

CURRICULUM VITAE – Kashi Barbara Carasso

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PROFILE

A public health professional with pharmacy background, Kashi has over fifteen years experience in developing countries working in different capacities on strategy, implementation & evaluation of health programmes. Her key skills include teaching, training & capacity building; procurement & supply chain management of essential medicines; evaluation of health care programs (focused on HSS, MNCH, HIV/AIDS & malaria); and health financing & equity issues. Recent clients include EU, UNICEF, KfW, DFID, UNITAID, the Global Fund, USAID, the World Bank, GIZ, WHO, OXFAM and Marie Stopes Int'l.

Kashi is a team-player, proactive and results-oriented, with excellent interpersonal skills. She is a partner with hera (www.hera.eu), Distance Learning teacher and lecturer at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), and a member of UNITAID's Proposal Review Committee. She also functions as a member of QUAMED (Quality Medicines for All, www.quamed.org) and member of the Working Group on Medicines of BeCause Health (Belgian Platform for International Health). Kashi is also trained as a holistic counselor and group therapist, and supports personal self-development processes.

EDUCATION

2008 – 2010:	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicines (LSHTM), UK Post Graduate Certificate in Learning & Teaching (PGCILT/I)
2006 – 2007:	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK Master's in Public Health in Developing Countries/ focus health economics Winner of 'The Okeke & William Simpson Prize'
1992 – 1997:	University of Utrecht (UU), The Netherlands MSc. Pharmacy & Pharmacology

CERTIFIED THERAPY TRAININGS

Somatic Experiencing Dec 2018, May/June 2019	https://www.seauk.org.uk/ Somatic Experiencing Module I & II; Abi Blakeslee, UK
Working with People Nov 2018 2015 2014 2012 – 2013	http://www.workingwithpeopletrainings.com/ Advanced Working with People – Depth & Application of the Lataif System Working with Relationships – Essential aspects of Awakened Relating (3-part training) Authentic Leadership & Group Dynamics (2-part training) Working with People – A Psychology of Awakening (5-part training)

SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT

Sept 2017 – present:	Regional Centre of Excellence- Health Supply Chain Management, Rwanda Long-term training & research advisor to the Regional Centre of Excellence for Vaccines, Immunization & Health Supply Chain Management, University of Rwanda
Jan 2014 – present:	WHO/UNITAID, Geneva Member of the Proposal Review Committee – WHO/UNITAID Temporary Advisor
Oct 2010 – present:	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK Lecturer 'Procurement & Supply Chain Management', Distance Learning teacher 'Evaluation of Complex Public Health Interventions', tutor MSc 'Public Health Developing Countries'
Sept 2011 – present:	Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), The Netherlands Lecturer on Short Courses & MPH Program: Improving Quality of Care, Ethics & Conflict of Interests in Evaluations; Tutor MSc Public Health
Nov 2019 – Feb 2020:	UNICEF, Sudan Develop a Training Manual and conduct training on Supply Chain Management of Nutrition Commodities for nutritionists in Sudan

