

# AGMCP 2022 MEMORABILIA

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# INTRODUCTION

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I am Denis Okova. I have recently completed my Master of Public Health (Health Economics) degree at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. I have also started my doctoral studies in Health Economics in the same institution.

My research interests lie in the intersection between poverty and health especially in Africa.

The AGMCP fellowship has played a key part in strengthening my research resolve.

## ACTIVITIES & TRAININGS

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- ❖ The Circular Economy Conference
- ❖ How to use reference managers and plagiarism checkers
- ❖ Science-Policy Communication training
- ❖ IMAGES RIMA workshop
- ❖ Imperatives of scholarships & professional networks
- ❖ Marriage relationship & work-life balance
- ❖ Demystifying the PhD process

# RESEARCH OUTPUTS

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- ❖ Completed my Master's thesis: Experiences and social determinants of sexual violence and post-violence help-seeking behaviour among children and young people in Kenya
- ❖ Submitted my Master's research abstract to the 2023 International Health Economics Association conference

# VALUE OF THE FELLOWSHIP

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- ❖ Research skills gained helped me finalize my Master's research
- ❖ Gained valuable tips on scholarship application. I applied and got a PhD scholarship at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- ❖ Juggling my studies with AGMP fellowship taught me plenty on time management as well as work-life balance

# SUGGESTIONS TO THE AGMP MANAGMENT

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Where possible, we can have a physical meeting of all mentees and mentors to break bread and strengthen interactions.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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