Aspects of tuberculosis and HIV diagnosis, care and treatment in Rwandan health facilities: operational studies

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About the author

Felix R. Kayigamba was born on February 28, 1974 in Uganda. He attended high school at Jinja College and Saint James Secondary Schools in Eastern Uganda. He enrolled at the National University of Rwanda in 1995; he graduated as a medical doctor in 2001 and started work in Ruhengeri district Hospital as a general physician. Two years later he was promoted by the Rwanda Ministry of Health to the position of Medical Director of the same hospital.

In 2005, he enrolled at the School of Public Health National University of Rwanda for a masters in public health degree (while he maintained the position of medical director at Ruhengeri hospital) and graduated in 2007. In the same year, he was given the opportunity to join the Infectious Diseases Network for Treatment and Research in Africa [INTERACT] as a PhD student and was subsequently registered at the University of Amsterdam. Under the INTERACT programme, he was the main investigator for the two research projects in Rwanda whose results are described in this thesis. The first project focused on a retrospective cohort of TB patients that were diagnosed and treated in 48 Rwandan clinics between January and March 2007. The second focused on cluster non-randomized trial of provider initiated HIV testing and counselling in eight Rwandan health facilities.

In 2009, he joined the Rwanda office of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a Public Health Specialist for Adult HIV Care and Opportunistic Infections. In 2011, he joined the Access Project, an affiliate to Columbia University, New York, as the Country Director. Access Project is one of the partners to the Rwanda Ministry of Health that provide support in health systems strengthening.

He served as a board member of the Rwanda National Laboratory and is the current chairman of the Board of Directors for the Society for Family Health, a Rwandan local NGO affiliated to Population Services International. He lives in Rwanda, with his wife Florence Batoni; the couple is blessed with three children: Shema, Keza and Tona.