

Propositions

(Attached to the thesis 'Accessibility and utilisation of health services in Ghana', to be publicly defended by Daniel Buor at Maastricht University on 23 June 2004)

- 1 There is gender and spatial (rural-urban) inequity in the utilisation of health services in Ghana. (*This thesis*)
- 2 The introduction of a national health insurance scheme, siting of health facilities within easy reach, and the education of women are critical to addressing the utilisation of health services problem. (*This thesis*)
- 3 Military rule is the main source of the socio-economic predicament of African countries.
- 4 The introduction of Western-backed structural adjustment programme has contributed immensely to the social burdens of African countries.
- 5 Cultural norms and institutions which discriminate against women have resulted in their low socio-economic status.
- 6 Superstition has contributed to a low rate of utilisation of health services, hence a lower health status, in the rural areas of Ghana.
- 7 The over-reliance on foreign aid has contributed to the slow socio-economic development of Ghana.