Ambele’s Mwamelo: Update

I currently work as a Research Associate with the Africa Academy for Public Health (AAPH) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on a one year fellowship. AAPH focuses on research, training, capacity building and practice, with a goal of developing the next generation of research scientists who are committed to addressing public health priorities in Sub-Saharan Africa and beyond. At AAPH, I work with the research scientists on several ongoing projects and assist in activities (such as reviewing and submission of research proposals and reports, administration of project meetings and related activities, maintaining project and website materials etc.). I also support the Principal Investigator of Dar es Salaam Urban Cohort Study (DUCS), a health and demographic surveillance site, on field and administrative activities of studies such as the Health and Aging in Africa study. I am very fortunate to be part of a diverse team with different expertise- medicine, sociology, biostatistics, epidemiology. I have amazing mentors and I’ve learnt a lot so far – I am excited that this one year will really give me a lot of exposure and skills that will be crucial for my upcoming studies. I am looking forward to the upcoming months!
This is the core AAPH team at after the launch of the organization’s first Strategic Plan. It was a very exciting event and we were fortunate to have the Minister of health at the launch where she gave a key note address on Research, Training and Capacity Building in Tanzania! (17th Jan. 2018)
AAPH organized the Harvard - Tanzania Collaborations meeting that took place as part of the organization’s annual events celebrating the Harvard-Tanzania Partnership. These events also included a symposium on Young Girls and Women’s health and we had different partners, universities, government institutions etc. attend. It was really amazing working with the team on successfully organizing the events! 15th Jan 2018
2018 AAPH Annual Symposium
I had the opportunity to present after a group discussion during the launch the Tanzania Health Data Collaborative (HDC) which AAPH attended. 11th September 2017.
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Dar es Salaam Urban Cohort Study (DUCS)

This was taken at the DUCS field office in the Ukonga Ward surveillance area (pictured is me, two summer interns, field manager, field supervisor and driver) July 2017.
This is a photo of me at the DUCS field office during one of our activities to screen and raise awareness on prostate cancer in the DUCS surveillance area.
This is a group photo of the DUCS team – Principal Investigator, field and data that was taken after a training session where the project was migrating from paper based data collection to an electronic based data collection Household Registration System 2 (HRS2) – it was a major and exciting step for the project! Sept 2017