



43rd annual GTP conference 2025:

*Decolonizing Global Child Health: Critical Reflections and Dialogue
for Ensuring the Right to Health of All Children Worldwide*

Dr. Hammed Adetola

Country: Nigeria, currently working in Sierra Leone

Institution: Ola During Children Hospital Freetown and multiple others in Sierra Leone

“Hammed Adetola (MBChB, FWACPaed, FMCPaed, PgDip Paed Emerg (Eding); Consultant Paediatrician and Senior Lecturer, College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences (COMHAS), University of Sierra Leone (USL); Coordinator Post Basic Certificate in Neonatal care (PBCNN) in Sierra Leone. A lecturer and a clinician with specialty in Paediatric Infectious disease, emergency medicine and neonatology. He coordinates the clinical and administrative activities of multiple SCBUs in Sierra Leone. He served as the person and principally involved in the design of several national protocols, guidelines and SOPs for the country in area of neonatology, infectious diseases, neonatal and paediatric emergency care. He is a member of World Health Organisation (WHO) Guideline Development Group (GDG) on infectious disease guidelines. He has multiple publications peer-reviewed journals and has received several national and international honours for clinical, academic and philanthropic roles.”

Dr. Charlotte Adamczick

Country: Switzerland

Institution: University Childrens Hospital, Zurich

“Currently Charlotte Adamczick is doing paed gynaecology at the childrens Hospital in Zurich and is building on international cooperations. Beside her clinical engagement, she supports sensitisation for climate change in various professional bodies such as festmih (www.festmih.eu) and the GTP.”

Dr. Irene Akhigbe

Country: Sierra Leone

Institution: Ola During Children`s Hospital Freetown

“Irene Akhigbe is a Paediatrician and Neonatologist at Ola During Children`s Hospital, Sierra Leone, where she leads efforts to strengthen paediatric training for undergraduates and postgraduates while heading the neonatal unit. Driven by her passion for raising standards in paediatric care, she took on the role of Chief Quality Officer at Novelty Health Care, Nigeria, in 2018. Since then, she has spearheaded data driven initiatives focused on improving neonatal outcomes, ensuring every newborn has a fighting chance at survival. Her expertise extends to clinical research and global health. As Project Paediatrician at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, she played a key role in the Ebola vaccine clinical trials in Sierra Leone, collaborating closely with trial managers to uphold the highest standards of patient safety and quality care. Beyond her hospital work, Dr. Akhigbe actively engages with professional groups to drive initiatives aimed at reducing paediatric deaths, enhancing maternal-child health services, and shaping policies that improve healthcare for children, especially in underserved communities.”

Melina Althoff

Country: Germany

Institution: Philipps University Marburg/JLU Giessen

“Medical student with a strong passion for global health and health equity. Student assistant at SPC Global Health (JLU Giessen). Trained nurse with experience in anaesthesia and intensive care.”

PDH Dr. Simona Adinolfi

Country: Belgium

Institution: Justus Liebig University Giessen

“Postdoctoral Research Associate in the MeDiMi sub-project “Dehumanizing, Victimizing, or Universalizing? How Images of Migration Interact with Human Rights Discourse.”

Dr. Kathrin Baumgartner

Country: Germany

Institution: Children's Hospital Passau

“Pediatrician, training in pediatric nephrology. Experience in Sudan, Sierra Leone and Nepal. Interests: Humanitarian aid, sonography training in limited resource countries. GTP member since 2020, board member since 2021.” (<https://globalchildhealth.de/vorstand/>)

Dr. Nellie Bell

Country: Sierra Leone

Institution: Department of Paediatrics, USLTHC and University of Sierra Leone, Department of Global Child Health, University of Heidelberg

“Undergraduate and Postgraduate training in Germany until 2011. Head of department for Paediatrics at the USLTHC at ODCH and JMB-PCE and at undergraduate level at COMAHS, University of Sierra Leone. President of the Paediatric association of Sierra Leone Chair of the Institutional Review Board of the COMAHS. Fellow of the West African College of Physicians Faculty board member in the Faculty of Paediatrics of WACP Member of the Executive board of the Sierra Leone Postgraduate College of Physicians and Surgeons Co-opted board member of the German Society of tropical paediatrics and international child health (representing the international space), Member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kinder und Jugendmedizin, visiting researcher at the Department of Global Child Health at the University of Heidelberg, Member of the Executive Board of the Kono University Court Board member of German Doctors – Sierra Leone e.v.. Her research focus cuts across different areas in Paediatrics.”

