

CURRICULUM VITAE**Personal Details**

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Present position (since 2012)

Consultant and project coordinator
Public health, epidemiology, evaluations, and humanitarian aid

Education

Institution (Date from - Date to)	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel, Switzerland (1999-2001)	PhD in epidemiology
Export Academy, Reutlingen, Germany (1995-1997)	MBA (highest possible grade), Post-graduate program in 'Inter-national Marketing' (focal point: 'Asia/Pacific') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study abroad at the Tongji University in Shanghai, PR China in connection with the MBA study with focal point 'Asia/Pacific' - MBA thesis with the Division of Tropical Disease Research (TDR), World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, 1996 <i>Scholarship from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), Germany</i>
University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain (1994-1995)	International Master in Tropical, Parasitic Diseases (Master Internacional en Enfermedades Parasitarias Tropicales) <i>Scholarship from the Boehringer Ingelheim Fond, Germany</i>
Eberhard-Karls University, Tuebingen, Germany (1989-1994)	Master of Science (highest possible grade) Main subjects: Physiology, Parasitology, Psychology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diploma thesis with the Institute for Tropical Medicine, Eberhard-Karls University, Tuebingen, Germany, 1993-1994
University 'La Sapienza', Rome, Italy, 1988-1989	Study of Biology

Honours

Part of the list "100 Women Leaders in Global Health – Germany"
<https://womeningh.org/chapters/germany/>

Language skills (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
German (mother tongue)	1	1	1
English	1	1	1
French	1	1	2
Spanish	2	3	4
Italian	2	2	4

Other Skills

- **Computer skills**
 - MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) / Macintosh; Statistic program (SPSS, EpiInfo, EpiData, QGIS- Geographic Information System, ATLAS)
- **Special trainings**
 - Certified mediator for conflict management, Peace Building Institute, Germany (2020)
 - Short Term Election Observer (OSCE) (2014)
 - Election Observation Missions
 - Tajikistan, Parliamentary elections, 1 March 2015
 - Georgia, Parliamentary Elections, 8 October 2016
 - Belarus, Early Parliamentary Elections, 17 November 2019
 - Serbia, Presidential and Early Parliamentary Elections, 3 April 2022
 - Outbreak Response Leadership Training (WHO); Impact Oriented Monitoring and Evaluation (FEEZ); PNUD (Post Disaster Needs Assessment) Training (GFDRR)/GIZ; Development cooperation in the context of conflict, violence and fragility (GIZ); Sphere in Practice; Core Humanitarian Standard - Training of Trainers (CHS); Coordinated Assessment and Information Management (OCHA); Capacity WORKS (GIZ)
 - Nurse's aide training, German Red Cross, Germany (1992)

Key qualifications

- Health advisor on national and international health topics to governmental and non-governmental institutions and organisations (e.g. GIZ, BZgA - Federal Centre for Health Education, ADH, MSF, EU)
- Planning, monitoring, and evaluation of projects in international health by using methods of empirical research and participatory approaches
- Planning, management, implementation and evaluation of research and operational studies on health in the field of humanitarian aid (e.g. outbreak investigations, needs & rapid health assessments, KAP studies, mortality studies)
- Moderation of symposiums, meetings, working groups and discussions
- Trainings and lectures in Public Health at universities at national and international level
- Experience with cross-cutting themes (e.g. Agenda 2030, Gender, Universal Health Coverage) and technical cooperation instruments
- Certified mediator for conflict management

Country Experience

Angola, Burkina Faso, Belarus, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, DR Congo, DR China, Ethiopia, Germany, Georgia, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Uganda

