

## LEONORA NYAWATA, MD, MPH

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### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Medical doctor with expertise in Infectious Diseases and holds advanced degree in epidemiology and international health. Expertise in policy formulation, disease control and management in resource-limited settings. Fluent in major native languages of Southern Africa. Seeking to leverage medical know-how and management in the public health sector.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### Independent Consultancies

2003-2009

##### **Africare**, Washington D.C., (11/2008 – 03/2009)

*Africare is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that works to improve the quality of life of the people in Africa. Role in helping the organization understand how its member offices are managing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the workplace:*

- Conducted analysis of Africare's Workplace Policy Survey of Country Representatives
- Determined health benefits available to local employees in their country offices
- Explored the utilization and requirements for Africare's HIV/AIDS work place policy
- Authored a status report

##### **Research Associate** for Mary E. Wilson, MD, (Associate Professor of Medicine, and, Associate Professor of Population and International Health, Harvard), Washington, DC 2003

- Performed technical due diligence to understand current status of multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB)
- Reviewed and synthesized pertinent tuberculosis (TB) literature for a feasibility study to establish a long term research program on TB and multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB) in Peru

##### **Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund** (New York, NY)

2005 – 2009

##### **Board and Committee Member**

*Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund provides scholarships to women from developing countries currently studying in the US and South Africa*

- Chaired the hospitality and events committee
- Participated in fund raising activities
- Served on the selection committee

##### **Health Information Specialist** (Rockville, MD)

2004

##### **Aspen Systems Corporation**

- Led committee revising Glossary of HIV/AIDS-Related Terms
- Developed and disseminated federally approved guidelines for research, clinical trials, and treatment for HIV/AIDS

##### **Harare City Health Department** (Harare, Zimbabwe)

1989 – 1995

##### **Assistant Director, Communicable Diseases** (1993-1995)

- Directed the communicable disease program of the Harare City Health Department
- Represented Harare City Health Department at national level
- Led hospital strategic alliances with emphasis on control, prevention and treatment of HIV and tuberculosis (TB)
- Liaised with pharmacists and hospital providers to design and implement disease management systems for communicable diseases
- Served on the Parirenyatwa Hospital Medical advisory board, a major referral and teaching hospital in Harare

## Senior Medical Officer, Communicable Diseases (1992-1993)

### Program Management

- Restructured and implemented new guidelines for treating communicable diseases to account for their association with HIV, for example TB and dysentery
- Presided over decentralization of TB disease management services to primary care clinics
- Improved service delivery to patients saving time and financial resources
- Streamlined the information system for communicable diseases eliminating redundancy in paper work
- Supervised TB control program staff

### Teaching and Training

- Led ward rounds with medical students and junior doctors in infectious disease department
- Developed curricula for in-service training on infectious disease for nursing staff
- Lectured on various topics in communicable diseases to post graduate nurses Consulted at primary care and maternity clinics
- Reviewed and authored publications related to infectious diseases

## Medical Officer (1989-1992)

- Participated in clinical audits to evaluate treatment and diagnosis of malaria in primary care clinics
- Conducted in-service training on diagnosis and treatment to nursing staff at primary care clinics and infectious disease hospitals
- Administered community health prevention and promotion programs
- Consultant to municipal clinics and hospital
- Pre and post counseling of patients for HIV testing

## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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**International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases** (Arusha, Tanzania) **1994**  
Management of Tuberculosis Control Programs

**Ministry of Health in collaboration with the World Health Organization** (Harare, Zimbabwe) **1993**  
Management of Disease Control Programs

**Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health** (Atlanta, GA) **1992**  
**Master of Public Health**  
*Thesis: Risk Factors for Late Entry to Prenatal Care*

- Epidemiology and International Health. W.K. Kellogg Foundation International Fellow
- Conducted case control study using population-based data from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)

**Medical Degree, MBChB** (Harare, Zimbabwe) **1986**  
**University of Zimbabwe**

## LANGUAGES

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**Fluent:** English, Shona, Ndebele, Zulu  
**Reading Level:** French