Statement of Interest – Rosemary Morgan

I am currently an Associate Research Professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the Department of International Health within the Health Systems Program. In addition, I am the Associate Chair in Inclusion, Diversity, Anti-Racism, and Equity (IDARE) for the International Health Department. I am recognized internationally as a specialist in gender, intersectionality, and health systems research and interventions. I approach health systems strengthening from an equity lens, with a particular focus on health systems inputs and processes. Within my work I am also passionate about building capacity for gender and intersectional analysis within health systems research and inventions.

Health Systems Global (HSG) is the only recognized professional society for health systems and policy research whose vision to support health systems to attain better health, equity and wellbeing by strengthening the health policy and systems research, policy and practice communities aligns closely with my work. I have been involved in HSG since 2014 and have attended and presented at most of the health systems research conferences. Over the years I have been an active member of the following HSG Thematic Working Groups (TWGs): Ethics and Justice and the Social Science Approaches for Research and Engagement in Health Policy and Systems (SHAPES).

Recently, I started the role of co-Chief Editor of SSM (Social Sciences and Medicine) Health Systems. I am excited to help grow and expand this new journal and shape its direction, with a particular focus on supporting junior researchers, particularly from low- and middle-income countries, to publish. Through this work I hope to support papers taking forward analyses on gender, equity, intersectionality, inclusivity, person-centered approaches, ethics and safeguarding across the different elements of health system.

I am passionate about connecting with and connecting likeminded people. In 2020 I co-founded the Gender and Public Health Emergencies (formally Gender and COVID-19) Working Group which now has over 700 members from across academia, civil society, government, and multi-lateral organizations. The Working Group has resulted in multiple collaborations leading to: webinars, papers, calls to action, and research projects. Being a member of the HSG Board will help me to connect and engage health systems researchers, policymakers, civil society, and donors from around the world to advance the field of health systems research,

Key issues related to global health systems research that align with my role of Associate Chair in IDARE for the International Health Department include issues related to decolonizing global health and promoting equitable partnerships. At JHSPH, I have facilitated a speaker series on decolonizing global health and the creation of a course focused on decolonizing global health. I am also a member of our Power of Partnerships Committee which is seeking to explore how the Department of International Health can advance more equitable partnerships, including with health systems. I would love to bring these perspectives to HSG as a board member.

I am a dedicated and passionate health systems researcher and would be delighted to join a group of likeminded individuals to help move the field of health systems and policy research forward.