Professional Experience

Date from - to	Location	Company	Position	Description
Since 2014	Germany	Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) <i>moke@aktion-deutschland-hilft.de</i>	External evaluation expert	Professional support of the “evaluations” working group at Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH, Germany’s Relief Coalition); planning and coordination of international evaluations, identification of best practices and recommended actions, management of research studies, moderation of meetings and workshops.
Since 2013	Germany	Federal Center for Health Education - Bundeszentrale für gesundheitliche Aufklärung (BZgA) <i>claudia.vonstein@bzga.de</i> <i>Susanne.Moethe-Gundlack@bzga.de</i>	External expert	Professional support for projects on national and international health (since 04/2021: coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic health education); moderation of meetings, symposiums, and workshops.
Since 2012	Germany	Universities <i>thomas.muench@hs-duesseldorf.de;</i> <i>Walter.Bruchhausen@ukb.uni-bonn.de</i>	Lecturer	Lecturer in lecture series “global health” for different universities in Germany.
Since 2009	Germany, Belgium	European Commission	External evaluator	External evaluator for project proposals and mid-/end-term reports submitted to ‘Horizon 2020’ and the 7 th EU Framework Programme for Research (FP7) of the European Commission.
2021 – 2022				
Since 06/2021	Germany, Cologne	City of Cologne / Buergerschaftshaus Bocklemuend/Mengenich e.V. <i>stephanie.bohn@buergerschaftshausev.de</i>	External expert / project coordinator	Public health advice (i. e. health education campaigns) in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic for the project “Im Viertel gegen Corona”
Since 04/2020	Germany, Cologne	Caritasverband: Project „Port Koelnberg – Veedelslotse” <i>Katja.Hendrichs@caritas-koeln.de</i> <i>Cristian.Roiban@caritas-koeln.de</i>	External expert	Public health advice in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

Since 06/2020	Malawi, Blantyre; France	Epicentre / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) <i>augusto.llosa@epicentre.msf.org</i>	External expert	External expert and backstopping for research studies related to cervical cancer in Blantyre City and Chiradzulu District, Malawi.
06/2022 – 07/2022	Germany, France	Epicentre / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) <i>msff-ecoordo@paris.msf.org</i>	External support	Backstopping and technical support for the exploratory mission on the health and nutrition situation of the population in Sri Lanka
05/2021 – 09/2021	Germany, France	Epicentre / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) <i>msff-ethiopia- ecoordo@paris.msf.org</i>	External support	Backstopping and technical support for the exploratory mission on the health and nutrition situation of the population in Northern Ethiopia
2020				
09/2018 – 12/2020	Ghana, Kumasi; Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	GOPA mbH <i>christina.hembrock@gopa.de, tobias.Schmolke@gopa.de</i>	Evaluator	Accompanying evaluation of the Initiative “Hospital Partnerships – Partners Strengthen Health” case studies in Ghana and Ethiopia.
02/2019 – 06/2020	Malawi, Blantyre; France	Epicentre / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) <i>augusto.llosa@epicentre.msf.org</i>	Study Coordinator	Technical support and backstopping of a study to estimate the cervical precancer screening coverage in Blantyre City and Chiradzulu District, Malawi.
2019				
02/2019 - 05/2019	Iraq, Kurdistan	German Society for International Cooperation Development (GIZ) <i>holger.zahn@giz.de</i>	Evaluator	Project appraisal: Consolidation & Nexus Project KRI to improve the provision of basic services in the sectors of health, water & sanitation, and education & social support for the vulnerable population.
08/2018 - 01/2019	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bukavu	Health Focus GmbH <i>doerlemann@health-focus.de</i>	Evaluator	Feasibility study to establish a reference laboratory in Bukavu, DR Congo.
2018				
04/2018 – 12/2018	Tunisia, Germany	German Society for International Cooperation Development (GIZ) <i>yongmi.schibel@giz.de</i>	Evaluator and external expert	Project appraisal of a transitional aid project to improve health care for vulnerable groups in Libyan municipalities and implementation support.
09/2017 - 07/2018	Tunisia, Germany	German Society for International Cooperation Development (GIZ) / Robert Koch Institute <i>Halma@rki.de</i>	External expert	Technical support of the concept development, implementation and facilitation of "Joint Integrated Laboratory and Epidemiology" (Lab Epi) trainings in Tunisia.

