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PROFILE

Physician, public health practitioner, policy and development professional, academic and researcher, with ten years of progressive professional experience in clinical practice, development programme management, academia, operational research, monitoring and evaluation in the maternal, child, adolescent sexual and reproductive health areas. Has exceptional capacity for quantitative and qualitative data analysis, geographic information systems analysis, economic evaluation and value for money analysis. Bi-lingual, speaking English and French fluently and maintains a high-standing academic, professional and leadership track record.

EDUCATION

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and University of Liverpool, Liverpool, United Kingdom (January 2018)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) International Public Health

Thesis title: Social Return on Investment on Emergency Obstetric Care Training in Kenya

EHESP French School of Public Health and Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), Rennes, France (July 2013)

Master Pilotage des Politiques et Actions en Santé Publique (Master's in Health Policy and Programme Management)

Dissertation title: L'intégration des populations rurales burkinabé dans les programmes de réduction de l'incidence de la fistule obstétricale: Le travail effectué, la situation actuelle et les perspectives d'amélioration.

University of Sheffield, Sheffield, United Kingdom (July 2013)

Master of Public Health (MPH with Distinction)

College of Medicine, Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria (April 2009)

Bachelor of Medicine; Bachelor of Surgery (M.B; B.S)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom

Research Fellow/AXA Research Fund Grantee (September 2019 – Present)

- Leads research on access and utilisation of emergency obstetric care services in Nigeria, as an AXA Research Fund grantee.

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom

Fellow in Health Policy (August 2017 – August 2019)

- Led research on value for money of maternal health services in developing countries
- Led delivery of the Health Systems and Policies in Developing Countries module (HP403).
- Delivered post-graduate teaching in Financing Health Care: A comparative approach and Economic Evaluation courses.
- Supervised post-graduate students on Master's in International Health Policy and Masters in Global Health programmes.

University of Liverpool/Laureate Online, Liverpool, United Kingdom

Honorary lecturer/Dissertation Advisor (December 2014 – Present)

- Delivers post-graduate online teaching in Generating and Evaluating Public Health Evidence, Practising and Promoting Global Health, Public Policy in Low Income Countries, Management of Health Systems, Monitoring and Evaluation of Systems and Programmes, and Health Economics and Finance.

Centre for Reproductive Health Research and Innovation, Lagos State University College of Medicine, Lagos, Nigeria

Research Fellow, (December 2013 – Present)

- Leads research assessing equity of comprehensive emergency obstetric care facilities in Lagos.
- Leads research assessing social impact of comprehensive emergency obstetric care facilities.
- Provides operational leadership of the project and manages grant (\$80,000).

Arizona State University/Dignity Health/Maricopa Integrated Health Systems, Arizona, United States

McCain Institute Next Generation Leader/Health Policy Fellow/Adjunct Research Associate (September 2015 – September 2016)

- Led an economic evaluation of a specialised antenatal care service for refugee women in the state of Arizona.
- Led multiple research on provision of maternal health care for refugee women in the state of Arizona.
- Coordinated operations of the Cultural Health Navigator program at the Maricopa Integrated Health Systems.
- Led research assessing geographical distribution, accessibility and utilisation of emergency obstetric care facilities in Lagos, Nigeria at the Decision Theatre Network of Arizona State University.
- Led research assessing quality of care for women with pre-eclampsia within the Dignity Health group, Arizona.

Centre for Maternal & Newborn Health, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Liverpool, United Kingdom

Research Assistant (September 2013 – September 2015)

- Taught and assessed post-graduate students on the health economics and finance module.
- Delivered Maternal and Newborn health training and supervises postgraduate students.
- Coordinated development of research protocols, health needs assessments and grant applications.
- Led monitoring and evaluation of a multi-country emergency obstetric care training intervention in Kenya and South Africa.

Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, EHESP, French School of Public Health, Rennes, France

Research Intern (February 2013 – June 2013)

- Led research on mainstreaming rural populations in obstetric fistula programs in Burkina Faso.
- Provided technical support for project team designing a logical framework for the development of an obstetric fistula prevention programme in Boromo district.

Global Fund Malaria Department, Society for Family Health, Abuja, Nigeria

Programme Manager (October 2010 – July 2011)

- Managed programme grants (\$150,000), working with Kano and Kogi state governments successfully.
- Assisted in design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the program.
- Initiated a training evaluation framework for the organisation that was scaled up nationally.
- Delivered training for health workers on case management of malaria.

Maternal, Child and Reproductive Health Department, Society for Family Health, Abuja, Nigeria

Programme Assistant (August 2010 – October 2010)

- Supported implementation, monitoring and evaluation of use of community volunteers, dedicated toll-free call centres for pregnant women, emergency transport scheme and provision of clean delivery kits in Northeast Nigeria.

