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# Africa Academy for Public Health

- Established in 2009 - an independent organization registered in Tanzania with the mission to improve health in the Africa region through collaborative research, training, capacity building and knowledge translation.
- Primary partner for the Harvard T. C. Chan School of Public Health.
- Aims to contribute to the development of public health professionals who are equipped to address the complex health needs of the African region.
- **AAPH Mission:** To advance public health priorities of sub-Saharan Africa through collaborative research, training, capacity building and knowledge translation

# Africa Academy of Public Health (AAPH)

Improve health in the Africa region through collaborative research, training, capacity building and knowledge translation

## Research

- Micronutrient/  
Macronutrient
- Infectious Diseases
- National Survey on  
Fortification

## Training

- ARISE Network
- Research Methods
- Capacities/capabilities
- Grants Management

## Practice

- Implementation
- Evaluation
- Policy

## Multidisciplinary team

### Collaborations:

Foreign, Regional and Local Research and Training Institutions  
Development Partners (NGOs & International Organization)  
National Governments (Esp. Ministries of Health)

<http://www.aaph-tz.org>

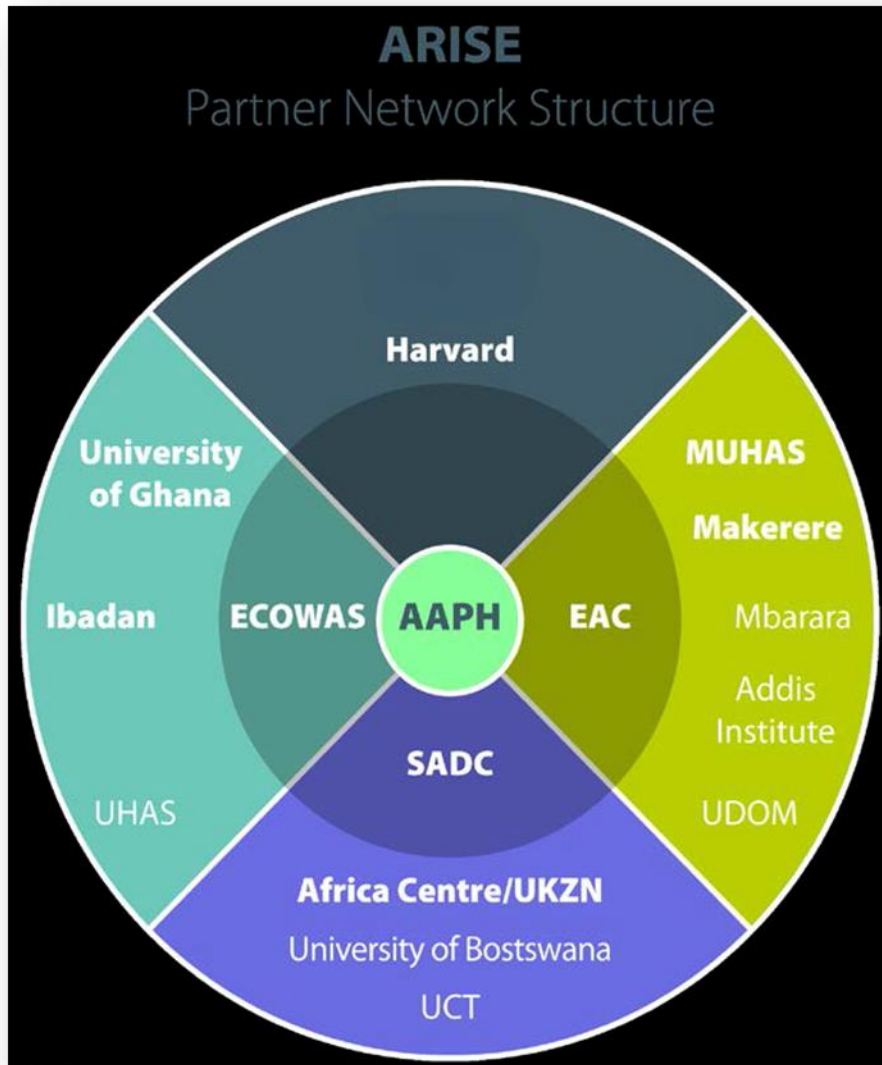
# Africa Research, Implementation Science and Education (ARISE) Network

- The Harvard Chan School and AAPH have convened a network for collaborative education and research activities in Africa. The Africa Research, Implementation Science and Education Network (ARISE Network).
- Network established over a series of convening meetings in 2014 and 2015 and includes prominent colleagues and collaborators from institutions and organizations across the Africa region.
- Network builds upon the numerous ongoing training and research activities among participating institutions.

# ARISE Partner Countries



# ARISE Partner Network Structure



*Representatives from the ARISE Network at a January 2015 meeting.*

# ARISE Network Activities

## Education activities:

- Collaborative two-year post-doctoral training program with intensive mentorship;
- Introduction of new, innovative short courses at partner institutions through collaborative training; and co-teaching among junior faculty and postdoctoral fellows;
- Strengthening partner institutions' PhD programs through advance coursework, mentorship, and engagement throughout the network for research and training;
- Collaborative two-year mentorship program for junior faculty; and
- Advanced training for research administrators.

## Research activities:

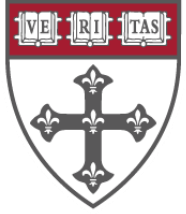
- Pooling data from existing health demographic surveillance systems as research platforms to help answer important questions related to critical issues.

# ARISE : Current Activity

## Adolescent Health

- Assessing Adolescent health – four countries
  - Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanzania and Uganda
- Mentors and mentees
  - Use standard questionnaire through their demographic surveillance system (DSS)
- Sites will participate in the implementation and analysis of the data
- Network members to convene on ARISE issues and review the adolescent data in January 2016.





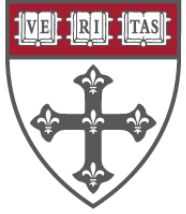
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## **Population and Family Health Cluster**

- **Focus:** Health along the life cycle - perinatal, childhood, adolescence, adulthood and aging
- **Emphasis:** metrics and understanding of risk factors, evaluation of interventions, and the impact of health on development.



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**Areas of focus:**

- Reproductive, maternal, child, and adolescent health
- Women and health
- Nutrition, agriculture and health
- HIV, malaria and other infectious diseases
- NCDs and aging
- Urban health

# The Maternal Health Task Force

- Funded by the Gates Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Hansen Foundation, and Individuals
- Mandate: Improve maternal health by strengthening the global and national maternal health communities
- Overarching theme: Quality of maternal health care, equity and integration

[www.maternalhealthtaskforce.org](http://www.maternalhealthtaskforce.org)

# Objectives

- To provide a neutral space for scientific debate and consensus building.
- To expand access to critical knowledge, evidence and information.
- To strengthen the capacity of young professionals interested in maternal health.
- To expand the knowledge base on how to improve and evaluate the content and quality of maternal health care.
- Provide evidence to support continued focus on maternal health now and in the post-2015 development agenda

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