

## Mapping of Activities: Sexual and Reproductive Health & Gender Group

### Sexual and Reproductive Health & Gender Working Group (SRHG)

The Sexual and Reproductive Health & Gender working group of the Swiss TPH has been created in 2008. The aim of the group is to foster exchanges and collaborations within the Institute of all actors working in the field of sexual and reproductive health and gender, across the research and services departments. The SRHG Working Group offers a platform for exchanges in the form of bi-annual meetings and timely activities responding to events (e.g. Symposium). The Group has identified three key areas in which its members have experiences and expertise:

1. Sexual and Reproductive Health & HIV and AIDS
2. Gender and Health
3. Socio cultural determinants of health behaviour

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### 1. Sexual and Reproductive Health & HIV and AIDS

EPH research projects (responsibility or contact person in brackets)	Place
Sexual and Reproductive Resilience of Adolescents in Tanzania and Ghana (CP/BO)	Ghana and Tanzania
Cultural and social context of sexual relationships and HIV in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (Dissertation) (PS/BO)	Burkina Faso
Resilience in the context of AIDS and stigma in Mali (Dissertation) (NS/BO)	Mali
Access to malaria prevention and maternal health care in rural Tanzania: the role of institutions and livelihoods (KG/BO)	Tanzania
Geneva gay men's health survey (Jen Wang/MW)	Switzerland (Geneva)
Prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in Jordan, and its socio-cultural aspects among Jordanians at their work site (Abdulsalam Alkaiyat/MW)	Jordan
Equity in access to ART in Zambia (SM/AMH)	Zambia
Key elements of HIV/AIDS control in the Arab world (Abdulsalam Alkaiyat/MW)	Near-East
SCIH implementation/advisory projects	Place
Mother, Neonatal and Child Health in Ukraine, Rep. of Moldova and Romania projects (MZ/AMH/JSZ)	Eastern Europe
PPSAC Prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Central African Region (Cameroon, RCA, Chad, Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea) (K.Wyss/CK)	Central Africa
Follow-up of the implementation of Global Fund supported HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs in 16 countries where STI acts as Local Fund Agent (K.Wyss/OPT)	Global
PASHA Prevention and Awareness in Schools of HIV/AIDS, primary and secondary schools in Tanzania (CK/STU)	Tanzania
Backstopping Mandate to SDC (includes many SRH related activities) (CK/STU)	Global
Advisory Mandate to the BAG for developing the new Swiss national HIV/AIDS&STI programme (CK/STU)	Switzerland
Health System Support Programmes in the African Great Lakes region (Rwanda, Burundi and DRC Sud Kivu), which include a component on sexual and reproductive health in youth (MZ/JSZ)	Central Africa
UNAIDS evaluation of the DFID-funded UN-wide program to improve the access to HIV and AIDS services of people of humanitarian concern (KM)	Zimbabwe, Sudan, Colombia, Panama
Technical support to IFRTD Mobility and Health Programme of Networked Research (KM)	Asia, Africa and Latin America
Policy analysis on European Union Partner Notification strategies for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV (RHU with ISPM Bern) (AMH)	Europe
ARVMAC – Effects of Antiretrovirals for HIV on African Health Systems, Maternal and Child Health project (Research programme) (K.Wyss)	Uganda, Burkina Faso, Tanzania

Advisory mandate developing a document on stigma related to HIV amongst sub Saharan migrants (CK)	Switzerland
<b>Projects of other departments of Swiss TPH or affiliated organisation</b>	
KIULARCO - HIV treatment cohort - and CDCI - HIV clinic - in Ifakara (MedDia/Christoph Hatz, with EPH)	Tanzania
« The African Child as a topic of a Research Network on AIDS in Africa »: network programme to identify, support and foster synergies between research programmes on VIH and AIDS in paediatrics in Africa (Centre Suisse de Recherche Scientifique/Guéladio Cissé)	Côte d'Ivoire + other countries in Africa

## 2. Gender and Health Current Activities

EPH projects	Place
SNF: WAGE (Women and Gynaecology in Evaluation): working approaches and their impact on patients and health outcomes in 9 gynaecological care settings (EZ)	Basel region
Monitoring of Breastfeeding in Baby Friendly Hospitals in Switzerland (EZ/CKn)	CH
Premenstrual syndrome in the CH female population (part of SHH 2007) (in collaboration with S. Tschudin, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University Hospital, Basel) (EZ/CKn)	CH
EU State of Men's Health Report (PI: Alan White, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK) (EZ)	Europe
Normative processes with regard to gender and body: Healing or hurting? (in collaboration with Regina Wecker, Seminar of History, University of Basel and Brigitte Boothe, Clinical Psychology, University of Zürich) (EZ)	CH
National Midwifery Statistics (EZ)	CH
PICMA: Postnatal infant crying and maternal fatigue (mixed methods project) (EK)	Basel-Stadt
Reproductive and hormonal factors and respiratory health as part of the Swiss Study on Air Pollution and Lung and Cardiovascular Diseases in Adults (SAPALDIA) and in the ECRHS (JD/EZ)	CH / Europe
SAPALDIA Youth study (as part of the Swiss Study on Air Pollution and Lung and Cardiovascular Diseases in Adults (SAPALDIA) (JD/SAPALDIA team)	CH
Difficulties initiating sleep and peripheral vascular disease in adult men and women (in collaboration with Kurt Kräuchi, Psychiatric University Clinics/ Thermophysiological Chronobiology, University of Basel, and Selim Orgül, University Eye Clinic, Basel) (EZ)	Basel-Stadt
<b>SCIH projects</b>	<b>Place</b>
Immunisation and Gender Project (WHO/GAVI) (X.Bosch/AMH)	Global

## 3. Socio-Cultural Determinants of Health Behaviour Focus Areas

EPH projects	Place
Mixed-methods approaches (qualitative/quantitative) to gender studies in the framework of cultural epidemiology (research and training) (MW)	
Acceptance and demand for health service interventions to control various health problems (e.g., vaccines, Buruli ulcer, TB, and HIV/AIDS) in low- and middle-income countries (Christian Schätti, Mercy Ackumey/MW)	

## Related Teaching and Training Activities

HCMTc 1 week Reproductive and child health (CK, KM, AMH)	Basel
MPH 1 week course on gender and health (EZ)	Basel
Medical Faculty (EZ, CK)	Basel
Faculty of Humanities (BO)	Basel
SRH policy at LSHTM (AMH)	LSHTM
3 day training for Swiss pharmacists on SRH (EZ)	
ATK HIV day (CK)	
Training courses on SRH and Resilience for NCCR PhD students in West and East Africa (CP)	Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Tanzania, Kenya
Seminar on SRH at the University of Dar es Salaam (CP)	Dar es Salaam