

Innovating for Maternal and Child Health in Africa



Reflections on 2019 and 2018

We wish you a happy, prosperous and fulfilling new year.

We are excited that 2019 gives us yet another opportunity to work together, share evidence, findings and innovations that will promote maternal and child health in Africa.

To show the impact of the IMCHA initiative, it is our time to document the lessons learned in the research process and through our engagement with different stakeholders. We look forward to reading your publications and to work with you to translate these papers into articles and content that can be read by a variety of audiences in different forums.

In 2018, we worked together to gain the trust of key decision makers for example in Tanzania and Uganda through our continuous efforts to use research and innovations to prevent the deaths of women and children in our countries. Each day, we were on a mission to make what we do count.

Together, we have developed skills to interpret, analyze and share data. We have found a new appreciation for the translation of knowledge and some of us developed interesting products to highlight our work through an infographic from Uganda, a policy brief from Malawi and a video from Mozambique.

Amidst the highs, our low came when we lost a friend and colleague [Dr. Godfrey Mbaruku](#) from Ifakara Health Institute, Tanzania. We continue to celebrate his life and legacy.

Today, we celebrate the milestones we have achieved and we look forward to working together for the women and children in the continent.

Highlights of 2018 in pictures



From top left to right: IMCHA researchers from Mozambique, and Tanzania during a panel presentation at the [NEAPACOH meeting](#) in Kampala, Uganda. In Ethiopia, researchers during a strategy meeting on their national engagement. A policy brief on quality of care developed by the Lilongwe, Malawi researchers. IRT representatives during a group discussion in the gender and equity training. An infographic defining the role and work of community health workers in Uganda as presented by the Cape Breton University and BRAC Uganda research team. Ministry of Health officials, researchers and the EA-HPRO after a national stakeholder meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The greater IMCHA family as represented at the Canadian Conference on Global Health in Toronto, Canada. Cape Breton University and BRAC Uganda share their preliminary findings during a meeting with Uganda's Maternal and Child Health technical working group in Kampala. An article published by Dr. Gail Webber and Dr. Bwire Chirangi on the Conversation Africa on their IMCHA research work in Mara Region, Tanzania.

Opportunities

Story telling through animation

To highlight the plight of pregnant women living in fragile contexts, the EA-HPRO consortium developed an animation video to share this story. It was presented during a symposium at the Canadian Conference on Global Health in November 2018.

Animations, a form of [visual storytelling](#) provide an impactful and humanizing way to translate your research to a wide audience of scientists and non-scientists.

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