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Esmeranda Manful is a Professor at the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana.

She has vast experience in macro-level social policy practice which she brings to bear in her teaching, research, community development and policy engagement. Her research interest, while primarily focusing on child and family welfare, also includes gender and social protection issues. Her goal in the promotion of knowledge is to contribute to the limited literature on child and family welfare, and social protection issues in Ghana. Using mainly qualitative methods, her research highlights, amongst others, challenges to the best outcomes for at-risk children and other vulnerable groups in Ghana and suggests solutions for effective social work practice, and social policy and programme implementation. Her research output is published in leading international peer-reviewed journals including *Child & Family Social Work*, *Journal of Child & Family Studies*, *Family Relations*, *Children & Youth Services Review*, *Research on Social Work Practice* and *Children & Societies*.

Her service to the University is varied, including quality assurance issues and the provision of an enabling environment for students. She is the Vice-Dean of the International Programmes Office and has been the Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work since 1st November 2022.

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 Queens University Belfast, and a Master in Public Administration from the University of Ghana.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Peer Review Journals

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2. Comparative Analysis of Combined Effects of Transport and Urban Morphology on Public Health in Two African Capitals. (EP-2019-MAC-05) - SEK 500 000. Co-Investigator (Ghana) (January 2020 – December 2020)
3. Educational Partnership in socio-pedagogical methods in social work towards improving the lives of Ghanaian children DAAD (Project ID: 57448165) - 133, 824.17 Euro – Co-Principal Investigator (Ghana) (January 2019 – December 2021)
4. Implementation of Bio-Rural Energy Scheme for Ghana GCRF Interdisciplinary Research Award (RIS 1066908) – £75,749 - Co-Investigator (Ghana) (September 2018 – July 2019)
5. Planning for Family Business Succession: A Study of Retail Businesses in Adum, Kumasi – Co-Investigator (1st January – 30th November 2017; Funding: 2nd KNUST Research Fund call)
6. Victims of Sexual Abuse in Kumasi: Challenges and Coping Strategies – Principal Investigator (February 2016- January 2017; Funding: 1st KNUST Research Fund call)

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