04/2015 - 04/2018	Liberia, Monrovia; France	Epicentre / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) <i>klaudia.porten@epicentre.msf.org</i>	Study Coordinator	Technical support and backstopping of a study to estimate the seroprevalence of Anti-Ebola antibodies in Monrovia, Liberia.
2017				
08/2017-09/2017	Syria, Raqqa Governorate, Ein Nissa camp	Epicentre / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) <i>klaudia.porten@epicentre.msf.org</i>	Evaluator	Evaluation and strengthening of the surveillance system and screening on arrival process; focus group discussions held with internal displaced persons in Ein Nissa camp, Raqqa Governorate, North Syria.
01/2017 - 09/2017	Ethiopia, Humera; France	Epicentre / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) <i>klaudia.porten@epicentre.msf.org</i>	External expert	Quantitative study on barriers of access to visceral leishmaniasis diagnosis and care for vulnerable populations in Ethiopia.
01/2017 - 03/2017	Germany	German Federal Foreign Office, Welthungerhilfe, Islamic Relief Germany, Malteser International; <i>georg.nothelle@procontinuum.org</i>	Co-evaluator	Independent joint evaluation and learning exercise for cross-border projects funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, in the context of the Syria crisis and implemented by Welthungerhilfe, Islamic Relief Germany and Malteser International.
2016				
05/2016 - 12/2016	Sudan, Tunisia, Germany	German Society for International Cooperation Development (GIZ) <i>lilian.hollenweger@giz.de</i>	External expert	Technical support of the concept development and of the implementation of "Joint Integrated Laboratory and Epidemiology" (Lab Epi) trainings in Tunisia and Sudan.
03/2016 - 05/2016	Germany	German Society for International Cooperation Development (GIZ) <i>bettina.fellmer@giz.de</i>	External expert	Technical support by implementing primary health care projects in Dohuk, Northern-Iraq.
01/2016 - 04/2016	Sierra Leone, Freetown, Kenema, Bo	Action Medeor <i>Andrea.Eller@medeor.de</i>	Evaluator	Feasibility study for scaling up midwife training in Sierra Leone.
01/2016 – 03/2016	Iraq, Kurdistan	German Society for International Cooperation Development (GIZ) <i>Bettina.Fellmer@giz.de</i>	Evaluator	Project appraisal of strengthening the health system in Dohuk, Northern-Iraq.

2012 - 2015				
10/2014 - 05/2015	Germany, Turkey, Belgium	German Society for International Cooperation Development (GIZ) <i>Bettina.Fellmer@giz.de</i>	External expert	Remote backstopping and monitoring of health trainings delivered by a local non-governmental organization in Libya; moderation of meetings and workshops.
08/2014 - 10/2014	Mali, Bamako and Kayes	Epicentre / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) <i>klaudia.porten@epicentre.msf.org</i>	Evaluator	Evaluation of the Ebola surveillance systems in countries neighbouring the current epidemic, country study Mali.
09/2014 - 10/2014	Germany	German Society for International Cooperation Development (GIZ) <i>Bettina.Fellmer@giz.de</i>	External expert	Development of a needs assessment and an actor map for emergency health care in the framework of the EU-Libya Health Systems Strengthening Programme.
07/2014 - 09/2014	Uganda, Adjumani District, South Sudanese refugee camps	Epicentre / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) <i>klaudia.porten@epicentre.msf.org</i>	Evaluator	Adaptation and establishing of a monthly surveillance system for South Sudanese refugee camps; on-site discussions with all responsible persons; working on a monthly surveillance system including its database; writing guidelines on how to use the Adjumani database.
01/2014 - 07/2014	Indonesia, Sumatra, Medan	German Red Cross	Evaluator	Evaluation of the Ambulance Service Project North Sumatra of the Indonesian Red Cross.
09/2013 - 12/2013	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Shabunda; Germany	Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)	Principal study coordinator	Adherence to artesunate-amodiaquine fixed dose combination treatment in the MSF catchment area, MSF Shabunda Health Zone, Democratic Republic of the Congo (preparation of Terms of References, training investigator teams, supervision of teams in the field, data collation, entry, cleaning/validation, analysis, report writing, communication of results).
10/2013	Germany	Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) <i>moke@aktion-deutschland-hilft.de</i>	Conference reporting	Drawing a conference report of the conference "Disability inclusive disaster risk reduction and management" held in Bonn (Germany) on October 10, 2013
04/2013 - 09/2013	Chad, Germany	World Vision Chad	Principal study coordinator	Retrospective mortality and nutritional survey, Logone Occidentale, Chad (preparation of Terms of References, training investigator teams, supervision of teams in the field, data collation, entry, cleaning/validation, analysis, report writing, communication of results).
03/2013 - 09/2013	Nigeria, Germany	Church Development Service of the German Protestant Churches	Evaluator	Evaluation of the health portfolio of the Church Development Service of the German Protestant Churches, Case Study Nigeria.

