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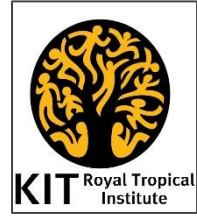
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GROW! Accolades: Global Health Alum to Senior Manager



Aasli Nur, MPH is a Senior Manager of Program Evaluation and Systems Peer Health Exchange. Prior to this position, Aasli was a Master of Public Health student at our Hubert Department of Global Health, concentrating on sexual and reproductive health and population, as well as a certificate in maternal and child health. Congratulations to Aasli on continued success in this field!

Read our interview with Aasli [here](#).

GROW! Dialogue: The Intersection of Family Planning and Mental Health



On January 25th, **Dr. Kelli Stidham Hall** presented her portfolio of NIH-funded research on the intersection of mental health and family planning. Dr. Hall is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education and Obstetrics and Gynecology at Emory University. Watch her seminar [here](#).

Our November 30th [seminar](#) featured **Dr. Cari Clark** and her work on preventing violence against women and girls in Nepal. Please join us on February 22, for our seminar with **Dr. Igbo Ofotokun** on Women and the HIV Cohort Study. Find our full GROW seminar schedule [here](#).

GROW! Research: New Faculty WHO Zika Study



Dr. Lauren Maxwell is a new Research Assistant Professor in the Hubert Department of Global Health. Lauren received her MPH in Maternal and Child Health and a Certificate in Field Epidemiology from the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She received her PhD in Epidemiology from McGill University. At the Gillings School, Lauren received a US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies award for advanced Arabic language studies. At McGill University, she received a Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation dissertation fellowship for her work on violence against women.

GROW recently interviewed Dr. Maxwell to learn about her new WHO Zika study. You can watch the video interview [here](#).

GROW! Impact: Founder of GROW! Blogs about Women's Empowerment Measures



Dr. Kathryn Yount, founder of GROW, recently shared innovative ideas regarding measurement of women's empowerment on the CGIAR Collaborative Platform for Gender Research. Dr. Yount details the importance of measuring empowerment over time, challenges encountered, and validating measurements across contexts.

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Read the blog post [here](#).

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