

Joe Strong

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I am a mixed methods specialist and current PhD Candidate with an ESRC scholarship. My research areas focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender, adolescence and mixed methodologies. I have a strong background in designing and conducting qualitative research, including focus groups and interviews, predominantly in LMICs. I also have good experience working with large datasets (particularly DHS and PMA2020 datasets), and can perform standard statistical analyses using R. I am able to work across sectors and organisations and have a track record of producing varying types of publications, including peer-reviewed articles, blog-posts, and internal consultancy reports, as well as in organising events and key stakeholder meetings for collaboration, collection and dissemination of research.

Negotiable day rate: £200-220

SKILLS / RESEARCH PROFILE

Sexual and reproductive health research	Quantitative analysis (R)	Qualitative analysis (NVIVO)
Researching adolescents + vulnerability	Gender-focused research	Systematic and scoping reviews
LMIC-based research	Mixed method research design	Key informant interviewing

EDUCATION

- **London School of Economics** (2018-2021) - Demography / Population Studies PhD (ESRC funded)
- **London School of Economics** (2017-18) - Social Research Methods MSc (ESRC) – Distinction
- **University College London** (2015-16) - Anthropology, Environment and Development MSc – Distinction
- **Durham University** (2011-14) - History BA(Hons) – 2:1

SELECTED RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

Strong, J. (Forthcoming) 'Reflections on using a Scoping Trip as part of a PhD Research Project in Sexual and Reproductive Health, Ghana'. SAGE Research Methods Cases: Medicine and Health

Coast, E., S. Lattof & **J. Strong** (2019) '[Puberty and menstruation knowledge among young adolescents in low- and middle-income countries: A scoping review](#)'. International Journal of Public Health.

Coast, E., **J. Strong**, S. Lattof (2019) '[Looking beyond Padman: A need to empower girls during menstruation and puberty](#)'. South Asia @ LSE

FURTHER RESEARCH

Research Assistant, Coast, Ernestina and Norris, Alison H. and Moore, Ann M. and Freeman, Emily (2018) '[Trajectories of women's abortion-related care: a conceptual framework](#)' *Social Science and Medicine*, 200. 199-210. ISSN 0277-9536

Author, Factors associated with men's knowledge of women's sexual and reproductive health, Ghana, MSc Dissertation, LSE (2018), Distinction.

Author, The Power of Context: An Analysis of the Data Process in Measuring Women's Empowerment in Ghana. MSc Dissertation, UCL (2016), Distinction.

SELECT CAREER HISTORY

Occasional Research Fellow, LSE Health (May – June 2019)

- Key support role on the LSE-led DFID Research Programme Consortia funding bid.
- Assisted in researching, writing and editing the technical funding bid, including the creation of a Theory of Change, draft research timeframes, organogram and risk matrix.
- Co-organised a multi-partner, two-day incubator meeting, including travel and accommodation for partners from three continents, meeting content and logistics

Research Assistant, [London School of Economics](#) (August 2017 – May 2019).

- Research assistant for Prof. Ernestina Coast on sexual and reproductive health research.
- Produced multiple systematic reviews and systematic scoping reviews for peer-reviewed journal articles.
- Conducted a website migration for research on [household surveys](#).

Research Assistant, Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU), LSE (July 2018 – September 2018),

- Produced internal reports on the background demographers for older populations of selected local authorities in England and Wales, including mapping demographic trends in healthcare facilities over time.
- Analysed Care Quality Commission data of care home provision in England and Wales to produce a quantitative trend-map.

Jnr Gender Consultant, [European Investment Bank](#) (June 2017 – February 2018)

- Assisting the implementation of the [Gender Action Plan](#) to mainstream gender into the Bank's investments.
- Disseminated, coded and analysed questionnaires from expert stakeholders for the European Investment Bank.
- Producing reports from stakeholder meetings with key informants and experts.

Research Consultant, [Overseas Development Institute Social Development Programme](#) (February 2017 – June 2017)

- Produced a background review on Communities of Practice on gendered social norms. Conducted a literature scoping on men and masculinities in LMICs and a stakeholder mapping

SELECTED PRIMARY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019 – Scoping trip, Accra, Ghana, including 16 key-informant interviews and a pilot focus group on men's perceptions of abortion and emergency contraceptive use in Ghana.

2018 – Pilot study using a focus group to explore perceptions of sexual reproductive health education amongst former university students in England

2016 – Conducted 26 semi-structured interviews and focus groups with multiple stakeholders on data and women's empowerment, Accra, Ghana.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST