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| Centre for Population and Health Sciences, University of Glasgow, Scotland | | PhD | December 2010 | Public Health and Health Policy |
| Department of Community Health, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) Kumasi - Ghana | | MSc | February 2007 | Health Services Planning and Management |
| Department of Community Nutrition, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University for Development Studies, Tamale-Ghana | | BSc | December, 2001 | Community Nutrition |
| Faculty of Law, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) Kumasi - Ghana | | BSc | September, 2022 | LLB |

1. **Positions and Honors**

2013-2019 Lecturer, Dept. of Health Policy, Management and Economics of the School of Public Health, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, KNUST

Since 2019 Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Health Policy, Management and Economics of the School of Public Health, Kwame Nkrumah Univerrsity of Science and Technology, KNUST

2020 - 2021 Head of Department, Dept. of Health Policy, Management and Economics of the School of Public Health, Kwame Nkrumah Univerrsity of Science and Technology, KNUST

2022 – Date Head of Department, Dept. of Occupation and Environmental Health and Safety of the School of Public Health, Kwame Nkrumah Univerrsity of Science and Technology, KNUST

**Other experience and professional memberships**

2022-2023 – **Chairman** of a committee to Develop Short Course in Quality Healthcare Improvement

2021- To date **Chairman**, School of Public Health Procurement Committee

2020 – To date **Chairman**, School of Public Quality Assurance Sub-Committee

2020 – To date **Membe**r of College of Health Sciences Quality Assurance Sub-Committee, KNUST

2019 – **Reviewer,** 5TH KNUST Research Fund (KReF)

2019 – **Member** of Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi)

2018- **Member** KNUST-SPH Strategic Planning Committeee

2017-**Member** of International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and outcome Research (ISPOR)

2017- **Member** of Ghana Nutrition Association (GNutA)

2018– To Date – **Board Chairman**, IOKOS Health Consult, Kumasi

2013 – 2016 - **Director,** Kaisa Global Health LTD, Kumasi

2004 – 2006- Board member of Asokwa and Ejisu-Juaben District-wide Insurance Scheme

