Sarah Lucas

Program Officer, Global Development and Population, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Sarah Lucas manages a portfolio of grants designed to increase the use of data and evidence to improve public policies in developing countries, particularly sub-Saharan Africa.

Previously, Sarah worked at the U.S. government’s Millennium Challenge Corporation, where she served as the country team lead for Liberia and as a senior policy adviser representing the agency in government-wide initiatives to advance the president’s global development policy. Sarah has also worked at the Center for Global Development where she led strategy to make the center’s research influential for legislative and executive branch policymakers and advocacy groups.

Sarah graduated from Wellesley College with a bachelor’s degree in Latin American Studies and enjoys lecturing at the school’s Albright Institute for Global Affairs. She holds a master’s degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Francis C. (Sam) Notzon

Director of the International Statistics Program at the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), CDC.

Sam Notzon has worked in the area of international health statistics for more than 40 years, dealing with both developed and developing countries as well as multi-national organizations (WHO, UNSD, OECD). Although his career has been focused on international statistics, many of the international projects he has organized have required close collaboration with the domestic data systems of NCHS. He holds M.S. degrees in demography and economics from the University of Wisconsin (1973), and a Ph.D. in Population Dynamics from Johns Hopkins University (1989).
Murangwa Yusuf

Director General, National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR)

Murangwa Yusuf is a professional statistician and operational researcher with more than 15 years of experience in statistics development. He has worked on a wide scope of statistics including: labour, education, economic, prices, agriculture, population and censuses and poverty statistics to mention a few.

As the Director General since 2009, he has focused on building the capacity of the national statistical system in Rwanda and advocating for the use of evidence in policy and decision-making.

His focus going forward is developing administrative data systems, use of technology in statistics production to improve quality, timeliness and efficiency and establishing an enabling environment for big data and the data revolution in Rwanda.

Alex Pompe

Research Manager, Data for Good, Facebook

Alex Pompe’s team is responsible for using Facebook's data to help humanitarian organizations during natural disasters and public health crises while preserving privacy. Previously, Alex worked at a startup scaling a mobile app across 35 developing countries over 3 years. Prior to this he worked for 6 years at IREX on access to information programs, first in Ukraine, then in Namibia, and then finished in Washington DC. He served as a volunteer with the Peace Corps in Namibia from 2006 to 2008. Alex holds a BS in physics from the University of Illinois, and an MS from the University of Michigan.