

Fragile Futures: Rural Lives in Times of Conflict



The project has been running for three years (start 01.08.12).

Main achievements:

- By September 2015, two Burkinabé PhD fellows, David Ilboudo and Sombié Issa have both submitted their final draft PhD thesis and are now waiting for reviewer comments.
- Four articles have already been published in peer-reviewed journals
- Five papers based on material from this project have been presented at international anthropological/public health conferences
- Two Danish master students in anthropology have passed their final exam based on fieldwork and affiliation to the Fragile Future project
- Two Burkinabé post docs have finalized their fieldwork and are currently writing article manuscripts

Below a more detailed description of research activities:

David Ilboudo: Final draft of PhD thesis entitled: "Relations de soins, conflits, et attentes thérapeutiques dans le village de Bama (Burkina Faso)" has been submitted to the University of Ouagadougou.

David completed his last study stay in Copenhagen from 18 May – 10 July 2015.

Furthermore, David has made the following scientific presentations :

- "Ce sont les hommes qui travaillent et les femmes qui s'enrichissent ", Atelier Polgenre (Institut de recherche pour le développement/

IRD), 9-10 décembre 2013, ISSP/Université de Ouagadougou.

- "De la maladie domestique à la maladie d'hôpital : choix thérapeutiques dans le village de Bama au Burkina Faso" , Journées Scientifiques des Sciences de la Santé de Bobo Dioulasso (JSSB), 06-09 mai 2014/ Institut de recherches en Sciences de la Santé (IRSS).
- "Le terrain ethnographique en milieu medical: un apprentissage au coeur du social", 5e colloque RIFReQ, Prudence empirique et risque interprétatif 17-19 juin 2015, Université Paul-Valéry/Montpellier (presentation accepted but not presented).

In addition, he has submitted the following article manuscripts for publication :

- "Facteurs influençant le refus de consulter au centre de santé dans la région rurale Ouest du Burkina Faso", Revue Santé Publique (accepted with revisions).
- "Pour une réflexivité après la participation et l'observation au cours de l'observation participante. Une stratégie de rigueur empirique à partir d'une expérience ethnographique sur un site medical", Actes du colloque sur la recherche qualitative/ Revue de l'Association pour la recherche qualitative (ARQ)/ Submitted.

Issa Sombié: Final draft of PhD thesis entitled: "Participation communautaire et gouvernance du système de santé : dynamique, logique d'acteurs, conflits et relations de pouvoir" has been submitted to the University of Ouagadougou. Sombié completed his last study stay in Copenhagen from 18. May – 25 June, 2015.

Sombié is the first author of the following article published in Global Health Promotion :

Sombié, I ; Ilboudo, D.O.S ; Soubeiga, A.K. & H. Samuelsen : Comprendre l'influence des facteurs contextuels sur la participation communautaire à la santé : une étude de cas dans le district sanitaire de Tenkodogo, au Burkina Faso. Global Health Promotion 1757-9759 Vol 0(0), 2015.

Sombié, I ; Amendah, D. & Soubeiga, K, A : Les perceptions locales de la participation communautaire à la santé au Burkina Faso, Santé Publique, volume 27/ N° 4- juillet-aout 2015.

Furthermore, Issa Sombié has made the following scientific presentations :

- Comprendre l'influence des facteurs contextuels sur la participation communautaire à la santé. Communication à la European Doctoral Seminar on the Anthropology of Development and Social Dynamics, Copenhagen, 1 au 3 juin 2015.
- Community mobilization : a possible contribution for the reduction of maternal and infant mortality in Burkina Faso, Poster présenté à la Third Global Symposium on Health Research System, Cape Town, Afrique du Sud, 30 septembre au 3 octobre 2014.

Yacouba Cissao, who started as a PhD fellow 1 June 2014 (replacing Tidiani Ouedraogo) has completed two study stays in Copenhagen, the first one from 18. August – 15. November, 2014 and the second from 18. May – 15 August, 2015.

Yacouba has conducted fieldwork in the period between the two study stays and is currently continuing his fieldwork for another three months.