Dr. Jan Müller-Berghaus

Country: Germany

Institution: Paul-Ehrlich-Institut

“Paediatrician working in medicines regulation.”

Dr. Amie Conteh

Country: The Gambia

Institution: Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital

“Amie Conteh is currently undergoing specialist training to become one of the first Gambian-trained paediatricians, marking a significant milestone in the development of the country’s healthcare workforce. Her training is based at the Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital (EFSTH), the main referral hospital in The Gambia.”

Prof. Dr. Diavolana Köcher

Country: Madagascar

Institution: CHU PZAGA University Hospital Mahajanga

Prof. Dr. Delanjathan Devakumar

Country: UK

Institution: University College London

“Delan Devakumar is a Professor of Global Child Health in University College London. He is a public health specialist with clinical expertise in paediatrics and in humanitarian contexts. He is Director of the UCL Centre for the Health of Women, Children and Adolescents and the UCL the Race & Health group. Delan led The Lancet Series on ‘racism, xenophobia, discrimination and health’ and was a commissioner on the Lancet Commission on Migration and Health. He now chairs The Lancet commission on racism and child health.”

Claudia Eger

Country: Germany

Institution: Olgaspsital Klinikum Stuttgart

“Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist”

Dr. Maryam En-Nosse

Country: Germany

Institution: UKGM Gynaecology

“Senior physician, head of the vulvar disease department and FGM consultation, reconstructive vulvar surgery, focus on gynaecological oncology, MIS I”

(https://www.ukgm.de/ugm_2/deu/ugi_gyn/ugi_gyn_team.php?id=12600)

Dr. Irene Ephraim

Country: Tanzania

Institution: Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH)

“Clinical Scientist, Stipend in Global Health Studies University of Oxford, UK.”

Dr. Bernd Erkert

Country: Switzerland

Institution: Thurgau Hospital

“pediatrician and neonatologist from Münster, Germany. Currently working in Switzerland and teacher at the IPUN ultrasound project of the GTP e.V.”

Dr. Anke Fischaleck

Country: Germany

Institution: Paediatric practice

“I am a paediatrician. After working 15 years in three different paediatric departments, I am now working a paediatric practice. 2015-2016 I worked as a paediatric consultant in a district hospital in Malawi. There I got to know ETAT. After completing the Diploma of Tropical Medicine in Liverpool 2020, a I joined the German ETAT working group.”

Karolina da Souza Friedrichsen

Country: Germany

Institution: Eberhard-Karls University of Tübingen

PD Dr. med. habil. Amand Führer

Country: Germany

Institution: Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

“Epidemiologist, psychotherapist and social anthropologist with a research focus on migrant health and health disparities among children.”

Anne Sylvie Genier

Country: Switzerland

Institution: University of Applied Science Berne

“Passionate for women, maternal, newborn and child health, locally and globally. Dreaming about a world where we can respect and tolerate everyone of us on the same level. Currently working as a midwife on the labour ward and as a research associate at a university in Switzerland. Having work experience in Switzerland, Austria, Ghana and Uganda.”

Carmen Herr

Country: Germany

Institution: Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf Klinik für Allgemeine Pädiatrie, Neonatologie und Kinderkardiologie und Centre for Health and Society (chs), Rheinessen-Fachklinik Alzey Kinder- & Jugendpsychiatrie, -psychotherapie und -psychosomatik,

Dr. Anish Joshi

Country: Nepal

Institution: Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Kathmandu University Hospital in Dhulikhel

“Dr. Joshi is a nepalese Pediatrician trained partly in Austria, and Pediatric Cardiologist (South Korea) and an expert in pediatric Echocardiography. He is the head of the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Kathmandu University Hospital in Dhulikhel. Dr Anish runs the paediatric cardiac clinic at his hospital including prenatal echocardiography. As a part of the EKFS funded GTP-IPUN (International Paediatric Ultrasound Network) Project he is organizing and tutoring the GTP USG courses since 2018. Having received medical education in various settings, he has a multicountry perspective on medical education and since 2022 Dr Anish is coordinating ultrasound trainings in Dhulikhel, Nepal in the IPUN Network for paediatric (postgraduate) students from Nepal, Bhutan, Switzerland and Germany.”