Dec 2015 – Jan 2020:	UK Department for International Development (DFID), Kenya Team-member of the Independent Evaluation on Reduction of Maternal & Neonatal Mortality in Kenya
Sept/Oct 2019:	DEVCO B4 (Health) European Union, Brussels Facilitation/moderation of the Thematic Health Seminar 2019 for EU Delegations
April – July 2019:	Health Pooled Fund (HPF3), South Sudan Develop training material & package and conduct Training of Trainers on Inventory Management for Medical Logisticians and Ministry of Health for HPF3 in South Sudan
Sept – Nov 2018:	Health Action International (HAI), Zambia Team member: Improving Access to Essential Medicines in Low- and Middle-Income countries through a Not-for-Profit Generic Pharmacy Chain Model in Zambia
April-May 2018:	CD ECHO (European Commission), Kenya and DR Congo Audits of Humanitarian Procurement Centers (HPC) related to Medicine and Medical Supplies undertaken on behalf of DG ECHO in Kenya and DR Congo.
Mar – Aug 2017:	UNICEF, South Sudan Team-leader of the Situational Assessment & UNICEF Organisational Capacity Assessment to manage and possibly increase UNICEF's role in Medicine & Education Supply Chain in South Sudan
Sept 2016 – Jan 2017:	EuropeAid EU Lot 8, Zimbabwe Team-member/PSM technical lead on the Assessment and Redesign the systems for Results Based Financing, Human Resources for Health and Pharmaceutical System in Zimbabwe
Aug 2016:	National Medical Supply Fund, Sudan Facilitator/trainer "Training of Trainers" (ToT) on Medicine Supply Chain Management in Sudan for State-level pharmacist
Jan – Jul 2016:	Sanofi Access Team Development of Sanofi's five-year Access to Medicines for Malaria strategy
Oct – Nov 2015:	WHO EMRO, Egypt Co-facilitation training "Strengthening Strategic Health Planning/ Eastern Mediterranean Region"
Sept 2014 – Apr 2016:	UK Department for International Development (DFID) Evaluation of DFID-CHAI Market-Shaping for Access to Safe, Effective and Affordable Health Commodities
Aug 2015:	National Medical Supply Fund, Sudan Co-facilitator training "Management of Medical Supply Fund" in Sudan for State-level pharmacist
Nov 2013 – Jun 2015:	Health Pooled Fund, South Sudan (DFID & other DP-funded) As long-term technical advisor, support South Sudan's MoH and HPF on procurement & supply chain management of essential medicines, incl. PSM as part of the wider health system strengthening
Aug – Oct 2014:	UNAIDS Geneva, Ethiopia, Ghana Conduct the Final Evaluation of the European Commission funded project on Capacity Development Planning and Implementation in 6 Sub-Saharan Countries
May – Jul 2014:	USAID, Vietnam As Team Leader, conduct an evaluation of the supply chain systems for ARVs, methadone and TB drugs in Vietnam, moving towards a sustainable government-led commodity supply system
Mar 2014:	The Global Fund, Thailand/Mekong Region Support SR selection process to the Inter-Country Component of the GF NFM Regional Artemisinin Initiative in the Mekong Region
Nov 2013:	Grant Management Solutions, USA GMS/US Government-funded Bootcamp Training to provide technical support to countries receiving grants from the Global Fund on Procurement & Supply Chain Management
Mar – Oct 2013:	Ministry of Health Lesotho World Bank Project (WB/HTAP/C19)

Develop a Training-of-Trainers (ToT) Curriculum and conduct the ToT for district pharmacists on Supply and Warehouse Management for Small-Scale Warehouses in Lesotho, and develop a 3-year rolling condom and HIV prevention commodities forecast and procurement plan

Jul – Aug 2013:	UK Department for International Development (DFID) – South Africa Conduct the annual review of DFID’s Southern African Regional Programme on Access to Medicines and Diagnostics (SARPAM)
Jun – Aug 2013:	UK Department for International Development (DFID) – Uganda As Team Leader, assist DFID in the development of a Business Case for increasing availability of essential medicines, health supplies and equipment in Uganda
Feb – Mar 2013:	German Development Cooperation GIZ – Malawi Conduct a situation analysis of Ministry of Health’s Quality Assurance/Quality Management system, and provide recommendations to partners and GIZ to improve quality of care in Malawi
Jan 2013:	German Development Cooperation GIZ – Malawi External Review of the ESTHER/MAGNET-Project implemented with Kamuzu Central Hospital
Nov – Dec 2012:	OXFAM GB – Azerbaijan Conduct the final program evaluation of Oxfam’s Community-Based Primary Health Care program ‘Advancing Health Communities through Responsive Local Governance’
Sept 2012:	WHO WPRO – Mongolia Support the writing of the Phase II Global Fund HSS proposal (Request for Renewal) based on current National Strategies, lessons learned & key challenges from Phase I
Jun – Aug 2012:	UK Department for International Development (DFID) – South Africa Conduct the annual review of DFID’s Southern African Regional Programme on Access to Medicines and Diagnostics (SARPAM)
May – Jun 2012:	UK Department for International Development (DFID) – South Sudan Prepare a Stage 3 Business Case for DFID support for an Emergency Medicines Fund in South Sudan
Feb – Apr 2012:	Marie Stopes International – Ethiopia Costing study & training to guide MSIE in the final selection of the sexual & reproductive health (SRH) services through MSIE’s three Private Provider Networks.
Nov 2011 – Feb 2012:	The Global Fund – Nepal Evaluation for the Global Fund (GFATM) of Nepal’s National Tuberculosis Program, focus: costing & sustainability of TB interventions, and Supply Chain Management;
Oct 2011 – Jan 2012:	UNITAID – Switzerland Mid-term evaluation for UNITAID of the Pediatric HIV/AIDS Treatment Project of the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI);
Sept 2011:	WHO GDF - Kenya Evaluation for WHO/GDF of the Kenya National TB Program for the donation and direct procurement of GDF pediatric and adult TB medicines;
Jul – Sept 2011:	UK Department for International Development (DFID) – Nigeria & Uganda Conduct an evaluation for DFID of the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) ‘Access to Medicines’ program – country visits: Nigeria and Uganda
Nov 2010:	PharmAccess – The Netherlands Support development of an M&E framework & indicators for the evaluation of the Medical Credit Fund (Pharmaccess) in Tanzania, Ghana & Kenya;
Dec 2007:	UNAIDS, Implementation and Programming Support Unit – Geneva Mapping of demand for Technical Support in five focus countries by defining the scope of analysis, developing the methodology and carrying out the study through telephone interviews;
Nov 2007:	Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative – Access Team, New York & Lesotho Prepare innovative training material for laboratory managers and technicians of the MoH in Lesotho on supply chain and inventory management of laboratory supplies;
Jan 2007:	UNDP/Global Fund project, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Prepare & give training to sub-recipients of the Global Fund grant on principles of stock management, warehousing, reporting systems and quantification of need;

