
Professional Experience (employment)

selection of experiences with relevance to international health/international cooperation

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- 15.11.2000 - 31.1.2012 **Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Swiss Centre for International Health: Sexual and RH/HIV/AIDS unit**
- Deputy head of department SCIH, Head of unit (Sexual and Reproductive Health unit). Project leader of the SDC (Swiss Development Cooperation) advisory mandate (backstopping mandate), technical advisor to SDC in questions of RH, HIV/AIDS and particularly mainstreaming of HIV/AIDS and health promotion; youth friendly services and approaches, adolescent SRH; project leader GTZ PASHA (HIV prevention in primary and secondary schools in Tanzania). Major evaluation mandates. Teaching, project management, backstopping/technical assistance, policy development and consultancies. Organisational development of the department, including strategy development, Corporate Identity and Human Resource Management.
- Main thematic foci: Reproductive Health including HIV/AIDS, mainstreaming HIV/AIDS, Female Genital Cutting; health promotion; youth friendly services and approaches/adolescent SRH, social marketing, school health, strengthening health systems, district and community health.
- 1.11.1996 - 31.5.2000 **Technical Expert in Reproductive Health** (mainly HIV/AIDS/STD control, Family Planning and FGM). **Project of the German Technical Co-operation (GTZ) in southern Senegal.**
- Participative project planning and implementation, introduction of an M&E system, designing and running of epidemiological studies. Developing training sessions for the health personnel. Designing population information campaigns based on the results of operational research and taking into account the specific local context. Piloting innovative approaches as community-based contraceptive distribution (setting up a network of community-based outreach workers), social marketing, action research, intersectoral collaboration in fighting against HIV/AIDS etc.
- 1996, 1994, 1992-93 **Three missions for MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières):**
- Medical Co-ordinator, MSF (Médecins sans frontières) in the cholera epidemic in Touba, Senegal.** Opening of an isolation treatment centre, co-ordination of the interventions concerning sanitation and health education in the town. Epidemiological surveillance.
- Medical Co-ordinator, MSF, in the UNITA held zone of Angola, based in Huambo.** Similar functions as previously in Liboi with however more emphasis on public relations and training. Managing emergency health and nutrition programmes.
- Medical Co-ordinator, MSF, in Liboi refugee camp** (Population of 50, 000 Somali refugees) North Eastern Kenya. Management of curative and preventive health services; setting up therapeutic and supplementary feeding centres; organising a Tuberculosis control programme which enrolled over 600 patients; planning and

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- evaluation of Public Health measures; epidemiological surveillance; developing a health information system, co-ordination of expatriate and local staff. Interagency co-ordination and inter-sectoral collaboration. Documentation of human rights violations.
- 1.10.93 – **Swiss Tropical Institute, Policlinic. Outpatient consultations in tropical**
30.4.94 **diseases, travel medicine** Including vaccination services; technical advice service for doctors and the public. Involvement in the design of a study about Immigrant Health and Health care in Switzerland; Teaching.
- 1989/91/92 **Trainer for the British NGO “Health Unlimited” in Torit, Southern Sudan.** Development of refresher courses in Health centre management for Medical Assistants including a distance learning programme. To a lesser degree involved in village based TBA training. Setting up PHC structures for 200, 000 displaced.

Select Consulting Experience

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→ for consulting experience in the national health system of Switzerland, please see main CV*

- 2019 **Programme-evaluation [ESTHER](#), Network for the Promotion of International Health Partnerships** (an SDC²-funded programme); Lead Evaluator, in cooperation with Alexandra Nicola of IAMANEH
- 2018/2019 **Programme-evaluation Medicus Mundi Schweiz ([MMS](#))** (an SDC-funded programme); Lead Evaluator
- 2018 **Needs analysis** in view of a Swiss funded programme in the field of **health promotion and prevention of NCDs in Albania**, mandate including on-site analysis for the Swiss embassy/Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, SDC
- 2017/18 **“Swiss Comparative Advantage in Health: an analysis to strengthen and further develop the profile of SDC (international cooperation) in health in view of creating stronger synergies with Swiss based expertise»** in view of the renewal of various strategic instruments (e.g. health foreign policy of Switzerland and health policy of SDC)
- 2013 Desk study for the German International Cooperation, **GIZ**, on the possibilities of transferring the **FIT for School** approach (health promotion in the setting of schools), developed in the Philippines to the Sub-Saharan African context
- 2012/2013 Consultant for assessing the relevance or international cooperation of research proposal applications to the R4D, **Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) and SDC**
- 2011/2008/
2003 **Evaluation Supraregional Programme Population Dynamics, Sexual and Reproductive Health of the German International Cooperation (GIZ);** Leadevaluator, in cooperation with Dirk Weber of DWEC group
- 2009-
until 2012 **Advisory mandate to the regional social marketing programme PPSAC** (6 countries in Central African region, funded by KfW, implemented by Swiss TPH) for the process of opening the social marketing approach to integrate other sexual and reproductive health strategies.