Prof. Dr. Anuj Kapilashrami

Country: UK

Institution: University of Essex

"Anuj Kapilashrami is an Interdisciplinary social scientist trained in Sociology and Public health. She is Professor in Global Health Policy and Equity and Director of the Centre for Global Health & Intersectional Equity Research at University of Essex. Her work lies at the intersections of health policy and development praxis, with particular interest in the social and structural determinants of health, and the rights and equity implications of global public health policy and governance."
(<https://www.essex.ac.uk/people/kapil61907/anuj-kapilashrami>)

Josephine Marie Karmon

Country: Liberia

Institution: John F. Kennedy Medical Center

"I am a disciplined and hardworking nurse with interest in maximizing patient care and improving the health care system in Liberia with my professional skills and work ethics that will help carry out the duties and responsibilities of an assigned job. I am passionate about acquiring evidence-based knowledge that will improve the quality of care that I provide for my patients."

Prof. Dr. Michael Knipper

Country: Germany

Institution: Institute for the History of Medicine at Giessen University

"Michael Knipper is a physician, medical historian and anthropologist, trained in Germany (University of Bonn) and Spain (University of Oviedo). He did clinical work in pediatrics, tropical medicine and primary health care in Germany and Ecuador, combined with research and teaching at the Institute for the History of Medicine at the University of Bonn, and medical anthropological research on indigenous perspectives on medicine and health in Ecuador. In 2003 he started at the Institute for the History of Medicine at Giessen University, since 2022 as professor for Global Health, Migration and Medical Humanities."
(<https://www.unigiessen.de/en/faculties/f11/departments/history/people/michael-knipper>)

PD Dr. Robin Kobbe

Country: Germany

Institution: Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine

"Chairman of the German Association of Tropical Paediatrics International Child Health (GTP e.V.), Board Member of DGPI (Deutsche Gesellschaft für pädiatrische Infektiologie)."

Dr. Sarah Kotsias-Konopelska

Country: Germany

Institution: Institute of International Health, Center for Global Health, Charité Berlin

“Paediatrician, chairwoman of the GTP, project management of the EKFS GTP International Ultrasound Network (IPUN), currently working in the field of travel medicine.”

Prof. Dr. Michael Krawinkel

Country: Germany

Institution: Justus-Liebig University Giessen

“Professor Int. Nutrition & Pediatrics, University of Giessen, Germany, 1999-2016. Details: www.uni-giessen.de/de/fbz/fb09/institute/prof-i-r/krawinkel”

Dr. Sara Loetz

Country: The Gambia

Institution: Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital

“Sara Loetz, consultant at EFSTH Emergency Pediatric Unit, leads ETAT implementation at EFSTH and two district hospitals in collaboration with Gambia’s Ministry of Health.”

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Lohmeyer

Country: Germany

Institution: Faculty of Medicine, JLU Giessen

“Dean, Faculty of Medicine, JLU Giessen”

Prof. Dr. Katharina Lorenz

Country: Germany

Institution: Giessen University

“Professor Dr. Katharina Lorenz serves as President of Justus Liebig University Giessen since April 1, 2024. Between 2021 and 2024, she has served as a member of JLU’s Executive Board as Vice President for Teaching and Learning. From October 2023 to March 2024, she headed the University as First Vice President during the vacancy of the presidency. She studied Classical Archaeology, Ancient History and Greek Philology at the Free University of Berlin, Corpus Christi College Oxford, and the University of Heidelberg. After completing her Dr. phil. in Heidelberg in 2002, she worked as a Lecturer at JLU, followed by a Lectureship, then Associate Professorship and finally a Professorship of Classical Art and Archaeology at the University of Nottingham, UK. Since 2018, she has been Professor of Classical Archaeology and Director of the Ancient Art Collection at JLU.” (<https://www.uni-giessen.de/de/ueber-uns/pressestelle/pm/pm48-24neuejlupraesidentinproflorenz>)

Norman Lufesi

Country: Malawi

Institution: Ministry of Health, Malawi

"I am a seasoned International Health Specialist working with the Malawi Ministry of Health. I have over 21 years of experience working with the child health programs in collaboration with international organisations. My main role has been cooperating with different international organisations to develop, plan, implement and evaluate different child health programmes especially in the clinical domain. I have also collaborated with different research organisations to develop research studies that has been funded by different international organisations. Together with the partners, we have achieved a lot in child health programmes as well as research."

