

EILEEN YAM, PhD, MPH

Professional Experience

- 2016-present **Associate II**, Population Council, Washington, DC, USA
Deputy Director for Project SOAR, a \$50 million USAID-funded global research portfolio focused on HIV implementation science. Provides overall senior management and technical oversight, ensuring quality assurance of technical deliverables; facilitates and supports strategic and technical communications between USAID, global consortium partners, and local partners; and plays a representational role for the project. Led conceptualization and implementation of research on family planning and safer conception needs among HIV-positive women in Tanzania.
- 2012–2016 **Associate I**, Population Council, Washington, DC, USA
Project Director for a five-country research portfolio on HIV, reproductive health, and gender issues among young key populations in Africa and Asia. Collaborated with program implementers and other stakeholders to identify priority research questions and appropriate study designs. Ensured quality of all study protocols and products. Provided overall strategic guidance as well as managerial and technical leadership for US and international staff, and ensured all activities were completed on time and within budget. Represented the Council to donors, governments, and partners. Served as co-investigator on studies evaluating peer-led programs to improve sexual and reproductive health and rights of young key populations.
- 2012 **Consultant, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University**, Washington, DC, USA
Revised and wrote papers for peer-reviewed publication, including manuscripts on the role of the Standard Days Method® in modern family planning services, and the effects of social networks on contraceptive use in Mali.
- 2007–2011 **Consultant**, Population Council, Washington, DC, USA
Conducted qualitative and quantitative data analysis for studies on abortion in Mexico, and condom use among Bolivian female sex workers. Wrote content for proposals on studies on various reproductive health topics in the Latin America and Caribbean region.
- 2008–2009 **Research and Evaluation Specialist**, International Center for Research on Women, Washington, DC, USA
Provided evaluation technical assistance to the Nike Foundation on grantee projects dedicated to improving adolescent girls' lives in developing countries. Developed and implemented an evaluation of a workplace educational program for Cambodian female garment workers. Managed instrument design, ethical review, and recruitment and supervision of collaborating agencies and field staff. Wrote content for proposals, presentations, and reports to private foundations and corporate donors.
- 2007–2008 **Senior Analyst**, Abt Associates, Bethesda, MD, USA
Designed and implemented projects on private HIV/AIDS testing services, condom

buying behaviors, and youth-friendly family planning services. Developed monitoring and evaluation strategies for the Private Sector Partnerships-*One (PSP-One)* project, dedicated to increasing the private sector's role in sexual and reproductive health care. Wrote and edited content for USAID proposals and technical reports.

- 2004–2007 **Regional Program Associate**, Population Council, Mexico City, Mexico
Implemented regional reproductive health projects on family planning, abortion, sexually transmitted infections, and maternal health. Managed protocol and instrument development, ethics approval, field staff training, and dissemination of project results. Wrote funded proposals worth US\$2.5 million. Established collaborations with local and international organizations and agencies.
- 2000–2002 **Staff Writer**, *aMagazine: Inside Asian America*, aMedia, Inc., New York, NY, USA
Generated story ideas, interviewed sources, and wrote articles on health issues and their relevance to Asians and Asian Americans.
- 1998–2001 **Editorial Researcher**, *National Geographic Magazine*, National Geographic Society, Washington, DC, USA
Comprehensively edited articles for content and accuracy. Conducted expert interviews, literature reviews, and fact-checking. Wrote content for Nationalgeographic.com.
- 1997 – 1998 **Research Associate**, Advisory Board Company, Washington, DC, USA
Conducted expert interviews and literature reviews on clinical and management issues in women's health and pediatrics. Researched and wrote strategy briefs for client hospitals and health care associations.

Other Experience

- 2010 **Global Health Fellows Program**, Office of Population & Reproductive Health, USAID, Washington, DC, USA
Conducted key informant interviews and literature reviews to develop a concept paper outlining strategies to increase demand for and utilization of the Service Provision Assessment surveys, conducted by the MEASURE Demographic & Health Surveys (DHS) project.
- 2004 **Volunteer**, USAID, Lima, Peru
Drafted an internal report on USAID's role in Peru's family planning program. Reviewed and synthesized internal reports, confidential correspondence, monitoring studies, and press releases.

Countries of Professional Experience

Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Burundi, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Myanmar, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia

Education

PhD, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health, *Baltimore, MD, 2012*

MPH, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health, Department of Maternal and Child Health, *Chapel Hill, NC, 2003*

BA, Anthropology, Yale University, *New Haven, CT, 1997*

Publications

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Baral S, Ketende S, Green JL, Chen P, Grosso A, Sithole B, Ntshangase C, **Yam E**, Kerrigan D, Kennedy CE, Adams D. Reconceptualizing the HIV epidemiology and prevention needs of female sex workers (FSW) in Swaziland. *PLOS ONE* 2014;9(12):e115465.

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Peer Reviewer Experience

BMC Public Health, European Journal of Contraception and Reproductive Health, Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care, Journal of Women's Health, International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, PLOS ONE, Reproductive Health, Reproductive Health Matters, Studies in Family Planning