

Dr. Edna Nyanchama Bosire

Qualifications

Dr. Edna Bosire is a Medical Anthropologist – she holds a PhD from the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), South Africa, a Master's degree in Medical Anthropology (Distinction) and Bachelor's degree (Anthropology, First class honors) from the University of Nairobi Kenya. Her PhD thesis titled "An anthropological perspective on health and healthcare for patients with both diabetes and HIV: the case of Soweto, South Africa" was conducted under the supervision of Prof Emily Mendenhall, Prof Jane Goudge and Prof Shane A Norris. This project used an interdisciplinary approach, combining Anthropology (Ethnography) and Public Health frameworks and methods to understand care for patients with comorbid diabetes and HIV in Soweto.

During her PhD studies, Dr. Bosire presented her work in various international and national conferences, including at the University of the Witwatersrand. She received the best overall poster presentation (2nd place), at Wits School of Public Health Research Day in 2019 and the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi Trustee Fund, as the Best Final Year Student in the Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African studies, University of Nairobi in 2015.

Research

South Africa: While conducting her PhD project, Dr. Bosire was also involved in various research project at the Developmental Pathways for Health Research Unit (DPHRU), a unit affiliated with the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. She was a key qualitative lead (Study conceptualization, supervision, data analysis) in three projects: Sugar Sweetened Beverages and Taxation; Syndemic experiences with Cancer; and the NIH funded Soweto Syndemics study.

Dr. Bosire also participated in various health systems seminars, research activities and trainings at the Centre of Health Policy, School of public Health.

Tanzania: Dr. Bosire has also worked as a research consultant for the USAID *Tulonge Afya Project* in Tanzania when she worked with the Howard University Global Health Initiative (HUGISA).

Kenya: Dr. Bosire worked as a researcher/project officer in different non-governmental organizations (NGOs) including Africa Mental Health and Training Foundation; FHI360; Population Council, Save the Children Kenya, among others.

Current positions:

Malawi: Dr. Bosire is a [Postdoctoral research scientist](#) for the Blantyre Prevention Strategy (BPS) at Georgetown University, Center for Innovation in Global Health & College of Medicine, University of Malawi.

South Africa: Dr. Bosire is a [honorary researcher](#) at the Developmental Pathways for Health Research Unit, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Publications: Dr. Bosire has [published](#) widely in international peer reviewed Journals including: *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*; *Transcultural Psychiatry*; *Social Science and Medicine*; *Qualitative Health Research*, *International journal of health policy and management*; *Global Health, Science and Practice*, and *Health policy and planning*.

Professional Standing & Service

She was appointed by the Health System Global (HSG) for the Women Mentorship Program, 2019 – 2020. She is a member of the Consortium for Transforming Adolescent Lives through Nutrition- [TALENT](#); [Health Systems Global \(HSG\)](#); Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA); and Anthropological Association of Kenya (AAKe).

Research Interests: Health Systems Strengthening in Africa, NCDs, HIV, Nutrition.

