

Hoa Thi Nguyen, MSc, PhD Candidate

Research areas of interest: Social Health Insurance, Health Financing, Economic Evaluation, Health System Research, and Preference Elicitation Methods.

Background

Hoa is trained in Social Security and in Public Health. She attained her Master of Science in International Health from the Institute of Public Health (IPH) of the University of Heidelberg in 2011. She joined the IPH in March 2014, doing her doctoral study and providing research assistance to the Health Economics and Health Financing Group. Before joining the IPH, Hoa had worked for different international organizations in Vietnam, including UNICEF, WHO and Care International. Her areas of expertise include social health insurance and health financing reforms, HIV/AIDS prevention, project monitoring and evaluation.

Research

Hoa assisted in the research project on policy options for improving the health system of Vietnam towards equity, efficiency and development coordinated by WHO and implemented by the Ministry of Health in Vietnam from 2003 to 2005. She organized and participated in the baseline survey, mid-term and end-term reviews of two HIV/AIDS prevention projects at CARE International in Vietnam between 2008 and 2010. She conducted an exploratory study to elicit community preferences for a social health insurance benefits package in Vietnam during her master program in 2011. She is currently assisting in data analysis to assess the impact of performance-based financing on maternal and neonatal care in Malawi, and developing her doctoral research proposal.