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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Research Officer

NATIONALITY: Irish

LANGUAGES: English

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Malnutrition, food systems, food and nutrition equity, global health, nutrition policy.

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: West Africa

OVERVIEW

Leah Salm is an experienced, multidisciplinary researcher with a background in global health, food policy and international development. Collaborative by nature, with a capability of working across multiple projects autonomously. Driven by real-world evidence that enacts sustainable change, with a proven track record of delivering high-quality outputs to inform policy and program decision making. Methodological expertise includes conducting systematic reviews and other review types using novel, mixed methods, as well as primary qualitative research methods.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2016 - 2017	MSc Global Health Brighton & Sussex Medical School, UK
2011 - 2015	MSc International Development & Food Policy University College Cork, Ireland

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2020 – PRESENT	Research Officer, Institute of Development Studies, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leading mixed methods childhood obesity study in Brighton & Hove.Considering food equity challenges to farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa due to Covid-19 pandemic.
2018 – 2020	Research Analyst, International Food Policy Research Institute, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contribution to the Lancet Double Burden of Malnutrition Series, specifically considering double duty policy solution.Reviewing evidence of adolescent nutrition in West Africa.
2017 – 2018	Research Consultant, Transform Nutrition West Africa, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mapping research evidence of World Health Assembly nutrition targets in the West Africa region to inform project priorities and decision making.

Professional Courses

- Evidence Synthesis of Qualitative Research in Europe, University of Sheffield (Sept 2019)
- Rapid Review Methods, University of Sheffield (June 2018)
- Association of Project Managers (APM) project management qualification (in process)
- 200hr yoga teacher training qualification (in process)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Salm L, Nisbett N, Cramer L, Gillespie S, Thornton P. How climate change interacts with inequity to affect nutrition. *Wires Clim Change*. 2020; e696. <https://doi.org/10.1002/wcc.69618>
- Hawkes, C., Ruel, M., Salm L., et al., Double-Duty Actions: Seizing Programme and Policy Opportunities to Address Malnutrition in All Its Forms. *The Lancet*. 2020;395(10218):142-155. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(19\)32506-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(19)32506-1)
- Trübswasser U, Verstraeten R, Salm L, et al. Factors influencing obesogenic behaviours of adolescent girls and women in low- and middle-income countries: A qualitative evidence synthesis. *Obesity Reviews*. 2020;1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1111/obr.13163>

Evidence briefs and blogs

- Salm, L. 2020 How climate change intertwines with inequity to erode nutrition [blog] A4NH <https://a4nh.cgiar.org/2020/12/11/how-climate-change-intertwines-with-inequity-to-erode-nutrition/>
- Verstraeten, R., Salm, L., Diop, L., Diatta, A., Toure, M. 2020. "[Adolescent Nutrition in West Africa: A Rapid Review of the Research Evidence](#)." (April). Dakar: IFPRI.
- Aberman, N., Billings., Hidrobo, M., Verstraeten, R., Salm, L., and van den Bold, M., 2018. Building evidence for policy and program action for nutrition in Ghana. PHND Project Note. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <http://ebrary.ifpri.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/p15738coll2/id/132558>
- Salm, L., and Verstraeten R., 2019 Spotlight on Burkina Faso: nutrition strategies and actions [Blog] <https://westafrica.transformnutrition.org/news/spotlight-on-burkina-faso/>