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# Summary of Professional Qualifications

John Stanback, PhD, is an internationally recognized leader in research and testing of innovative family planning practices. He recently retired as Senior Scientist after nearly 35 years of research and policy experience at FHI 360 in Durham, North Carolina. Stanback’s principal research and policy interest is access to family planning services, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa. He has conducted research in nearly 20 countries and published more than 50 articles and book chapters. Dr. Stanback conducted the first rigorous study in sub-Saharan Africa to assess “task sharing” of injectable contraceptives to community health workers, and also developed and evaluated the widely used “pregnancy checklist” for service providers in low-resource settings.

A former advisor to the World Health Organization and USAID, Dr. Stanback serves on the Board of Directors of Ipas and sits on the editorial board of *Global Health: Science and Practice*, USAID’s peer-reviewed journal. USAID has twice recognized Dr. Stanback for his scientific contributions, naming him the first recipient of its Maximizing Access and Quality (MAQ) Award in 2000, and awarding him the Marjorie C. Horn Operations Research Award in 2013. In 2014, Dr. Stanback earned a coveted USAID “Saving Lives @ Birth Grand Challenge” seed grant for new research on service integration. Stanback earned his doctorate in health policy and administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he is an adjunct professor in the Department of Maternal and Child Health.

**Education**

PhD, Health Policy and Administration, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, 2000

MA, Economics, Duke University, Durham, NC, 1987

BA, Economics, Davidson College, Davidson, NC, 1983

**Country Experience**

Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia

**Languages**

French (fluent), Kiswahili (basic)

**Professional Experience**

**1987 to Present FHI 360 – *Durham, NC, USA***

2013 - 2021 **Senior Scientist,** *Health Services Research Division*

2008 – 2013 **Deputy Director, Research,** *PROGRESS Project*

Managed research portfolio for USAID’s $50 million dollar FP programmatic research project in 13 countries. Serves on WHO Research Proposal Review Panel and WHO technical consultations providing global guidance on FP task sharing.

2007 – 2008 **Scientist 2,** *Health Services Research Department*

 Led a team conducting research on innovative tools to increase access to family planning. Piloted the first program in Africa for CBD of injectable contraceptives.

1998 – 2007 **Senior Associate**, *Health Services Research Department*

 Conducted programmatic impact evaluations on national and international reproductive health guidelines. Researched access to contraception and medical barriers to family planning in Africa. Served as advisor to USAID’s Maximizing Access and Quality Initiative.

1993 – 1998 **Senior Research Associate,** *Service Delivery Research Division*

 Designed studies to evaluate impact of service delivery guidelines and protocols. Conducted operations research on family planning services.

1991 – 1992 **Senior Program Officer,** *Field Development and Training Division*

 Coordinated multi-agency effort supporting introduction of Norplant contraceptive implants in Senegal. Provided technical assistance for FHI 360's institutional development programs in West Africa. Monitored clinical trials, analyzed programmatic research data and wrote articles for publication.

1989 – 1991 **Program Officer,** *Francophone Africa, Field Development and Training Division* Supported and monitored other FHI 360 researchers' work in the region. Planned regional seminars and workshops. Served as liaison to collaborating investigators.

1988 – 1989 **Research Analyst,** *Program Evaluation Department*

 Managed studies of contraceptive continuation rates in West Africa. Performed data analysis on discontinuation, post-operative delivery outcomes and traditional birth attendant referral in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

1987 – 1988 **Project Assistant,** *Program Evaluation Department*

 Responsible for data management and computer analysis of population-based maternal mortality project in Giza, Egypt. Designed programs to analyze family planning method switching in Sri Lanka.

# Professional Affiliations and Service

Adjunct Professor, Department of Maternal and Child Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Board of Directors, Ipas, 2017 - present

Board of Directors, NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina, 2005 - 2016

President, Triangle Area Population Society (TAPS), North Carolina, 2011-2013

Editorial Board, Global Health: Science & Practice journal

Editorial Board, Frontiers Global Women’s Health journal, 2018-2021

FP 2020, Performance Monitoring and Evidence Working Group

**Professional Honors**

USAID Grand Challenge Awardee, 2014

“Tops in Class” Plenary Presentation "Why DMPA Users are Different, and Why That Matters to HIV Research" at the International Conference on Family Planning, Addis, Ethiopia. November, 2013.

Margorie C. Horn Operations Research Award. USAID, 2013.

Maximizing Access and Quality (MAQ) Award in 2000

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Smith JB, Kreuger K, Stanback J, Nutley T. “Building momentum for innovation: Community-based distribution of injectables.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA, November 2008.

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