Dr. Zainab Maluk

Country: Malawi

Institution: Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital

"physician and pediatrician currently working in Blantyre, Malawi."

Nataliia Masiak

Country: Ukraine

Institution: Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center

"Head of the mental health clinic for children and youth at the Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center and Leading child psychotherapist and psychiatrist of the Voices of Children Foundation."

Dr. Namala P. Mkopi

Country: Tanzania

Institution: Muhimbili National Hospital

"Dr. Mkopi has a vast experience in paediatrics and paediatric critical care. He has keen interest in advanced life support, pain management, palliative care, and operational research. He is an adjunct lecturer for the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, the country director, and an instructor of PAIRS(Paediatric Acute Intervention and Resuscitation Skills) working at Muhimbili National Hospital in Dar Es Salaam."

Prof. Elizabeth Molyneux

Country: UK/Malawi

Institution: Kamuzu University of Health Sciences

"Prof. Elizabeth Molyneux is an Emeritus Professor of Paediatrics, and former Head of Department at the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences in Blantyre, Malawi. She lived and worked in Malawi for over 33 years."

His Excellency Mr. Joseph John Mpinganjira

Country: Germany

Institution: Embassy of the Republic of Malawi, Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany

"Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi"

Ann-Marie Nathan

Country: Germany

Institution: Psychotherapeutic practice and FATRA e.V

„Ann-Marie Nathan D.ClinPsy, Clinical Psychologist and Psychotherapist joined the Frankfurter Arbeitskreis für Trauma und Exil e.V. (FATRA e.V.) in May 2020. FATRA e.V. is a non-profit organisation in Frankfurt that caters to the psychosocial needs of refugees, asylum seekers, victims of war and torture. She also has her own Practice under the German public health care system, where she sees mostly Trauma patients with a migration background."

Anna Njillo

Country: Germany

Institution: Altonaer Kinderkrankenhaus Hamburg

"I worked for 7 years on a pediatric intensive care unit in nursing and have now recently started my first medical position in the perinatal center. I have been traveling to Tanzania regularly for many years and have also been able to work in the health system there."

Greta Olson

Country: Germany

Institution: University of Giessen

"Greta Olson is Director of the Center for Diversity, Media, and Law (DiML) and Professor of American and British Literature and Cultural Studies at the University of Giessen, Germany. She is Principal Investigator of a project on images of migration and human rights in the interdisciplinary research group "Human Rights Discourse in Migration Societies" (MeDiMi). Greta was Fellow at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities "Law as Culture" in Bonn (2014, 2016), was general editor of the European Journal of English Studies (EJES) from 2010 through 2024, and is, with Jeanne Gaakeer, the co-founder of the European Network for Law and Literature. Greta authored From Law and Literature to Legality and Affect (Oxford UP, 2022), is co-creator of the film Beyond the Gaze: Media Awareness for Media Inclusivity (2023), and co-edited Diversity Issues in the U.S.A.: Transnational Perspectives on the 2024 Presidential Elections (transcript 2024). She works and wishes to facilitate projects on the nexus between artistic practice, political activism, and academic analysis and publishes in the areas of critical American studies, law and culture, feminism and sexuality studies, and narrative and politics."

Dr. Philip Peprah

Country: Ghana

Institution: Margret Marquart Catholic Hospital

"Pediatrician working in rural with a desire to improve child health care in rural areas and contribute to universal health coverage in Ghana."

