



### **Dr Susan Nzenze – Biosketch**

Dr Nzenze is an esteemed public health expert with nearly 15 years of experience. She has conducted vital surveillance studies on Pneumococcal Conjugate and Rotavirus vaccines, TB/HIV, and Child Health and Mortality Prevention (CHAMPS) pilot. An accomplished and qualified medical doctor, Dr Nzenze holds a Master's in Public Health, specialising in Health Economics, and a PhD in Public Health from the University of the Witwatersrand. Currently, she serves as the Head of Notifiable Medical Conditions and Acting Head of Division of Public Health Surveillance and Response (DPHSR) at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD).

Notably, her research has provided significant evidence of the indirect effects of pneumococcal childhood immunisation in South Africa.

Her expertise is well-recognised, evident in over 35 publications in esteemed peer-reviewed journals, along with presentations at local and international conferences. Moreover, she secured PRF funding for three consecutive years, highlighting the importance of her work.

Driven by a passion for innovation, Dr Nzenze enrolled in cohort 6 of the International Program in Public Health Leadership and actively contributes as a trainer in the Data2Policy initiative.

Her research interests span communicable and non-communicable disease surveillance and prevention, the application of digital tools in healthcare, data-driven decision-making, and the pursuit of cost-effective interventions to improve public health outcomes.