

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Dr Stephen Thompson

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow – Participation Cluster, Institute of Development Studies

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Disability, Inclusion, Education, Health, Nutrition,

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: Africa, Asia, Europe

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### OVERVIEW

Stephen Thompson is a social scientist who has worked in international development for over a decade. He is currently a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in the Participation research cluster. His research mainly focuses on disability and inclusion. He works on the Disability Inclusive Development and Inclusion Works programmes. Stephen also works on the Knowledge and Evidence for Development programme, assisting the UK Department for International Development with evidence use and policy creation. He also has research interests in education, nutrition and health. He has worked for both research institutes and non-government organisations in both Europe and Africa. He has researched and published studies on blindness and visual impairment. He completed his doctorate at the National Optometry Centre, Dublin Institute of Technology, as an African Vision Research Institute Post Graduate Student. His thesis was on the social and economic impact of visual impairment in Mozambique.

Stephen has completed a number of research consultancies in international development for various aid agencies including those belonging to the UK, Irish, Swiss, Australian, and Norwegian governments. He has also completed consultancy work for the World Health Organization, the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) and various non-government organisations.

Stephen is an Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and offers teaching supervision and support to the Masters programmes being delivered by the Institute of Development Studies. He was formally the Programme Manager for the Mozambique Eyecare Project and a former African Vision Research Institute (AVRI) Post Graduate Student. He currently sits on the Editorial Steering Committee for the Institute of Development Studies Bulletin research journal.

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### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

<b>2017</b>	<b>AFHEA - Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy</b> Higher Education Academy, UK
<b>2010 - 2015</b>	<b>PhD in disability and development</b> Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland
<b>2005 - 2006</b>	<b>MSc Global politics and international relations</b> Southampton University, UK
<b>2002 - 2005</b>	<b>BSc Geography</b> Southampton University, UK

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### RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

<b>2018 – Present</b>	<b>Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK</b> Focusing on disability inclusion and development
<b>2012 – 2018</b>	<b>Research Officer, Institute of Development Studies, UK</b> Research position focusing on the themes of education, health, nutrition and disability.
<b>2009 – 2012</b>	<b>Programme Manager, Universidade Lurio, Mozambique</b> Management of a multi-partner development programme designed to improve eye health
<b>2007 – 2009</b>	<b>Programme Implementation Manager, Vision Aid Overseas, UK</b> Management for a UK based non-government organisation focused on eye health

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

### **Addressing avoidable vision impairment in Mozambique and the Africa region**

Thompson S, Naidoo K, Bambamba J, Moodley V, van Staden D, Forde A, Shah K, Bilotto L, Loughman J. *Development in Practice*. 2018; 28

### **The Current Situation of Persons with Disabilities in Jordan**

Thompson S. Evidence synthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2018

### **Mobile technology and disability inclusion**

Thompson S, Roberts T. UK's DFID Emerging issues report. 2018.

### **Leaving no one behind in education.**

Thompson S. Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation Topic Guide. 2018.

### **Economic and financial barriers to core malaria interventions**

Conteh L, Thompson S, Grant C, Patouillard E. WHO Technical Consultation. 2018.

### **Disability prevalence and trends**

Thompson S. Evidence synthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2017

### **International development and UK aid - an overview**

Thompson S. Evidence synthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2017

### **Emergency humanitarian response to longer-term development in refugee crises**

Thompson S. Evidence synthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2017

### **Defining and measuring 'inclusion' within an organisation**

Thompson S. Evidence synthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2017

### **Education for children with disabilities**

Thompson S. Evidence synthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2017

### **Disability in Syria**

Thompson S. Evidence synthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2017

### **Disability inclusion**

Thompson S. Evidence synthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2017

### **Business ethics and development**

Thompson S. Evidence synthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2017

### **Educating Syrian refugees and Internally Displaced Persons**

Thompson S, Joynes C. Situational analysis commissioned by NORAD. 2017

### **Education and extremism**

Thompson S. Eynthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2016

### **Addressing urban health**

Greindl I, Thompson S. Literature review commissioned by DG DEVCO. 2016

### **Health budgets for primary health facilities**

Thompson S. Evidence synthesis commissioned by UK's DFID. 2016

### **Barriers to Utilization of Refractive Services in Mozambique**

Thompson S, Naidoo K, Gonzalez C, Harris G, Chinanayi F, Loughman J. *Optometry & Vision Science*, 2015; 92 (1)

### **Prevalence of refractive error, presbyopia and spectacle coverage in Nampula District, Mozambique: A Rapid Assessment of Refractive Error Study**

Loughman J, Nxele L, Faria F, Thompson S, Ramson P, Chinanayi F & Naidoo K. *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, 2015; 106 (3)

### **The development of a public optometry system in Mozambique: a Cost Benefit Analysis**

Thompson S, Naidoo K, Harris G, Bilotto L, Ferrão J, Loughman J. *BMC Health Services Research*, 2014; 14 (422)