

PROF. GOMBE, SAMSON

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Prof. Gombe was born in Seme, Kisumu District in 1938. He was educated at Maseno School, Makerere College (1958-1960), London University (1961-1967) and Cornell K N University (1969-1972). His research interest was on aspects such as malnutrition, mineral deficiencies, adverse environmental and parasitic infections that may cause infertility. He demonstrated that many of these factors (including trypanosomiasis) impair reproduction by damaging certain areas of the brain. He examined male fertility and how it could be controlled for family planning purposes. Long-term safety of contraceptive drugs was his special concern. Prof. Gombe lectured at the Department of Animal Physiology, University of Nairobi from the year 1968. He published over 60 scientific papers, mainly in the area of reproductive physiology and endocrinology. He was a member of 12 national and international scientific organizations. He was a Fellow of the Third World Academy of Sciences. He was the Secretary and Founder Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences. He was the Director of Reproductive Biology Unit, a constituent of the National Centre for Research in Reproduction which he helped to found. Prof. Gombe passed on in the year 2008 and is post-humously honored.