

➤ ***Understanding the Social, Economic and Behavioural Vulnerability to HIV of People who Inject Drugs (PWID) in Accra/Tema and Cape Coast, Ghana***

It is a formative assessment of activities among people who inject drugs (PWID) in Accra/Tema and Cape Coast to assess the social, economic and behavioral vulnerability, HIV and STI related risk behaviours, access to HIV prevention and care services and feasibility of implementation of an Integrated Bio-Behavioral Surveillance Survey. The University of California was contracted by CDC-Ghana to provide management and technical assistance to School of Public Health to implement a formative assessment focused on gaps in knowledge about HIV prevention needs of people who inject drugs with particular focus on the social, economic and Behavioral vulnerability to HIV of PIWD. The aim of this research is to collect and analyze rich, in-depth data that can improve the accessibility and effectiveness of programs that aim of reach PIWD with important prevention and treatment services. The PI is Prof. Richard Adanu and the funder is Centre for Disease Control and Prevention. The collaborators are Prof. Augustine Ankomah, and Dr. Abubakar Manu both of the School of Public Health, Dr. H. Fisher Raymond, San Francisco Department of Public Health and Silas Quaye, US Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, Ghana