

Technical Review Panel Member

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Jean-Marion Aitken
 Nationality: British
 Additional languages: Nepali (basic)
 Expertise: Health systems: introducing new vaccines; drug supply and procurement; maternal and child health, Human Resources for Health; and service delivery and governance.

Qualifications

Qualification	Institution	Department	Year
Masters in Community Health (MCommH)	University of Liverpool, UK	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	1991
Bachelor of Arts: Social Anthropology	University of Cambridge, UK	School of Archaeology and Anthropology	1980

Employment History

Employer	Position	Place	Year
Self-employed	Freelance Health Systems consultant	UK	2018 - present
Dept. for International Development (DFID)	Senior Health Adviser, and Health Team Leader	Lilongwe, Malawi	2017 – 2018
Dept. for International Development (DFID)	Head, South Asia Research Hub	Delhi, India	2012 –2016
Dept. for International Development (DFID)	Head of Health & Education Section Senior Health & HIV Adviser	Nairobi, Kenya	2011 – 2012 2010 – 2011
Dept. for International Development (DFID)	Head of Programmes and Health & Population Adviser Health & Population Adviser	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	2009 – 2009

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Dept. for International Development (DFID)	Health Adviser, Policy Division	London, UK	2005 – 2007
Self-employed	Health Systems consultant	Malawi & Nepal	2002 – 2005
Dept. for International Development (DFID)	Health and Population Adviser	Lilongwe, Malawi	2000 - 2002
Self-employed	Health Systems Development Consultant	UK, Nepal, India, Bulgaria	1995-2000
Centre for Health Planning and Management, Keele University	Lecturer in Health Planning and Management	Keele, UK	1994 – 1994
Health Systems Development Group, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	Research Fellow and Lecturer	Liverpool, UK	1992 – 1993
Self-employed	Socio-economic Consultant	UK, Nepal	1989 – 1991
Britain Nepal Medical Trust (BNMT)	Community Health Programme Co-ordinator	Chainpur, Nepal	1987 – 1989
Voluntary Service Overseas /Government of Nepal/UNICEF	Development Associate, Production Credit for Rural Women Programme	Pharping, Nepal	1985 – 1987
Intermediate Technology Publications	Editor: 'Appropriate Technology' magazine	London, UK	1983 – 1985

Relevant Publications

'Expanding access to anti-retroviral therapy in sub-Saharan Africa: Avoiding the pitfalls and dangers; capitalising on the opportunities' David McCoy, Mickey Chopra, Rene Loewenson, **Jean-Marion Aitken**, Thabale Ngulube, Adamson Muula, Sunanda Ray, Tendayi Kureyi, Petrida Ijumba and Mike Rowson (2005) *American Journal of Public Health*; 95: 18-22

'HIV/AIDS, Equity and Health Sector Personnel in Southern Africa.' **Aitken JM** and Kemp J (2003) *Equinet Policy Discussion Paper*.

'Equity in Health Sector Responses to HIV/AIDS in Malawi: A preliminary analysis', Kemp J, **Aitken JM**, LeGrand S, Mwale B (2003) *Equinet-TB Knowledge Programme, Malawi Equinet Policy Discussion Paper*

'Voices from the inside: managing district health services in Nepal' **Aitken, JM** (1994)
International Journal of Health Planning and Management, Vol 9 p. 309 -340.

Additional Information

Over 35 years' experience of health and development in Africa (Malawi, Kenya, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Ghana, Namibia, and Tanzania), Asia (Nepal, India and Cambodia) and Eastern Europe (Albania and Romania), working from the community to the global level. Experience in a wide variety of organisations and contexts including 18 years in DFID's Country Offices, Research and Evidence Division and Policy Division, as well as work in NGOs, multilaterals and academic institutions. Experienced in leading teams and managing programmes in challenging contexts.

Work on health sector reform, building health systems and community development, including research and consultancy work on district health management strengthening programmes in Ghana, Nepal and India. Negotiation of health policy and the development of a sector-wide approaches with development partners and government in Cambodia, Malawi, Kenya and Nepal.

Technical input for DFID over a wide range of issues including health systems; introducing new vaccines; drug supply and procurement; maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, Human Resources for Health; and service delivery and state building.

Trustee and then Vice-Chair of Trustees, Britain Nepal Medical Trust (BNMT) 1991- 2000