



# ASSOC. PROF. ZANDILE JUNE- ROSE MCHIZA

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## BIO

Zandile Mchiza is a Chief Specialist Scientist at the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)'s Non-Communicable Disease Research Unit (NCDRU), and an Extraordinary Professor for the School of Public Health (SOPH) at the University of the Western Cape (UWC). She has a strong background in food security and nutrition epidemiology. At SAMRC she manages a research subprogram "Epidemiology of non-communicable diseases and priority nutrition-related paediatric cardiometabolic disorders"- <https://www.samrc.ac.za/research/intramural-research-units/NonComm-zandile-mchiza>. She also leads an international collaborative project on "Food environments in South Africa: Addressing malnutrition using a syndemic approach (Food-SAMSA)"- <https://foodsamsa.samrc.ac.za/>. At SOPH she convenes a module on the "Epidemiology of non-communicable disease" at the postgraduate level - <https://soph.uwc.ac.za/school-of-public-health/staff/extraordinary-professors/associate-prof-zandile-mchiza/>.

As one of the PIs of the project, a lead of WP4, and a co-lead of WPs 5 and 6, she will be heavily involved in the research directed at addressing the determinants of the double burden of malnutrition at the community or setting level. Specifically, she will lead the assessment of key aspects and determinants of the community-level food environment, including outdoor food and beverage advertisement and foods and beverages offered by informal food businesses in South Africa. She is also heavily involved in research conducted for WPs 2, 3, where she supports research directed at addressing policy determinants of dietary behaviour, while covering both public and private food industry policies.

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