* 1. - Member of Ashanti AIDS Initiative Network

2003- 2004 - Member of Ashanti Regional Technical Committee on MHO

1. **Contribution to Science**

**PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS**

1. Danquah, FA., Sampson, GO., Brenyah, F., Brenyah, JK., **Mensah, KA**. (2023). Assessment of Knowledge of Non-Communicable Diseases and Influences on the Lifestyle of Community Members in Afigya-Kwabre South District in Ghana. International Journal of Health Sciences, June 2023, Vol. 11, No. 1, pp. 87-101ISSN: 2372-5060
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3. Osei, BS., Agyei-Baffour, P., **Mensah,KA**., Twum, P. (2023). Health Systems Barriers to the Implementation of Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection in Primary Health Care Facilities in Ghana. Hindawi , Advances in Public Health, Volume 2023, Article ID 4324697
4. Appiah-Danquah, AB., Okyere, Paul., Appiah-Brempong, E., Vampere, H., Ofori, B., **Mensah, KA**., Tawiah, R. (2023). WILLINGNESS TO DONATE AND UTILIZE HUMAN BREAST MILK AMONG PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE KORLE KLOTTEY MUNICIPALITY, GHANA. Journal of Science and Technology, Vol. 41, No. 3 (2023), pp 23 - 37
5. Gbolu,S., Appiah-Brempong,E., Okyere,P., Vampere, H., Nyarko, GO., **Mensah, KA**. (2023). Determinants of handwashing behaviour among primary school teachers in a district of Ghana. Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine, 11:1, 2185620, DOI: 10.1080/21642850.2023.2185620
6. Brobbey, RA., Kwawukume, MA., Twum, P., Agyei-Baffour, P., Opoku, D., Antwi-Berko, KB., Vetsi, O., Apara, J., **Mensah, KA**. (2023). Health service delivery factors influencing neonatal mortality in health facilities in the Bono Region of Ghana. World Journal of Advanced Research and Reviews
7. Doku, PN., Ananga, MK., Jehu-Appiah, N., **Mensah, KA**., Debrah, TP., Nsatimba, F. (2023). Child maltreatment mediates the relationship between HIV/AIDS family dysfunction trajectories and psychosocial problems among adolescents. PLOS GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH
8. Twum, P., Yeboah, EB., Agyei-Baffour, P., **Mensah, KA**. (2023). The potency of a free maternal healthcare policy in achieving universal health coverage a cross-sectional qualitative Study. FI000 Research
9. Adu, C., **Mensah, KA**., Ahinkorah, BO., Seidu, A., Minta, AY., Tetteh, AW. (2022). Socio-demographic factors associated with medication adherence among People Living with HIV in the Kumasi Metropolis, Ghana. AIDS Research and Therapy
10. Tetteh, A. W., **Mensah, K. A**. Amo, R., Nketia, A., Thomford, K. P., Boadu, K. O., Adu, C. (2022). Predictors of Herbal Medicine Use Among Pregnant Women Accessing Prenatal Care from the Kumasi- South Hospital in Ghana. Journal of Pharmaceuticals and Allied Sciences
11. Yambah, JK., Kuunibe, N., Kindness, L., **Mensah, KA**., Apawu. J., Titigah, AB., Saanwie, S., Sopiimeh, EL. (2022). Exploring the effects of the withdrawal of the capitation policy on Cesarean rates in public hospitals in Ghana: an interrupted time series analysis. Annales Africaines de Médecine
12. Mohammed, A., Desu, AP., Acheampong, PR., **Mensah, KA**., Osei, FA., Yeboah, EO., Amanor, E., Owusu-Dabo, E. (2022). Effect of fear appeal mobile phone messaging on health behaviors of caregivers with children under-five in Ghana. Health Promotion International, Volume 37, Issue 4
13. Yambah, J.K., **Mensah, K.A**., Kuunibe, N., Laar, K., Atinga, R.A., Boateng, M.O., Opoku, D., Quentin, W. (2022). The effect of the capitation policy withdrawal on maternal health service provision in Ashanti Region, Ghana: an interrupted time series analysis. BMC: Global Health Research and Policy, 7:38
14. Osei, F.A., Ansong, D., **Mensah, K.A**., Owusu, S.K., Mensah, N.K., Amuzu, E.X., Owusu, K.A., Sarpong, P.O., Osei-Peprah, I., Kobina, T.O., Bonney, J., Enimil, A., Dankwah, B.A., Agyei-Baffour, P. (2022). The Economic Burden of Households with Children Less than Five Years Presenting with Pneumonia At Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi, Ghana. Postgraduate Medical Journal of Ghana, Vol 11, No. 2 ISSN: 2026-6790
15. Aku, KM., **Mensah**, **KA.**, Twum, P., Agyei-Baffour, P., Opoku, D., Brenyah, JK. (2021). Factors Influencing NonRenewal of Health Insurance Membership in Ejisu Juaben Municipality of Ashanti Region, Ghana. Advances in Public Health.
16. Aba, PA., **Mensah, KA**., Brenyah, JK., Twum, P., Perditer, O., Easmon, O. (2021). Knowledge, Attitudes and Socio-demographic Factors associated with Males’ involvement in Fertility Treatment in Ghana. Journal of Women’s Health Care