02/2013 - 06/2013	South Sudan, Western Equatoria State, Yambio	Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)	Study Coordinator	Planning of the study 'Efficacy of Amodiaquine-Artesunate and Artemether-Lumefantrine for the treatment of uncomplicated childhood Plasmodium falciparum malaria in Yambio, Western Equatoria, South Sudan'.
04/2013 - 05/2013	Germany, Luxembourg	Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC)	Evaluator	External evaluator for the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC), Luxembourg; evaluation of project proposals submitted to EAHC.
06/2012 – 08/2012	South Sudan, Batil Refugee Camp	Médecins Sans Frontières	Study Coordinator	Retrospective mortality, non-food items and nutritional survey Batil refugee camp (preparation of Terms of References, training investigator teams, supervision of teams in the field, data collection, entry, cleaning/validation, analysis, report writing, communication of results).
03/2012 – 05/2012	Central African Republic, Boguila	Médecins Sans Frontières	Study Coordinator	Retrospective mortality survey in the MSF catchment area in and around Boguila (preparation of Terms of References, protocol writing, training investigator teams, supervision of teams in the field, data collection, entry, cleaning/validation, analysis, report writing, communication of results).
01/2012 – 05/2012	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany	Malteser International	Evaluator of a ECHO funded project	Evaluating the socioeconomic situation in a post-conflict area in DR Congo.
Until 2012				
10/2009 - 12/2011	Cologne, Germany	Malteser International	Senior Desk Officer and Senior Health advisor	Main responsible for all projects within Malteser International in the Great Lake Region in Africa; general epidemiological and public health support for all projects within the African department of Malteser International (Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan, DR Congo); representation of Malteser International in national and international panels and working groups.
08/2007 - 09/2009	Sierra Leone, United Kingdom	Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) <i>ulrikevonpilar@gmx.de</i>	Project Manager	Operational research and epidemiological support in a MSF malaria programme in Bo district, Sierra Leone; involved in general epidemiological support to existing MSF programs, field epidemiology training and overseas consultancies mainly in emergency situations.
03/2004 - 07/2007	France, Paris	Epicentre	Epidemiologist	Applied epidemiology in complex emergencies and outbreaks in difficult settings mainly for Médecins sans Frontières (MSF); involved with field epidemiology training and international consultancies; supervision of software for clinical and therapeutic monitoring of tropical diseases at field level..
03/2003 - 12/2003	Gedaref State, Sudan	Médecins sans Frontières (MSF)	Epidemiologist	Main investigator of a community based study on the accessibility of diagnostic and treatment centres for visceral leishmaniasis in 9 villages in 3 different geographical areas (protocol and ethics committee preparations, supervision of teams in the field, data collection, entry, cleaning/validation, analysis, communication of results).

07/2001 - 09/2003	Cologne, Germany	'neues handeln' - agency for Fundraising and Social Marketing	Project manager	Social marketing, fundraising and public relation.
07/1999 - 06/2001	Basel, Switzerland	Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute	Epidemiologist	Working on a Ph.D. thesis under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Marcel Tanner. Field study in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
08/1997 - 09/1999	Cologne, Germany	Madaus	Assistant	Assistant to the Marketing and Sales member of the board and product manager for marketing and sales of a prescription drug (indication: oncology).
04/1997 - 08/1997	Rottweil, Germany	Consultancy 'Internationale Managerforen'	Freelancer	Management and organization of trainings and seminars
09/1996 - 04/1997	Shanghai, PR China	Tongji University	Teacher	Teaching German to Chinese students
08/1995 - 09/1995	Geneva, Switzerland	World Health Organization (WHO)	Intern	Internship at the World Health Organization, Division of Tropical Disease Research (TDR)

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- **Gerstl S**, Sauter J, Kasanda J, Kinzelbach A. Who can afford health care? Evaluating the socioeconomic situation in a post-conflict area in DR Congo. PLoS ONE. 2013, 8(10): e77382. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0077382.
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- **Gerstl S**, Dunkley S, Mukhtar A, Maes P, De Smet M, Baker S, Maikere J. Long-lasting insecticidal mosquito net usage in eastern Sierra Leone – the success of free distribution. Tropical Medicine & International Health. Trop Med Int Health. 2010 Apr;15(4):480-8. Epub 2010 Feb 9.
- **Gerstl S**, Dunkley S, Mukhtar A, De Smet M, Baker S, Maikere J. Assessment of two malaria rapid diagnostic tests in young children, with follow-up of positive pLDH test results, in a hyperendemic falciparum malaria area, Sierra Leone. Malaria Journal. Malar J. 2010 Jan 21;9:28.

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