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BIO

Steffi is a recent graduate of the Master's in Global Health program at the University of Ghent in Belgium. She also earned a Master's degree in Drug Development and a Bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences from KULeuven.

In her thesis project, which was a component of WP4, Steffi investigated the relationship between perceived walkability of the South African township built environment—used as a proxy for physical inactivity, a significant risk factor for cardiovascular diseases—and cardiovascular risk profiles among community health workers. The data for this research was collected from the townships of Kensington, Gugulethu, and Nyanga. By examining how perceptions of walkability influence cardiovascular health, Steffi's work offered insights into the relationship between environmental factors and health outcomes and highlights her dedication to advancing public health knowledge and practice.

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