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Cindy Carlson has over 30 years experience in public health and development management, working extensively in health systems strengthening, HIV/AIDS, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH), leadership, strategic planning and evaluation, institutional development and governance, research and evidence-based practice.

Carlson is a Senior Principal Consultant for Health System Strengthening with Oxford Policy Management. She is currently Project Director for the UNAIDS Technical Support Mechanism. She was a member of the Global Fund's Technical Evaluation Reference Group (TERG) from 2016, and the TERG Chair from 2019. She is currently the Vice-Chair of the Independent Evaluation Panel (IEP).

Carlson was the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) funded Health Resource Centre Knowledge Manager and health specialist and worked as the Team Leader of the Options managed Malawi Health Systems Programme, funded by UK-DFID. She has led teams evaluating programs funded by the Global Fund, UNAIDS, UNDP, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of Australia, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the UK government, amongst others, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. Her other international development experience includes being a program leader with a variety of organizations, living long term in Indonesia, Malaysia and Mali as volunteer, as CARE USA's program director in Rwanda and Uganda, and as Oxfam GB's West Africa regional manager based in Oxford.

Carlson's UK-based work included the design and management of a Master in Public Health course at Oxford Brookes University and working as the Director of Learning and Development for the National Health Service England Public Health Resource Unit based in Oxford.