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The Kenya-Danish Health Research Project (KEDHAR) was initiated in 1994. This multidisciplinary project brought together researchers from Anthropology, Health Education, Health Systems Research, Nutrition, Education Psychology and Parasitology. Like the different components covered within the project, different institutions – Institute of African Studies, University of Nairobi; Department of Educational Psychology, Kenyatta University; Institute of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen; Danish University of Education, Copenhagen; Center for Public Health Research, Kenya Medical and Research Institute (KEMRI); Division of Vector-Borne Diseases (DVBD), Ministry of Health; Danish Bilharziasis Laboratories (DBL); and Research Department of Human Nutrition, The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Copenhagen were involved. The project was funded by Danish International Development Assistance (DANIDA).

This special Volume brings together papers resulting from the anthropological component of the project. Several researchers have participated in the project but, due to limited space, not all have been able to contribute papers for this Volume. The papers presented here provide a picture of the nature and extent of coverage that the Anthropology component has been able to achieve. Indeed the lead article in this issue summarizes the achievements attained within Anthropology.

There are nine articles included in this Volume. The first paper provides background information about the KEDHAR project and its achievements. The rest of the papers present findings from the different research topics conducted by researchers at the Institute of African Studies and by affiliate researchers. One of the original focus of this project was to increase North-South collaboration. This is exemplified here. There are three contributions by partners in the North in this Volume.

The production of a Journal such as this often requires considerable input in the process. The production of the current Volume has been made possible by the KEDHAR project which has provided financial support. I am grateful to our guest editor P. Weinzel Geissler.

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