2003 – present:

Ministry of Health Kenya – Kenya

Provide support to MoH HIV/AIDS Programs in Central Province for successful scale-up of treatment & care for PLWHA including comprehensive PMTCT services;

LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT

Mar 2008 – Dec 2010:

Research Fellow in Health Economics, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)

Health Economics & Financing Programme, Health Policy Unit

“Process and impact evaluation of user fee removal in the health sector in Zambia”

- Day-to-day management of the research project, including liaising with the collaborators (MoH Zambia, University of Zambia, University of Cape Town) and funder (DFID);
- Lead researcher of sub-studies on policy analysis, user fee removal and drug availability & human resources, case studies;
- Support project partners in implementing the research and in capacity building activities;
- Lecturer on ‘Procurement & Supply Chain Management’, ‘Primary Health Care’, ‘Health Systems’ and ‘Issues in Public Health in Developing Countries’;

Feb 2006 – Sept 2006:

Supply Chain & Project Manager, Clinton Foundation

Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Support the government of Ethiopia with the roll-out of the national ARV implementation program and supply chain management of HIV-related laboratory supplies and ARVs;

- Support the government’s Ethiopian Health & Nutrition Research Institute (EHNRI) with setting up a comprehensive supply chain management system for HIV-related laboratory supplies;
- Assist EHNRI with strategic advice on collaboration with other major donors to harmonize and coordinate efforts towards one system under national leadership;
- Provide related input in the Ethiopia’s 5-year Logistics Master Plan, which will in the future encompass all procurement & supply management of health commodities in the country;

Apr 2005 – Sept 2005:

Procurement Manager

UNDP/Global Fund project, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

Increase access to medicines for people living with HIV/AIDS, malaria and TB as a team-member of World Response by supporting UNDP Kinshasa with the management and implementation of all PSM activities under the Global Fund grants in DR Congo;

- Support the process of selection, quantification (esp. ARVs), rationalization, procurement, distribution and rational drug use of the UNDP Global Fund project in DRC;
- Liaise with sub-recipients, implementing partners, local authorities and key stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS and malaria on quality implementation of PSM-related activities;
- Identify potential risks for and recommend solutions to UNDP, patients, sub-recipients and the Global Fund associated with the PSM strategy and the implementation thereof;

May 2003 – Mar 2005:

Coordinator, Campaign Access to Essential Medicine

MSF-H (Médecins sans Frontières Holland), Amsterdam

Increase access to drugs for HIV/AIDS, malaria, TB and neglected diseases for MSF-H and beyond through provision of direct operational support and advocacy at a national (project country) and international level.