17. Doku, PN., **Mensah, KA**., Ananga, MK., Debrah, TP. (2019). A systematic Review of the Mental Health of Orphans and Vulnerable Children within the Context of HIV/AIDS in Africa. International Journal of Psychiatry. ISSN: 2475-5435
18. Boateng, KS., Agyei-Baffour, P., Boateng, D., Rockson, GK., **Mensah, KA**., Edusei, AK. (2019). Household Willingness-to-Pay for Improved Solid Waste Management Services in Four Major Metropolitan Cites in Ghana. Journal of Environmental and Public Health.
19. Buruwaa Nuamah, Peter Agyei-Baffour**,** **Kofi Akohene Mensah**, Daniel Boateng, Dan Yedu Quansah, Dominic Dobin and Kwasi Addai-Donkor (2019). Access and utilization of maternal healthcare in a rural district in the forest belt of Ghana Gladys. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth* 19:6pg 1-11
20. Osei, FA., **Mensah, KA**., Ansong, D., Agyei-Baffour, P., Owusu, SK., Mensah, NK., Amuzu, EX., Sarpong, PO., Osei-Peprah, I. (2018). Prevalence of pneumonia and risk factors of pneumonia mortality among children under five years in Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi, Ghana. African Journal of Current Medical Research
21. **Mensah, K.A**., Enoch, A., Anokye, FO., Okyere, P., Appiah-Brempong, E., Adjei, R.O. (2017). Factors influencing the practice of exclusive breastfeeding among nursing mothers in a peri-urban district of Ghana. BMC Research Notes
22. Gyamfi, A., **Mensah, K.A**., Oduro, G., Donkor, P., Mock, C.N. (2017). Barriers and facilitators to Electronic Medical Records Usage in the Emergency Centre at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi-Ghana. African Journal of Emergency Medicine
23. Opoku, N.B., **Mensah, K.A**., Enoch, A., Okyere, P., Appiah-Brempong, E., Adjei, R.O., Wemakor, A. (2016). Provider-client perception and experiences on the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) medicines list in both public and private pharmacy in the Bantama Sub-metro of Ashanti Region of Ghana. Developing Country Studies, 7(9), ISSN 2225-0565
24. Wemakor, A., **Mensah, K.A.** (2016). Association between maternal depression and child stunting in Northern Ghana: a cross-sectional study. BMC Public Health 16 :869
25. Nuamah, G.B., Agyei-Baffour, P., **Akohene, KM.,** Boateng, D., Dobin, D., Addai-Donkor, K. (2016). Incentives to yield to Obsteric Referrals in deprived areas of Amansie West District in the Ashanti Region, Ghana. International Journal for Equity in Health, 15(117)
26. Enoch, A**.,** Edusei, A.K., Okyere, P., **Mensah, K.A**., Adjei, R.O., Appiah-Brempong, E. (2016). “We are not getting jobs”: Job seeking Problems of People with Disability and Coping Strategies adopted in an Urban Traditional Community in Ghana. Disability, CBR and Inclusive Development (DCID), 27(1)
27. Gyamfi, E., Okyere, P., Appiah-Brempong, E., Adjei, R.O., **Mensah, K.A**. (2015). Benefits of Disclosure of HIV Status to Infected Children and Adolescents: Perceptions of Caregivers and Health Care Providers. Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, 26 (6), 770-780
28. Enoch, A**., Mensah, K.A**., Adjei, R.O., Edusei, A.K., Okyere, P., Appiah-Brempong, E. (2015). ‘’We are Seen but not Recognized’’; Disability Stigma and Disabled People’s Exclusion from Community Activities: The Case of Disabled People in a Traditional Community in Ghana. Developing Country Studies, 5(19), ISSN-2225-0565(Online)
29. **Mensah, K.A**., Okyere, P., Doku, P.N. (2015). An Evaluation of Community-based Food Supplementation for People Living With HIV in Ghana: Implication for Community-based interventions in Ghana. BMC Research Notes, 8:519
30. Enoch, A., Edusei, A.K., **Mensah, K.A.** (2015). Societal Creation of Disability and its Effects on Disabled People’s Social Relationships; Qualitative Exploration of the Experience of Disabled People in the Kumasi Metro of Ghana. International Journal of Applied Research and Studies, 4(7), ISSN: 2278-9480
31. Doku, P.N., Dotse, J.E., **Mensah, K.A**. (2015). Perceived Social Support Disparities among Children affected by HIV/AIDS in Ghana: a cross-sectional survey. BMC Public Health, 15:538
32. Donkor,C., Edusei,A.K., **Mensah,K.A.,** Nkoom,B., Okyere,P., Appiah-Brempong,E. and Adjei,R.O. (2015). Prevalence of hypertension and obesity among women in reproductive age in the Ashaiman Municipality in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana. *Journal of Developing Country Studies*, 5(2):89-96
33. Afriyie,E.O., Edusei,A.K., **Mensah,K.A.,** Nkoom,B., Okyere,P., Adjei,R.O. and Appiah-Brempong,E. (2015). Antibiotics availability and usage in Health Facilities: A case of the Offinso-South Municipality of Ghana. *Journal of Biology, Agriculture and Healthcare*, 5(2):139-144