Lise Rosendal Østergaard has handed in her PhD thesis entitled: *Fragile encounters: exploring public healthcare in Boulgou Province, Burkina Faso*. The thesis consists of an introductory framework outlining methodology and theoretical approach and a total of

five articles.

Lise has published the following articles : Østergaard, L.R., Maternal healthcare in context: A qualitative study of women's tactics to improve their experience of public healthcare in rural Burkina Faso, Social Science & Medicine (2015), doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.10.062

Lise Rosendal Østergaard (2014): Trust matters: A narrative literature review of the role of trust in health care systems in sub-Saharan Africa. Global Public Health. 1744-1692 DOI<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2015.1019538>.

Two other articles are in peer-review process (both are undergoing the second review)

Lise has presented the following papers :

- Doing public health in rural Burkina Faso : front line health worker perspectives at the EASA conference at Sussex University, UK (where she co-organized the panel Engaging with Public Health : exploring tensions between global programs and local responses with Helle Samuelsen)
- Uncertain encounters: patient and practitioner interactions within state sponsored health care services in rural Burkina Faso at the EASA medical anthropology conference in Tarragona, Spain (June 2013)
- Job motivation and frustrations in the public health care sector in rural Burkina Faso: A health worker perspective (Poster) at European Conference on Tropical Medicine and International Health (ECTMIH), Copenhagen 2013.

Furthermore, Lise has been active in the public debate in Denmark (media interviews as well as newspaper contributions) in relation to the recent Ebola epidemic and its relation to the weak health care systems in West Africa.

Finally, Lise was invited by Peace Direct (a leading online resource on local peacebuilding) to contribute to the blog Insight on Conflict and wrote Just getting on with it: a Burkinabé attitude to change (published 5 March 2015) <http://www.insightonconflict.org/2015/03/burkina-faso-attitude-to-change/>

Lea Paré Toe, Post doc at IRSS, Bobo-Dioulasso has conducted fieldwork within health care facilities in Bama (and Bobo-Dioulasso ?) focusing mainly on the internal conflicts between different groups of staff members.

Gabin Korbeogo, Postdoc at University of Ouagadougou has conducted fieldwork at both research sites : the Bagré District (Tenkodogo area) and Bama District. Both qualitative and quantitative data have been collected. Gabin is studying the link between farmers and the state with a focus on how water resources are represented, controlled and shared – and how relationships between farmers and the state change over time.

Gabin plans to submit two manuscript to Alternatives Water and to Cahiers Agricultures respectively.

Themes of the two articles:

- "Water, scarcity and collective action in Burkina Faso"
- "Institutional network of water conflicts management in Burkina Faso"

Helle Samuelsen, PI, has been visiting all four PhD students during their fieldwork. During these visits she has also conducted mini-fieldwork looking at changes in health care seeking behaviour over time with the aim of comparing with previous studies at the same fieldsite.

In addition she has presented the following conference papers:

- Fragile relationships: Understanding the underutilization of government health facilities in rural Burkina Faso at the EASA (European Association of Social Anthropology)/Society for

Medical Anthropology conference in Tarragona, Spain (June 2013)

- Fragile relationships: exploring critical relations between health facilities and citizens in rural Burkina Faso. American Anthropological Association (AAA) conference in Washington, USA (November 2014)

In addition, she has in joint collaboration with Lise Rosendal Østergaard organized a panel entitled : "Situating the role of global public health in low income countries" including paper presentation at the EASA/RAI Medical Anthropology Committee Conference at Sussex University (September 2015).

Furthermore Helle Samuelsen has participated in the "Order a researcher"/"bestil en forsker" event based on her expertise on West African health care systems (May, 2015) and she has participated in one of the Natural History Museum's open school lectures on Ebola (February, 2015) (presentation: "Frygten koster menneskeliv – antropologiske aspekter på Ebola epidemien") as well as a Doxa researcher talkshow on Ebola (October 2014).

She has been invited to submit a manuscript entitled "Health care systems" to a new Encyclopedia on Anthropology. Reviewers report has suggested minor changes, and the manuscript will be submitted its final version ultimo October, 2015.

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