AmplifyChange Board of Directors

Narmeen Hamid – Chair of the Board of Directors

Dr. Narmeen Hamid is currently a freelance health and gender consultant based in Pakistan. Narmeen has worked with a variety of organisations providing strategic advice, including as a Strategic Advisor to AmplifyChange, 2015-2020 covering grants across South Asia.

Previous experience includes work with UNHCR/UNFPA on developing a reproductive health toolkit, policy analysis for Rahnuma (IPPF affiliate in Pakistan), and providing social inclusion input to health sector plans in Nepal, Bangladesh and Somalia.

Narmeen is a physician by training; she also holds a doctorate in Social Medicine (Gender & Social Inclusion) from the UK, and an MSc on Community Health for Developing Countries from LSHTM.

She is active in civil society in Lahore as the founder of the Zoe Bibi Education Fund for girls belonging to marginalised communities, minorities, the disabled and those living in conflict areas; and the co-founder of The Grief Directory, supporting families affected by terrorism in Pakistan.

Lana Dakan

Lana Dakan is the Global Reproductive Health Director at the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. Lana joined the Foundation as a Program Officer in January 2006 overseeing grantmaking in the program’s Global and South Asia subprograms. She has over twenty years of experience working on reproductive health and rights in the U.S. and globally.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Lana worked in Indonesia for six years on family planning programs with USAID and Pathfinder International providing strategic and technical assistance on programs to expand access to quality family planning services.

Lana served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines and speaks Indonesian.

She holds a master’s degree in public health from the University of Michigan and a bachelor’s degree in international relations from Occidental College.
### Michael Dahlgaard

Mike is an independent consultant with more than twenty years of experience from international development cooperation, where he specialised in governance, management, business development, and organisational development.

He has substantial hands-on experience as a seconded long-term financial management advisor and from short and long-term consultancy assignments.

He holds a master’s degree in economics and Business Administration from Copenhagen Business School.

### Dana Hovig

Dana is an independent consultant working with major INGOs and foundations on strategy, performance management, and brokering partnerships.

Previously, Dana was Director of the Gender Equity and Governance program at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. From 2013 to 2019, he worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where he launched and subsequently led the Integrated Delivery team. Prior to joining the Gates Foundation, Dana spent nearly seven years as CEO, and almost 2 years as deputy CEO, of Marie Stopes International. Just before joining MSI, Dana led Options Consultancy Services. Dana also served more than a decade in leadership positions with Population Services International, including spending nearly 4 years as PSI Country Representative in Pakistan. He lived and worked for 5 years in Northern Togo (Peace Corps) and Northern Mali (Africare), speaks fluent French, basic Spanish and is working on his Portuguese as a resident of Cascais, Portugal.


### Nyovani Madise

Nyovani Madise is the Director of Development Policy and Head of the Malawi office of the African Institute for Development Policy. Her role involves generating policy-relevant research to support the acceleration of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and strengthening the capacity of policymakers and researchers for evidence informed decision-making.

Her previous roles were as Professor of Demography and Social Statistics at the University of Southampton where she also served in the following roles between 1993 and 2018: University lead for Equality, Diversity, and Inclusivity, Associate Dean (Research), Deputy Head of School of Social Sciences, Director of Public Policy and Director of the Centre for Global Health,
Population, Poverty, and Policy. Nyovani previously worked as a Senior Research Scientist at the African Population and Health Research Center in Kenya (2004-2007) and as a Lecturer at the University of Malawi (1985-1993). Nyovani has over 100 peer-reviewed publications focusing on the social determinants of health in the specific areas of maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, food and nutritional security.

Nyovani is a trustee of the Population Council, and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and is also a member of the 15 Independent Group of Scientists appointed by the UN Secretary General to write the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report.

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<td>Sara Seims is a consultant in international women’s health and rights. Between 2011-2014 she was a Senior Fellow of the Population and Reproductive Health program of the Packard Foundation. Two years of the Fellowship were based in London where she analysed the development assistance policies and practices of the major European donors in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).</td>
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<td>Dr. Seims was a member of the Gates Foundation’ Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group for family planning and a former Fellow of the London School of Economics. She was a member of the United Kingdom’s development aid management team to evaluate how to reduce the negative health consequences of unsafe abortion.</td>
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<td>Previous positions held by Dr. Seims include Director of the Population Program of the Hewlett Foundation, President and CEO of the Guttmacher Institute, and Associate Director of the Population Sciences program at the Rockefeller Foundation. She is currently on the board of directors of AmplifyChange and is Chair of the Board of One Heart Worldwide and incoming Chair of the curriculum committee of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of San Francisco State University. She has a doctorate in demography from the University of Pennsylvania.</td>
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