

## Biosketch



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Primus is a social scientist with a background in health systems and bioethics, committed to and passionate about promoting maternal and child health and ethical conduct of research in low- and middle-income country (LMIC) settings. With basic and postgraduate training in microbiology and parasitology, Primus went on to complete additional graduate trainings in Public Health and Bioethics. Upon completing his PhD in International Health, Primus served as a postdoctoral research fellow with Centre for Research on HealthCare in Disasters, a WHO Collaborating Centre at Karolinska Institute (Sweden). Leveraging his skills and experiences in the fields of microbiology/parasitology, bioethics and public health, Primus joined the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme (KWTRP) in July 2018 as social science lead (Mid-level Social Scientist) for Controlled Human Infection Model (CHIM)/ challenges studies – trials that have the potential of fast-tracking the development of drugs and vaccines for important infectious diseases affecting maternal and child health. He currently leads a small team of researchers exploring the social and ethical implications of CHIM studies in a LMIC context like Kenya, using an empirical ethics approach, with the goal of contributing to policy and practice. Their empirical ethics work is embedded within ongoing and planned challenge studies for malaria and Shigella at the KWTRP.



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