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1. Acheampong, PR., Kulasegaram, M., Ndiaye, M., **Mensah, KA.,** Owusu-Ansah, W., Owusu-Dabo, E., Owusu, J., Rodas, J., Rouleau, K., Wilson, J., Wilson, O. (2024). Strengthening Global Primary Care Matters: Transforming Africa Health Sector through an Innovative Global Health Partnership. Abstract presented at the Department of Family and Community Medicine Conference, University of Toronto, Canada, Global Health and Social Accountability
2. Lam Antoniades,M., Opare-Addo, M., **Mensah, K.A**., Benefo-Agyei, B., Duah, J., Fung, S., Gupta, K., Taglionr, MS., Twum,P. (2024). What matters most in Primary Care around the world? Co-creating and delivering a Quality Improvement Course for Primary Healthcare Professionals in Ghana. Abstract presented at the Department of Family and Community Medicine Conference, University of Toronto, Canada.
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4. Tetteh, A.W., **Mensah, K.A.,** Nketiah, A., Thomford, K.P., Boadu, K.O., Adu, C. (2021). Predictors of Herbal Medicine use among Pregnant Women accessing Care from Herbal Medicine-Integrated demographic factors associated with Medication Adherence among People Living with HIV in Kumasi Metropolis, Ghana. COVID-19: A Health Challenge for the Decade, The Role of Health Professionals. 9th Biennial Scientific Conference of the College of Health Sciences, KNUST School of Business, 29th – 30th September, 2021
5. Gbolu, S., Appiah-Brempong, E., Okyere, P., Vampere, H., Nyarko, G.O., **Mensah, K.A.** (2021). Determinants of Handwashing Behaviour among Primary School Teachers in Sene East District of the Bono East Region of Ghana. COVID-19: A Health Challenge for the Decade, The Role of Health Professionals. 9th Biennial Scientific Conference of the College of Health Sciences, KNUST School of Business, 29th – 30th September, 2021
6. Asante, S.K., Brenyah, J.K., **Mensah, A.K**., Agyei-Baffour, P., Opoku, D., Okyere, P. (2021). Prescribers’ factors and patients’ socio-demographic factors influencing Quality Care Management of Febrile illness in Ghana. COVID-19: A Health Challenge for the Decade, The Role of Health Professionals. 9th Biennial Scientific Conference of the College of Health Sciences, KNUST School of Business, 29th – 30th September, 2021
7. Brobbey, R.A., **Akohene, K.M**., Kwawukume, M. (2021). Health Services Delivery Factors influencing Neonatal Mortality in Health Facilities in the Bono Region of Ghana. COVID-19: A Health Challenge for the Decade, The Role of Health Professionals. 9th Biennial Scientific Conference of the College of Health Sciences, KNUST School of Business, 29th – 30th September, 2021
8. Abnory, M.M., **Mensah, K.A**., Mohammed, A., Opoku, D.A., Osei, F.A., Acheampong, P.R., Owusu-Dabo, E. (2021). Measuring Service Quality and Satisfaction among Patients accessing Healthcare from Public University Hospitals in Ghana. COVID-19: A Health Challenge for the Decade, The Role of Health Professionals. 9th Biennial Scientific Conference of the College of Health Sciences, KNUST School of Business, 29th – 30th September, 2021
9. Abnory, M., **Mensah, K.A**., Owusu-Dabo, E. (2019). Implementation Challenges of Quality Assurance (QA) initiatives: a qualitative assessment in Public University Hospitals in Ghana. Universal Access to Healthcare- The Role of the Health Scientist. 8th College of Health Sciences, KNUST & 12th Convention of Biomedical Research Ghana, Joint Scientific Conference. KNUST School of Business, July 30-31, 2019
