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### REPORT ON A THESIS EVALUATION

**Thesis Title:** Towards a Functional Health System Governance: The Centrality of Policies, Institutions and Actors' Configuration in malaria eradication among under-five children in Ghana".

**Author:** Martha Amoako

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**Reviewer:** Prof. Emmanuel Kabengele Mpinga, Institute of Global Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva, Switzerland

#### 0. Introduction

One year ago, I submitted a detailed evaluation of Amoako Martha thesis (AM) for the PhD degree at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Czech Republic.

The first report presented the merits of this thesis as well as its strengths; examined the limits that the thesis contained in terms of its structure, the methods used and finally made some suggestions to the candidate to improve her work in terms of its content with a view to its possible publication in book form.

This current short report has two objectives:

- To evaluate the responses to the suggestions made to the candidate.
- To give a general assessment of this enormous and important work.

## 1. Responses to suggestions

Overall, Martha responded favorably to the recommendations:

- The thesis title was reformulated from "Towards a Functional Health System Governance: The Centrality of Policies, Institutions and Actors' Configuration in Shaping Ghana's Health Sector" To "*Towards a Functional Health System Governance: The Centrality of Policies, Institutions and Actors' Configuration in malaria eradication among under-five children in Ghana*"
- The criticism about traditional medicine was addressed. Martha added 5 paragraphs to the text (3.3.5, pp.26-27). Balancing the common discourse, she concludes this point by recalling us that the prevalent uses of traditional medicines in treating malaria have, however, generated calls for inclusion in national malaria control programmes as alternative or complementary antimalaria drugs (p.27).
- About our request of the decentralization concept analysis, Martha presents a more detailed concept analysis decentralization but its application in Ghanaian Health system (pp 62-65).
- The impact of health system governance on malaria prevalence and child mortality was discussed (pp.129-144). It makes the thesis more strong and scientifically justified.

## 2. General assessment and recommendation.

The reviewer wishes once again to underline the importance of this thesis and the quality of the work submitted by the candidate whom she congratulates.

At the end of this evaluation, I give the mark of 5,5 out of 6.0 and would like to recommend to the Faculty of Social Sciences that it accepts Ms. Amoako Martha's thesis final version and allow her a PhD degree following the rules of the Charles University.

Geneva, June 6th, 2024.

Prof. Emmanuel Kabengele Mpinga

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