Nigerian Air Force, Abuja, Nigeria

Medical House Officer (August 2009 – July 2010)

- Provided diagnostic, investigative and therapeutic services to patients in rotations involving four major departments: Internal Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, and Obstetrics & Gynaecology.
- Supported military personnel on missions to provide first aid in case of emergency.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Principal investigator, **AXA Post-Doctoral Research Grant**, Mar 2019 – Mar 2021.

Amount awarded: £120,000

Source: AXA Research Fund

Title of Project: Optimising access to emergency obstetric care for women in a sub-Saharan setting ([Link](#))

Principal investigator, **Jean Clayton Fund Fellowship**, Mar 2014 – Aug 2014.

Amount awarded: £5,000

Source: Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Title of Project: Social Return on Investment on EmOC Training

Co-principal investigator, **Lagos Research and Development Council Grant**, Jan 2014 – Jan 2016.

Amount awarded: \$80,000

Source: Lagos State Government

Title of Project: Comprehensive Assessment of Emergency Obstetric Care in Lagos State

RESEARCH SUPERVISION, DOCTORAL THESIS EXAMINATION AND MENTORSHIP

Research supervision

- Supervision of multiple post-graduate taught students at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, and the University of Liverpool.

Doctoral Thesis Examination

- Mardieh Louise Dennis. Doctor of Philosophy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Thesis title: Pragmatic pluralism for health: Understanding the role of public financing and public-private engagement on use, quality, and equity in access to maternal health services in Kenya. 14/10/2019

Academic Mentoring

- Career mentoring for post-graduate students at the University of Sheffield.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & HONOURS

- **AXA Research Fellowship**, AXA Research Fund, 2019, France
- **Fellow Higher Education Academy**, Higher Education Academy, 2017, UK
- **2nd Best Oral Post-Graduate Research Presentation**, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 2017, UK
- **McCain Institute Award for Excellence in Leadership**, McCain Institute, 2016, USA
- **McCain Institute Fellowship in International Leadership**, McCain Institute, 2015, USA
- **Epidemiology and Population Health Summer Institute Scholarship**, Columbia University, 2015, USA
- **Jean Clayton Fund Fellowship**, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 2014, United Kingdom
- **Lagos Research and Development Council Grant**, Lagos State Government, 2014, Nigeria
- **PhD Fellowship**, Department for International Development through the “Making it Happen” programme
- **Associate Fellowship**, Nigeria Leadership Initiative, 2014, Nigeria
- **Professor John Allegrante Best Student Prize**, Erasmus Mundus Europubhealth, 2013, France
- **Lagos State Government Foreign Scholarship Grant**, Lagos State Government, 2011
- **Erasmus Mundus Grant**, European Union, 2011
- **Sheffield Graduate Award**, The University of Sheffield, 2012, United Kingdom
- **Public Health Personality Award**, Public Health Society, 2011/2012, United Kingdom
- **National Millennium Development Goals honours award**, Presidency, 2011, Nigeria
- **Honours Award (Federal Capital Territory)**, National Youth Service Corps, 2011, Nigeria

