

## **Esmeranda Manful's Brief CV**

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Esmeranda Manful is an Associate Professor with the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana. She has vast experience in managing social research in Ghana and the UK with a focus on social welfare issues. Her research interest focuses on child and family welfare; primarily on child welfare and secondary research on family social protection issues. She brings her research interests to bear in her teaching and educational programmes. Her research output is published in leading international peer-reviewed journals.

Before joining academia, she was a Research Officer with the then quasi-state policy agency, Ghana National Commission on Children (1994 – 2004), her main responsibility was to provide empirical evidence on developmental issues affecting children to inform policy and, in most cases, had to work in various towns and communities in Ghana. In 2008, she joined academia as a Research Associate with the Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University UK; where she undertook both theoretical and applied social policy research. Since she joined KNUST in October 2012, she has been teaching courses at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. She also participates in the provision of service to KNUST on several statutory and ad hoc boards and committees, and nationally on the Ashanti Regional Peace Council and other technical committees on social welfare and protection issues. Further, internationally, as an editorial advisor and reviewer of international journals.

Esmeranda holds a PhD in Social Work from Queen's University Belfast, and a Master in Public Administration from the University of Ghana.

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### **Selected Publications**

#### **Peer Review Journals**

1. Asamoah, E., Amaniampong, E.-M., Manful, E., Gyasi-Boadu, N., & Koomson-Yalley, E. (2023). Using Photovoice to Illuminate Challenges Facing Children with Disabilities in

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11. Cudjoe, E., Abdullah, A. & Manful, E. (2021). Parents' Perceptions on the Outcomes of Children's Participation in Child Protection Meetings in Ghana. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 30:1071–1081. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-021-01918-2>
12. Manful, E., Abdullah, A., & Cudjoe, E. (2021). When parents fail: Addressing delinquent child maintenance through informal resources. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 31(3):278-284. DOI: 10.1177/1049731520980801
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27. Manful, E. and McCrystal, P. (2011). Ghana's Children's Act 560: A Rethink of its Implementation? *International Journal of Children's Rights*, 19, 151-165.
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3. Manful, E. (2010). *The Development of Children's Rights in Africa and Europe: Comparing Legislation in Ghana and Northern Ireland*. New York: Edwin Mellen Press.

## Published Research Reports

1. Manful, E., Gyasi-Boadu, N., Osei, M. and Laezer, K. L. (2022) Combating COVID-19 in Ghana using socio-pedagogical methods: educational campaign through children’s arts. *F1000Research*, 11:1051 (<https://doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.123875.1>)
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## Recent Research Projects

1. Comparative Analysis of Combined Effects of Transport and Urban Morphology on Public Health in Two African Capitals. **Co-Investigator** [January – December 2020]
2. Educational Partnership in socio-pedagogical methods in social work towards improving the lives of Ghanaian children. **Co-Principal Investigator** (Ghana), [January 2019 – December 2021]
3. Implementation of Bio-Rural Energy Scheme for Ghana GCRF Interdisciplinary Research, **Co-Investigator** (Ghana), [September 2018 – July 2019]
4. Children's participation in child protection in Ghana. **Principal Investigator**, [January 2018 – December 2020].
5. Families in contact with Social Services in Ghana: Practices and Perceptions. **Principal Investigator** [February 2017 - December 2020]
6. Planning for Family Business Succession: A Study of Retail Businesses in Adum, Kumasi. **Co-Principal Investigator**, [1<sup>st</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017]
7. Victims of Sexual Abuse in Kumasi: Challenges and Coping Strategies. **Principal Investigator** [February, 2016 – January, 2017]