

Monitoring and Evaluating Gender-Based Violence: Speaker Bios

Shelah Bloom is the Gender Specialist of the MEASURE Evaluation project and Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Maternal and Child Health in the Gillings School of Global Health Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her background in anthropology focused on the status of women in North India and Pakistan, where she lived for several years in the 1980s. Since 1990, she has studied the effects of gender on outcomes related to HIV/AIDS, maternal and reproductive health in developing countries, particularly in South and Southeast Asia. Dr. Bloom has worked on the MEASURE Evaluation project since being a post-doctoral trainee at the Carolina Population Center, UNC in 1997. Most recently, she was the PI of an NIH study exploring the impact of gender factors on the potential for the spread of HIV/AIDS in North India.

Sunita Kishor is the Senior Gender Advisor for the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) program at Macro International in Maryland and a well-known expert on gender-based violence. Dr. Kishor has almost two decades of experience in conducting research on the interface between gender and health in developing countries. In particular, she has been instrumental in developing, refining and promoting gender indicators, including indicators of gender-based violence. Most of these indicators are now routinely collected by the DHS and are widely used in survey research globally.

Dr. Kishor has several publications in leading peer-reviewed journals and her seminal piece on a framework for the measurement of women's empowerment is now referred to in university level courses on gender. She is also a co-manager of the India DHS, the largest-ever DHS survey, which includes HIV testing of over 100,000 individuals and also includes questions on gender relations and domestic violence. She has a Ph.D. in Sociology with specializations in development and demography. In addition, she has an MA in Economics and a degree in Education. Before joining Macro, Dr. Kishor lectured in Economics at Delhi University, India.

Margaret Greene is Director, Population and Social Transitions, at the International Center for Research on Women. She focuses on social obstacles to reproductive health, especially gender inequality and youth. For over 15 years, Dr. Greene has been conducting research and has published numerous articles on adolescent sexual and reproductive health, male involvement, and the social and cultural determinants of sexual and reproductive risk. Her work with the Population Council in New York and New Delhi, the Center for Health and Gender Equity, Population Action International, and as an international consultant with numerous U.N. and non-governmental agencies has contributed to her expertise in reproductive health research, programs and policy. She is on the boards of Advocates for Youth and the Willows Foundation, an NGO that provides reproductive health services in Turkey. Dr. Greene received M.A. and PhD degrees in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania, and a B.A. in linguistics from Yale University. She was a Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Chicago and at the Federal University of Bahia in Brazil. Before joining ICRW, Dr. Greene was Interim Chair of the Department of Global Health at George Washington University.

Charlotte Watts is Sigrid Rausing Professor in Gender, Violence and Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She is director of the Centre for Research on Gender Violence and Health—a multi-disciplinary research group that conducts action-oriented research on the extent, causes and

consequences of different forms of violence against women, and effective strategies for change. Dr. Watts has been conducting international research on violence against women for the past fifteen years, and on HIV for twenty years. She is a core research team member for the WHO multi-country study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence, and in that role helped support the large scale implementation of survey research on intimate partner violence in 10 countries, with interviews conducted with 24,000 women. She was also senior advisor to the IMAGE micro-finance and participatory gender training intervention in rural South Africa, that demonstrated a 55% reduction in past year partner violence. Originally trained as a mathematician, her research includes the use of epidemiological research methods to help understand factors that may increase the risk of intimate partner violence, or help protect women from violence; and the evaluation of interventions to address violence against women. Current projects include chairing the Global Burden of Disease Working Group to estimate the international public health burden of domestic and sexual violence; intervention evaluation research in Uganda and Cote D'Ivoire; modeling of HIV risk associated with rape; asylum seeking women's experiences of violence in Europe; and research on the relationship between women's economic empowerment and risk of partner violence in Tanzania.