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Published research

- **Banke-Thomas A**, Balogun M, Wright K, Ajayi B, Abejirinde IO, Olaniran A, Giwa-Ayedun RO, Odusanya B, and Afolabi BB. 'Travel experiences of pregnant women in situations of emergency to health facilities in the megacity called Lagos: a qualitative study'. *Reproductive Health (in press)*
- Sanoussi Y, Ahinkorah BO, **Banke-Thomas A**, Yaya S. 'Assessing and decomposing inequality of opportunity in access to child health and nutrition in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from three countries with low human development index' *International Journal for Equity in Health (in press)*
- Eborieme EA, Olawepo J, **Banke-Thomas A**. Abejirinde IO and Abimbola S. 'Appraising and addressing design and implementation failure in global health: a pragmatic framework'. *International Journal of Health Policy and Management (in press)*
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Ayomoh F, Abejirinde IO, Banke-Thomas O, Eborieme EA, and Ameh CA. (2020) 'Cost of Utilising Maternal Health Services in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Systematic Review'. *International Journal of Health Policy and Management*. 10.34172/IJHPM.2020.104
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Abejirinde IO, Ayomoh F, Banke-Thomas O, Eborieme EA, and Ameh CA. (2020) 'The cost of maternal health services in low- and middle-income countries from a provider's perspective: a systematic review'. *BMJ Global Health*, 5(6), p. e002371.
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Olorunsaiye CZ, Yaya S. (2020) "Leaving no one behind" also includes taking the elderly along concerning their sexual and reproductive health and rights: a new focus for Reproductive Health. *Reproductive Health*, 17, p. 101
- Semaan A, Audet C, Huysmans E, Afolabi BA, **Banke-Thomas A**, Blencowe H, Caluwaerts S, Campbell OMR, Cavallaro FL, Chavane L, Day L-T, Delamou A, Delvaux T, Graham W, Gon G, Kascak P, Matsui M, Moxon S, Nakimuli A, Pembe AB, Radoviich E, van den Akker T, Benova L. (2020) 'Voices from the frontline: findings from a thematic analysis of a rapid online global survey of maternal and newborn health professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic'. *BMJ Global Health*, 5(6), p. e002967.
- Eborieme EA and **Banke-Thomas A**. (2020) 'Beyond the science: Advancing the “art and craft” of implementation in the training and practice of global health'. *International Journal of Health Policy and Management*. doi: 10.34172/IJHPM.2020.131
- Gwacham-Anisiobi UC and **Banke-Thomas A**. (2020) "There is no ideal place, but it is best to deliver in a hospital": Expectations and experiences of health facility-based childbirth in Imo state, Nigeria. *Pan African Medical Journal (in press)*
- Ngwako K, **Banke-Thomas A**. 'I guess we have to treat them, but...': health care provider perspectives on management of women presenting with unsafe abortion in Botswana. *Glob Public Health*. 2020. doi: 10.1080/17441692.2020.1751863
- Wong KLM, Brady OJ, Campbell OMR, **Banke-Thomas A**, Benova L. Too poor or too far? Partitioning the variability of hospital-based childbirth by poverty and travel time in Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria and Tanzania. *Int J Equity Health*. 2020;19(1):15.
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Nieuwenhuis S, Mortimore G, Ologun A, Mpakateni M. Embedding Value-for-Money Practice in Health Programmes in sub-Saharan Africa: Insights from a Pooled Fund Programme Implemented in South Sudan. *Evaluation and Programme Planning*. 2020. doi: 10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2019.101725
- **Banke-Thomas A** and Ameh CA. (2019) 'WHO's quality of maternal and newborn care framework: is harmonisation of tools best?' *Lancet Global Health*, 7(7), p. eE841. doi: 10.1016/S2214-109X(19)30203-7

