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Prof. Margaret Gyapong is Director of the Centre for Health Policy and implementation research at the University of Health and Allied Sciences in Ghana. Prior to that she worked as Deputy Director for Research and Development in the Ghana Health service and was the foundation Director of the Dodowa Health Research Centre. She is visiting professor and preceptor to students in International Global health at the Georgetown University.

A medical Anthropologist by training with a PhD in Cultural Epidemiology from the Swiss Tropical and public Health institute, she specialized in Cultural Epidemiology a discipline that focuses on the descriptive account of illness meaning and behavior and the cultural determinants of disease occurrence, course and outcome.

Over the last 25 years, she has worked at the intersection of research and policy, ensuring that her work on Neglected Tropical Diseases, malaria, maternal and child health and Demographic Surveillance Systems influences policy formulation and program implementation. She has served and continues to serve as a member, chair and co chair on a number of local and international committees and task forces. Key amongst them is chair of the lymphatic Filariasis Guidelines review group in 2017.

She is reviewer and editor on several peer reviewed journals, was instrumental in the development of the recently launched WHO/TDR toolkit. In 2017, she was one of 12 recipients across the world of the Heroines of Health award at a ceremony held during the 2017 World Health Assembly in Geneva.