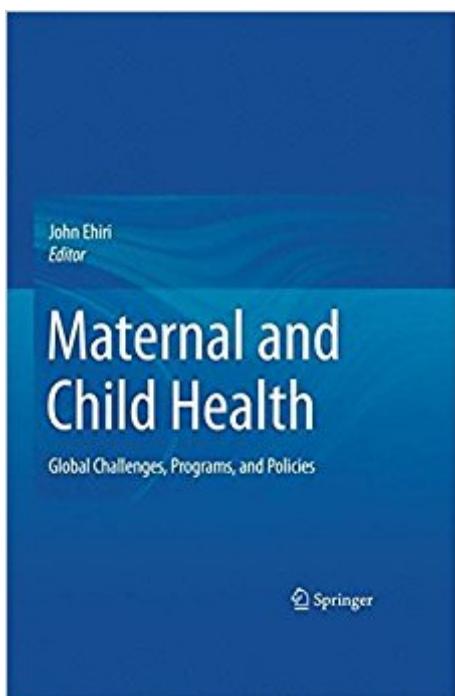


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John Ehiri, MSc (Econ.), MPH, PhD, is Professor and Director, Division of Health Promotion Sciences at the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health (MEZCOPH), University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. The Division of Health Promotion Sciences has a vibrant program of study in domestic and global maternal and child health, in addition to a unique new undergraduate program in public health. Dr. Ehiri's research and teaching focus on social and behavioral aspects of disease prevention, and on global maternal, child and adolescent health - all linked by program intervention design, evaluation methodology and evidence-based policy/practice. He has over 20 years of research, teaching and service experience in global health. Prior to joining the University of Arizona College of Public Health, Dr. Ehiri was Associate Professor in the Department of Maternal and Child Health, School of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). He was Principal Investigator and Chair, Executive Committee, UAB Framework Program for Global Health, an initiative funded by the Fogarty International Center of the US National Institutes of Health that builds global health education and research capacity in the United States and in low- and middle-income countries by supporting the development of innovative, multidisciplinary global health programs. At UAB, Dr. Ehiri taught core courses in the University's Global Health Studies Program and was the recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching (School of Public Health) in 2006. Prior to joining UAB, he was a Lecturer in International Health and Director of the Master of Community Health (MCommH) Program at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, England, United Kingdom. Dr. Ehiri has provided technical assistance on various aspects of maternal and child health to United Nations and bilateral agencies, and has supervised students' field projects in over 20 countries. Dr. Ehiri obtained his PhD and MPH degrees from the University of Glasgow, Scotland and also holds an MSc (Econ) in health policy and planning from the University of Wales, Swansea, UK. He has authored/co-authored over 60 peer-reviewed articles on critical issues in global maternal, child and adolescent health.

Considering that this book takes on all of maternal and child health from a global perspective, it is relatively concise and thorough. Everything is considered, from large scale policies to the impact of

specific diseases to environmental factors. It is fairly well organized, with each chapter opening by stating goals and wrapping up with questions to check for comprehension of the main points. In some chapters, a truly dizzying array of information is presented; for example, one chapter lists the top five causes of death for all age groups of children in all regions of the world. It's a lot of information to cover, and reading a chapter may be overwhelming at times. The graphics are mostly in black and white, although a few are in color, and sometimes they are low-quality images (though still readable). If you are expecting an interesting treatise on maternal and child health for your own personal enjoyment, this is not the place to look for it. This book is meant to impart the important facts, theories, and interventions to people entering the field to help them orient themselves and gain context perspective. On the other hand, if you are a young professional or student interested in figuring out the important factors in current MCH, this is a great resource to start with. The very thorough bibliographies also provide a good place to start looking for more in-depth reading.

I loved that way this book was written. Easy to follow & understand and it is very informative.

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