- **Banke-Thomas A**, Abejirinde I, Banke-Thomas O, Maikano A, and Ameh CA. (2019) 'Cost of maternal health services in low- and middle-income countries: Protocol for a systematic review' *BMJ Open*. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2018-027822
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Maua J, Madaj B, and van den Broek N. (2019) 'Perspectives of Stakeholders on Emergency Obstetric Care Training in Kenya: A Qualitative Study'. *International Health*. doi: 10.1093/inthealth/ihz007
- Agbemenu K, **Banke-Thomas A**, Ely G, Johnson-Agbakwu C. 'Avoiding Obstetrical Interventions among U.S. based Somali Migrant Women: A Qualitative Study'. *Ethnicity & Health*. doi: 10.1080/13557858.2019.1613519
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Rosser C, Brady M, Shields L (2019) 'Patient costs and outcomes before and after the institution of a pre-eclampsia quality improvement initiative in a southwestern tertiary facility'. *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*. doi: 10.1080/01443615.2019.1575343
- **Banke-Thomas AO**, Madaj B, and van den Broek N. (2019) Social Return on Investment of Emergency Obstetric Care Training in Kenya. *BMJ Global Health*, 4, p. e001167.
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Wright K, Collins L, Fedorschak K (2018) 'Assessing Geographical Distribution of Emergency Obstetric Care in sub-Saharan Africa Using the United Nations Assessment Tool: A Systematic Review'. *Journal of Global Health*, 9(1), p. 010414.
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Agbemenu K, Johnson-Agbakwu C (2018) 'Factors Associated with Access to Maternal and Reproductive Health Care among Somali Refugee Women Resettled in Ohio, United States: A Cross-Sectional Survey'. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. 21(5), p.946-53.
- **Banke-Thomas A**, (2018) 'What about the issues in using social return on investment as an evaluation tool?' *Evaluation Journal of Australasia*, 18(1), pp. 64-8.
- **Banke-Thomas AO**, Kumar S, Madaj B, van den Broek N (2017) 'Assessing Value-for-Money in Maternal and Newborn Health'. *BMJ Global Health*, 2(2), p. e000310.
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Wilson-Jones M, Madaj B and van den Broek, N (2017) 'Economic Evaluation of Emergency Obstetric Care Training: A Systematic Review'. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*, 17(1), p. 403.
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Wright K, Sonoiki O, Ilozumba O, Ajayi B, Okikiolu O and Akinola O (2017) 'Multi-stakeholder perspectives on access, availability and utilisation of emergency obstetric care services in Lagos, Nigeria: a mixed-methods study'. *Journal of Public Health in Africa*, 8(2), p. 717.
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Gieszl S, Johnson-Agbakwu C (2017) 'Experiences of Refugee Women in Accessing and Utilizing a Refugee-Focused Prenatal Clinic in the United States: A Mixed Methods Study'. *Global Women's Health*, 1(1), pp. 14–20.
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Banke-Thomas O, Kivuvani M and Ameh C (2017) 'Maternal Health Services Utilisation by Kenyan Adolescent Mothers: Analysis of the Demographic Health Survey 2014'. *Sexual & Reproductive HealthCare*, Vol. 12, pp. 37–46.
- Banke-Thomas O, **Banke-Thomas A** and Ameh C (2017) 'Factors Influencing Utilisation of maternal health services by adolescent mothers in developing countries: a systematic review'. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*, 17, p. 65.
- **Banke-Thomas A**, Wright K, Sonoiki O, Banke-Thomas O, Ajayi B, Ilozumba O and Akinola O (2016) 'Assessing emergency obstetric care provision in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review of the application of global guidelines', *Global Health Action*, 9(31880), pp. 1–13.
- Kumar S and **Banke-Thomas A** (2016) 'Social return on investment (SROI): An innovative approach to sustainable development goals for sexual and reproductive health programming in sub-Saharan Africa', *African Journal of Reproductive Health*, 20(3), pp. 85–93.
- Banke-Thomas O, **Banke-Thomas A** and Ameh CA (2016) 'Utilisation of maternal health services by adolescent mothers in Kenya: analysis of the demographic health survey 2008–2009', *International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health*, doi: 10.1515/ijamh-2016-0042.
- Wright K, **Banke-Thomas A**, Sonoiki O, Ajayi B, Ilozumba O and Akinola O (2016) 'Opinion of Women on Provision of Emergency Obstetric Care in Public Facilities in Lagos, Nigeria: A Qualitative Study', *Health Care for Women International*, 38(6), pp. 527–543.
- **Banke-Thomas AO**, Madaj B, Charles A and van den Broek N (2015) 'Social Return on Investment (SROI) methodology to account for value for money of public health interventions: a systematic review', *BMC Public Health*, 15, p. 582.
- **Banke-Thomas AO**, Wilton-Waddell OE, Kouraogo SF, Mueller JE (2014) 'Current Evidence Supporting Obstetric Fistula Prevention Strategies in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Systematic Review of the Literature', *African Journal of Reproductive Health*, 18(3), pp. 118–127
- **Banke-Thomas AO**, Kouraogo SF, Siribie A, Taddese HB, Mueller JE (2013) 'Knowledge of Obstetric Fistula Prevention amongst Young Women in Urban and Rural Burkina Faso: A Cross-Sectional Study', *PLoS ONE* 8(12), e85921.

Submitted papers presently under review

- **Banke-Thomas A**, Nieuwenhuis S, Gregory A, Dempster R, Mosweu I, Mpakateni M. 'Social impact and Value for Money of Investing in Gender-Based Violence Prevention Programme. A Forecast Social Return on Investment Analysis. *Frontiers in Public Health*

- **Banke-Thomas A**, Wong K, Ajayi B, Abejirinde IO, Latona O, Wright K, Balogun M, and Afolabi BB. 'Travel of Pregnant Women in Situations of Emergency to Access Emergency Obstetric Care: A Geographical Analysis in Nigeria'. *Annals of Global Health*
- Olaniran A, Madaj B, Bar Zeev S, **Banke-Thomas A**, van den Broek N. 'Factors influencing motivation and job satisfaction of community health workers in Africa and Asia - a multi-country study'. *The International Journal of Health Planning and Management*

Book chapter in press

- **Banke-Thomas AO**. Tailoring Preventive Strategies for Obstetric Fistula in Developing Countries: A Case Study from Burkina-Faso. Invited to contribute this chapter for the proposed Springer book titled "A Multidisciplinary Approach to Obstetric Fistula in Africa: Public Health, Anthropological, and Medical Perspective", as part of the Global Maternal and Child Health series (website: <https://www.springer.com/series/15852>).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Member, African Health Economics and Policy Association; 2014 till present
- Fellow, Royal Society of Public Health; 2013 till present
- Member, Social Return on Investment Network; 2013 till present
- Member, Société Française de Santé Publique; 2013 till present
- Member, Society of Public Health Education; 2013 till present
- Member, International Health Economics Association; 2011 till present
- Registered Practitioner, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria; 2009 till present