10. Gyamfi, A., **Mensah, K.A.**, Oduro, G., Donkor, P., Mock,C.N. Barriers and Facilitators to Electronic Medical Records in the Emergency Centre at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi-Ghana. Inaugural Symposium with a theme: Leadership and capacity Building for Health Professions Education and Research organized by the Ghana College of Physicians & Surgeons, Accra-Ghana, 1st -3rd August, 2017
11. **Mensah, K.A**. The Challenges of community-based interventions for People Living with HIV in Ghana: Lessons for Africa. Inaugural Symposium with a theme: Leadership and capacity Building for Health Professions Education and Research organized by the Ghana College of Physicians & Surgeons, Accra-Ghana, 1st -3rd August, 2017
12. Buabeng, B., Okyere, P., Appiah-Brempong, E., **Mensah, KA**., Adjei, RO.,Acheampong, E. Determinants of the utilization of skilled delivery services in predominantly rural district of Ghana. 5TH AfriNEAD and 7TH College of Health Sciences conference held at KNUST, Kumasi-Ghana, 7TH – 9TH August, 2017
13. **Research Support**
14. 2024 -2025 – **Training Coordinator**, USAID/Quality Services for Health Activities in 3 Districts in the Western Region of Ghana, $178,920. Grant No. FY24-G002-G005, TO NO. 72064121F00001, Contract No. 7200AA18D00026
15. 2022-2032 – **Coordinator Health Employment Pillar**. KNUST Mastercard Foundation Health Collaborative Program. $15, 400,000.00
16. 2021-2024 – Project Coordinator WP2 **Research to Improve Resilience in Major African Cities through Universal Health Coverage (ReachUHC)”** at the KNUST-School of Public Health in Ghana with funding support from the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF), and in collaboration with the National Health Insurance Authority in Ghana, the Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin) in Germany and mTOMADY of the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Doctors for Madgascar and the Berlin Institute of Health in Germany, €182,300.00
17. 2020-2023- Research Team Member for German-Ghanaian Research Partner Group for eHealth: Analysing regulatory authorization, provider adoption and strategies for scale-up using the case study of a national telemedicine programme in Ghana at the KNUST-School of Public Health in Ghana with funding support from the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF), and in collaboration with the Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin) in Germany -€535,000.00
18. 2019-2023 –Health Economics Team Member for European Developing Countries Clinical Trial Partnerships 2 (EDCTP2); Effect of a Novel typhoid conjugate vaccine in Africa: a multicenter study in Ghana and the Democratic Republic of Congo- THECA - €5,179,550.71
19. 2018-2022 -Project Coordinator, Appropriate Point of Care diagnostics (APOC) funding from the University of Pennsylvania in collaboration with the School of Public Health, KNUST, $ 200,000
20. 2007 – 2010 – £64, 0000.00 Principal Investigator, exploration of evaluation approaches for a community-based intervention for People Living with HIV/AIDS in Ghana, USAIDS / OICI collaborative project in Ghana
21. 2008 – £5,000.00 travelling award. MAC Robertson travelling scholarship offered by the University of Glasgow, UK for data collection in Ghana
22. 2006 – 2009 – GHC 40,000.00 award from the NACP/GLOBAL Fund for implementation of treatment, care and support for PLHIV
23. 2002 – 2008 – GHC 120,000.00 MSHAP Fund from the Ghana AIDS Commission for treatment, care and support for PLHIV
24. 2001 – 2002 – $100,000.00 Focal person for implementation of Child Survival Progammes in UNICEF Focal communities in Savalugu- Nanton District of the Northern Region, Ghana