

## BIOGRAPHY - Dr. Irene Akua Agyepong



Irene A. Agyepong is a Public Health Physician with the Dodowa Health Research Center of the Research and Development directorate of the Ghana Health Service. She is also a member of the Public Health Faculty of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. She has previously been Regional Director of Health Services for the Greater Accra region of Ghana, District Director of Health Services in the Dangme West district and seconded full time to the University of Ghana School of Public Health by the Ghana Health Service in October 2012 for two years. She has been part time faculty in the School of Public Health since its foundation in 1994, in addition to providing field supervision to MPH students. She held the position of Professor to the Prince Claus Chair in Development and Equity (2008 – 2010) in the University of Utrecht, in the Netherlands. She was awarded the Arnold Kalunzy Distinguished Alumni Award 2008 by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Public Health Leadership program, School of Public Health.

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