² SDC: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

2011	Context Analysis: future trends in international/global health for Medicus Mundi Schweiz (literature review and stakeholder consultation)
2007/2008 and 2002/2003	Co-Teamleader of the external evaluation team of HRP , “the WHO/WB/UNDP/UNFPA special programme on research, development and research training in Human reproduction”
2008,2002	Leadauthor of SDC’s HIV/AIDS strategy 2003-2007 and 2008-2012
2006	Developing a chapter on HIV/Youth with a focus on Sub Saharan Africa for the Swiss Development and Youth Policy for SDC
2005	Analysis and main author of report “ HIV/AIDS und STIs bei MigrantInnen aus dem ehemaligen Jugoslawien in BS/BL ”, for ISPM Lausanne and the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (BAG) .
2002	Leadauthor of SDC’s health policy 2003-2010
2002	Consultant for SDC Nepal: team leader of the evaluation “SDC’s 10 years experience in mainstreaming HIV/AIDS”
2001	Team member with major responsibility within the evaluation team conducting the midterm review of the MRC/DFID Concordat . Evaluating the collaboration on research between the two institutions in regards to quality and relevance of science produced, partnership with developing countries, capacity building, managerial issues of the Concordat, aspects of collaboration.
1995,1996	Consultancy for WHO, Tuberculosis Division , contributing to the elaboration of guidelines concerning TB control in refugee populations in developing countries .

Education/Qualifications

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→ for other education and trainings, please see main CV*

2010	Capacity Works Training , GIZ proposed management model
1994-1995	Master in Public Health for developing countries, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) . Dissertation on „Tuberculosis control in refugee populations in developing countries”; Degree of MSc Public Health in Developing Countries
1992	"SOS" , course on Health Care in emergency situations for large populations (Public Health, Nutrition, Management, etc) ICRC and WHO Geneva
1991	Diploma course for tropical medicine and hygiene, DTM&H, London , diploma awarded by the royal society of physicians

Publications

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Kessler C, Biaggi-Stucki C., de Korte F. „Die Zukunft der Gesundheitszusammenarbeit: Trends und Entwicklungen“; *Medicus Mundi Schweiz Bulletin* No 124, Juli 2012, 20-27.

Probst-Hensch N, Tanner M., Kessler C, Burri C, Künzli N „Prevention - a cost-effective way to fight the non-communicable disease epidemic- An academia perspective of the United Nations High-Level NCD Meeting“ *Swiss Med Wkly.* 2011;141: w13266

Kessler C., Prytherch H, Closing the Gap in a Globalised World- positive motherhood. *Medicus Mundi Bulletin* 105, August 2007

Thierfelder C, Tanner M, Kessler Bodiang C. Female genital mutilation in the context of migration: experience of African women with the Swiss health care system. *European Journal of Public Health*; 2005 Vol 15, No 1, 86-90.

Kessler Bodiang C. HIV Prävention bei afrikanischen Migrantinnen und Migranten: eine Herausforderung für die schweizerische Gesundheitspolitik. *AIDS Infothek* 3/02, 14. Jahrgang, 2002.4-9.

Kessler Bodiang C, Issues facing TB control (2.1). Tuberculosis control in refugee populations: a focus on developing countries. *Scott Med J* 2000 Oct;45 (5 Suppl):25-8; discussion 29

Kessler C, Connolly M, Levy M, Porter J, Rieder H. Tuberculosis control in refugee populations: a challenge to both relief agencies and National Programs. Position Paper. *International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease* 1998; 2(2) : 105 – 110.

Kessler C, Connolly M, Levy M, Chaulet P. Control of tuberculosis in refugees and displaced. *Rev Panam Salud Publica* 1997 Oct;2(4):295-8

WHO Tuberculosis Programme. Tuberculosis Control in Refugee Situations; an Inter- Agency Field Manual. WHO/TB/97.221. Geneva: WHO 1997 (contribution)

Kessler C, Connolly M, Levy M, Chaulet P. Tuberculosis control in refugees and displaced persons. WHO/TB/ 96.209.

Porter J., Kessler C. Tuberculosis in refugees: a neglected dimension of the global epidemic of tuberculosis. Leading Article. *Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* 1995; 89: 241-242.