- Support procurement of ARVs and ACT through tackling issues related to import, registration, patents, quality, (differential) price and availability at country level;
- Identify ‘access’ barriers and channel information within MSF (from field to international level) to strengthen and carry out internal & external communication;
- Collaborate and network with international agencies, other NGO’s, governments, research institutions, drug companies and local partners to increase access to essential drugs;

May 2002 – Apr 2003:

Campaigner, ‘Access to Essential Medicines’

MSF-H, Zambia and El Salvador

Provide field-based operational and advocacy support in setting up procurement channels for affordable quality ARV's and malaria drugs for MSF-H projects in El Salvador and Zambia;

LANGUAGES

	<u>speak</u>	<u>read</u>	<u>write</u>
English	good	good	good
French	good	good	reasonable
Spanish	reasonable	good	reasonable

COUNTRIES OF INTERVENTION

Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Lesotho, Kenya, Malawi, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

OTHER FUNCTIONS

- Member of QUAMED (Quality Medicines for All, www.quamed.org); member of the Working Group on Medicines of BeCause Health (Belgian Platform for International Health);
- Secretary of the Board of the Spanish NGO Vidha, providing Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Health in Kenya with scaling up comprehensive care and treatment for HIV+ women and their babies.
- Active staff member, assistant and organiser of Path of Love processes (www.pathretreats.com) since 2008.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- A health system perspective to improving pharmaceutical supply: Lessons from Zimbabwe; Carasso K.B., Naylor M., Ngwaru T., Caffrey M., Witter S. Oral session, *10th European Conference for Tropical Medicine and International Health*, Oct 2017.
- Assessment of the Dilli Annashri Yojna Unconditional Cash Transfer Scheme in Four Delhi Slums. Srinivasan, V., Zwanikken, P., & Carasso, B. K. (2016). *BMJ Global Health*, 1 (Suppl 1), A6. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjgh-2016-EPHPabstracts.7>.
- Health worker perspectives on user fee removal in Zambia. Barbara S Carasso, Mylene Lagarde, Caesar Cheelo, Collins Chansa and Natasha Palmer ; *Human Resources for Health* 2012, **10**:40
- Up close and personal in Zambia... a case-study approach to evaluate the impact of user fee removal; Authors: BS Carasso, C Cheelo, M Lagarde, N Palmer. Abstract, International Health Economics Association (IHEA); Beijing , 2009
- Twenty stories behind the policy... a case-study approach to evaluate the impact of user fee removal in the health sector. Barbara Carasso, Caesar Cheelo, Chitalu Chama, Gabriel Pollen, Mylene Lagarde, Collins Chansa, Natasha Palmer. Abstract, African Health Economics & Policy Association (AfHEA); Accra, Ghana; March 2009
- Availability of essential medicines in Ethiopia: an efficiency-equity trade-off? Carasso BS, Lagarde M, Tesfaye A & Palmer N; *Tropical Medicine & International Health* 2009, 14(11): 1394-1400
- Disruption of prepulse inhibition after stimulation of central but not peripheral alpha-1 adrenergic receptors. Alsene KM, Carasso BS, Connors EE, Bakshi VP. *Neuropsychopharmacology*. 2006 Oct;31(10):2150-61. Epub 2006 Jan 11.
- Yohimbine disrupts prepulse inhibition in rats via action at 5-HT_{1A} receptors, not 2-adrenoceptors. Susan B. Powell, Javier Palomo, Barbara S. Carasso, Vaishali P. Bakshi, Mark A. Geyer; *Psychopharmacology* 2005; 180: 491-500
- Does stimulation of central but not peripheral alpha-1 adrenoceptors disrupt prepulse inhibition in rats? B.S.Carasso, VP.Bakshi, R.Kuczenski, MA.Geyer (295.8); Abstract 28th Annual Meeting of the Society of Neuroscience, Los Angeles
- Disruption in prepulse inhibition after alpha-1 adrenoceptor stimulation in rats. Barbara S. Carasso, Vaishali P. Bakshi, Mark A. Geyer; *Neuropharmacology* 1998; 37:3 401-404
- Prepulse inhibition and habituation of the startle response are stable neurobiological measures in a normal male population. Kristin S. Cadenhead, Barbara S. Carasso, Neal R. Swerdlow, Mark A. Geyer, David L. Braff; *Biological Psychiatry* 1999; 45:3 360-364