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Meghna Desai was born on September 18th, 1975 in Mbeya, Tanzania. She completed primary education at Umoja Primary School in Mbeya, the first two years of secondary education at the International School of Moshi, and the last three years of secondary school at the International School of Tanganyika in Dar-Es-Salaam. She then moved to the U.S. where she subsequently completed her bachelor's in science (majoring in Anthropology and Human Biology) and masters in public health (International Health with a focus on infectious disease epidemiology) at Emory University in Atlanta. During her time as an MPH student, she worked part-time on various projects: as a nutrition evaluator/interviewer at the department of behavioral sciences and health education at Emory University; as a research associate in the Division of Chronic Disease Control and Community Intervention at the CDC in Atlanta; as a public health intern at the American Cancer Society, Department of Marketing in Atlanta; and as a graduate research assistant in the Department of Epidemiology at Emory University. In early 1999, she went to the CDC/KEMRI field station in Kisumu to conduct fieldwork for her master's thesis. Upon completion of her MPH in December 1999, she returned to Kenya to pursue her PhD studies in collaboration with CDC, Atlanta.

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