## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

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### POSITION/ TITLE: Public Health Researcher/Social Epidemiologist

#### **EDUCATION/TRAINING**

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	Completion Date	FIELD OF STUDY
University for Development Studies, Ghana	BA (Hons)	1997-2001	Integrated Development Studies (IDS)
University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg,     South Africa	MSc (Med)	2006-2008	Population Based-Field Epidemiology
3. University of Ghana, Ghana	PhD Candidate	2020 to date	Population Studies

#### A. Personal Statement

Mr. Azongo is a Social Epidemiologist with over 16 years of experience in longitudinal population-based health research. He was the manager of the Navrongo Health and Demographic Surveillance System and is currently an Epidemiologist on the GSK RTS,S/AS01E Malaria vaccine studies in charge of field-related activities. In these roles, he oversees field activities and is responsible for writing technical reports, manuscripts, and research grant proposals. He has played a key role in the design and implementation of various research projects, including studies on maternal and child health and health systems interventions, antimalarial drugs and malaria vaccine studies and evaluation of health interventions. His research interests include child and maternal health interventions, implementation research, mortality estimations, non-communicable diseases and monitoring, evaluation and learning.

## B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors

- Epidemiologist and Field Coordinator Navrongo Health Research Centre (NHRC). A prospective study to
  evaluate the safety, effectiveness and impact of the RTS,S/AS01E vaccine in young children in subSaharan Africa. 2019 to date
- Epidemiologist and Field Coordinator Navrongo Health Research Centre (NHRC). A prospective study to estimate the incidence of diseases specified as adverse events of special interest, of other adverse events leading to hospitalization or death, and of meningitis in infants and young children in sub-Saharan Africa prior to implementation of the RTS,S/AS01E candidate vaccine. 2018 2021.
- Manager- Navrongo HDSS, Navrongo Health Research Centre (NHRC). Jan- 2014 2017
- Research officer- Navrongo HDSS, Navrongo Health Research Centre (NHRC) 2008 -2013
- Research Assistant- Navrongo HDSS, Navrongo Health Research Centre (NHRC) 2002 -2005.
- Regional Coordinator- UNICEF Assess the Coverage and Utilization of the HIRD interventions, ICCM and LLIN 'Hang-Up' Campaigns in the three Northern regions of Ghana Community Directed Interventions in Urban Poor Settings Study (CDI study), 2012-13
- Module leader- INDEPTH Effectiveness and Safety studies, access module, (INESS), 2010-11
- Research Coordinator- Ghana Essential Health Intervention Project (GEHIP), 2010
- Research Coordinator- Comparative study of household needs, utilization and access to health care services in Ghana and Vietnam, 2012-13

#### C. Contribution to Science

- Mr. Azongo has been involved in various research projects on topics such as maternal and child health, health systems interventions, antimalarial drugs and malaria vaccine studies, and evaluation of health interventions.
- He has published and co-authored about 20 peer-reviewed articles in reputable peer-reviewed journals, covering areas such as weather variability and mortality, road traffic fatalities, tobacco smoking and deaths from respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, HIV/AIDS-related mortality, urogenital schistosomiasis and malaria.
- He has also contributed to the design and implementation of the Navrongo Health and Demographic Surveillance System (HDSS), which is a longitudinal data collection system that monitors the health and demographic dynamics of a population in northern Ghana.

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