH); TB treatment success rate rose from 60% - 80%; Diagnostic Testing & Counselling rose from 38% - 80%.
- **Private health sector development** e.g. shaped private sector integration into National Health Systems in the East Africa region through establishment and strengthening Public Private Dialogue platforms in (Ethiopia and Kenya respectively); Advised on the Managed Equipment Scheme a transformative \$500m PPP in Kenya a first in Africa now being replicated across the region
- **Policy formulation and development** e.g. Kenya Health Act 2017 influenced the Nigeria Health Act

- **Regulatory reform with a focus on quality of care** e.g. developed a regulatory framework for quality of care and patient safety piloted and scaled up in Kenya and adopted/replicated in Uganda and Mali,
- **Community health systems** e.g. strengthened organizational and technical capacity of over 1000 community-based organizations through a grant making and capacity building programme while at AMREF Health Africa
- **Healthcare financing** e.g. Led and supported a combined technical team of World Bank Group, USAID, MOH & National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) in the redesign of the government's free maternity services programme worth USD 88M to be channelled through NHIF as an expanded benefit package (ante-natal, delivery, post-natal) to impact 10.9M women of reproductive age and their infants thus improving and increasing access to quality maternal services in both public and private health facilities

### **Awards**

- Winner of the inaugural global Howard Award for Innovation in Public Private Dialogue (PPD) at the 7th international Symposium on PPD in recognition of the sector specific PPD that has engaged government (MoH and professional regulatory bodies) and private health sector to achieve reforms in the health sector in the area of improving patient safety and quality of care.
- World Bank Development Economics Vice President Unit team award on the Kenya Patient Safety Impact Evaluation
- Finalist award from the OECD - Development Assistance Committee on our collaborative work (IFC together with its partners Pharmaccess Foundation and NHIF) in improving quality of care in Kenya through the Safecare quality improvement model
- IFC Corporate team performance award; following successful execution of the Nairobi Chapter of the corporate leadership program.
- Rockefeller 2016 Global Fellow on Social Innovation

### **Boards**

- Non-executive board director for Center for International Health Education and Bio-security Kenya.
- Board Advisor to Savannah Informatics, Kenya
- Board chair of Nairobi Waldorf School Trust , Kenya