Noely Tiavina Randrianarimalala

Country: Madagascar

Institution: NGO Mobile Hilfe Madagaskar (MHM)

"My name is Randrianarimalala Noely Tiavina, but you can call me Tiavina. I am 27 years old and have been working as a nurse anesthetist at MHM since 2021. During this time, I have handled numerous cases, particularly involving pediatric and premature patients. It has always been my dream to further my training and enhance my medical expertise, especially in pediatric care"

Dr. Cornelius Rau

Country: Germany

Institution: Robert Koch Institute and GTP e.V.

"Trained pediatrician, epidemiologist and social anthropologist; Team lead in the immunization unit at Robert Koch Institute (RKI); GTP board member since 2018."

Simone Ross

Country: Germany

Institution: University Hospital Bonn

"Paediatric Nurse"

Dr. Katharina Ruppert

Country: Germany/Switzerland

Institution: University Hospital Mainz/Psychiatric University Hospital Zurich

"Resident doctor in pediatrics."

Gilda Sahebi

Institution: Freelance journalist and writer

"Journalist und writer, medical degree and M.A. in political science."

Vera Scheuermeyer

Country: Germany

Institution: St. Franziskus Hospital Münster

"Pediatric physician in training based in Münster, Germany, actively engaged in global child health initiatives and member of GTP e.V."

Irene Schmidt

Country: Germany

Institution: Caritas Verband Wesel-Dinslaken

"My profession is Pediatric intensive care nurse. I was involved in neonatal intensive care, including staff education and capacity building in Bethlehem / Palestine 1992-1995 and 2005-2008 Mwanza / Tanzania and in short term visits from 2009-2024 in Ghana, Nepal and in different Hospitals in Tanzania. I am a member of the working group Health Professionals of the GTP."

Dr. Jerónimo da Conceição Augusto Sequeira

Country: Mozambique

Institution: Beira Central Hospital. Catholic University of Mozambique

"General practitioner working in pediatric department in BC-Hospital for 5 years, also a teacher of anatomy and physiology in the Catholic University of Mozambique. Married, father of 2 daughters."

Dr. Haja Safiyatu Sovula

Country: Sierra Leone

Institution: Ola During Children's Hospital Freetown

"I am a dedicated specialist pediatrician based in Sierra Leone, working at Ola During Children's, I also serve as an ETAT (Emergency Triage Assessment and Treatment) trainer, where I educate healthcare professionals on the principles of rapid assessment and immediate treatment of critically ill children. My work also involves conducting workshops and training sessions to equip medical staff with the skills needed to identify and manage life-threatening conditions in children. My dedication to this program has significantly enhanced the quality of pediatric emergency care in Sierra Leone, ensuring that more children receive timely and effective treatment. I am also into research and particularly focused on addressing the challenges faced by newborn infants, providing critical care and support to ensuring their healthy growth. My commitment to pediatric care extends beyond the hospital as I actively engage in community health initiatives, aiming to improve child health outcomes across Sierra Leone."

Katharina Ulreich

Country: Germany

Institution: UKGM Gynaecology

"Assistant doctor in gynaecology." (https://www.ukgm.de/ugm_2/deu/ugi_gyn/ugi_gyn_team.php)

Sophia von Nasse

Country: Germany

Institution: JLU Giessen

"Dentist and medical student with a passion for global health and health equity. Student assistant at JLU Giessen. Active with Medinetz Giessen e.V., helping people without health insurance access medical care in line with the human right to health."

Dr. Alexander Weise

Country: Germany

Institution: Kinderarztpraxis Kaltenkirchen

"Dr. Weise is a paediatric doctor with the specialisation of Allergology and childrens Pneumology working in a Practis in the north of Germany."

Dr. Leonie Wohlklang

Country: Germany

Institution: UKGM Gynecology

"Assistant doctor in gynecology9" (https://www.ukgm.de/ugm_2/deu/ugi_gyn/ugi_gyn_team.php)

Dr. Tobias Wowra

Country: Germany

Institution: Constance Children's Hospital

Dr. Barbara Zimmer

Country: Germany

Institution: Universitätsklinikum Münster

"Paediatrician, subspecialising in paediatric pulmonology; GTP board member, ETAT+ Germany working group team lead, programme lead of the ETAT app programme "Digitalisation of ETAT guidelines to improve emergency care for children in Malawi."