**Professor John Gyapong**

Professor John Gyapong is Visiting Professor to the Global Health Program of the Graduate School of Arts and Science of Georgetown University in Washington DC. He is the immediate past Vice Chancellor of the University of Health and Allied Science in Ghana. Prior to this, he was the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research Innovation and Development and Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Ghana. He is a public health physician and an epidemiologist. His main area of research is infectious disease epidemiology, especially lymphatic filariasis, other neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and malaria.

Professor Gyapong received his basic medical education in Ghana and later pursued a Master of Science in Public Health in Developing Countries, and a PhD in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, United Kingdom. He practised as a doctor in rural Ghana for nine years. During this period, he worked on the Ghana Vitamin A Supplementation Trials which were conducted by the Navrongo Health Research Centre. He also headed the Paediatric Unit of the Navrongo War Memorial Hospital and occasionally acted as the District Director of Health Services.

He was the Director of Research and Development of the Ghana Health Services for 12 years where was responsible for health systems and implementation research. He has coordinated several large-scale field intervention studies in Ghana. He established and managed the Ghana Neglected Diseases Control Programme for eight years. Professor Gyapong has served as chair/member of several WHO NTD Committees. Currently, he is a member of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of WHO-TDR. He was also the Representative of the African Ministers of Health/WHO AFRO in the EDCTP General Assembly from 2010 to 2014 and the Ghana Representative in the EDCTP2 General Assembly. He was Vice-Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee of EDCTP2 from 2016 to 2022 and now Chairs the Scientific Committee of EDCTP3. He serves on several international research review committees and boards. He has over 150 publications in peer-reviewed journals and an edited book on NTDs in Sub-Saharan Africa.