

Getnet Tadele's Biography

I graduated from Addis Ababa University with a BA in Sociology and Social Administration in 1990, receiving cum laude honors. Largely because of this high academic performance, I was recruited to be Graduate Assistant at my alma mater in the Department of Sociology and Social Administration. In 1995, I secured a scholarship from AUSAID and enrolled at the Centre for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CCEB), Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Newcastle, Australia. I finished Graduate Diploma in Health Social Science in 1997, and a Masters in Medical Science (Health Social Science) in 1998. Upon completion of my postgraduate training, I returned home to continue with my teaching and research activities at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and began working as a Health Social Scientist at the Clinical Epidemiology Unit of Addis Ababa University. In late 2000, I obtained a scholarship, which allowed me to join the PhD program at the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. I earned my doctoral degree in 2005 and I am now full Professor at the Department of Sociology. I am also Honorary Professor at Jimma University, Adjunct Prof. at Bahardar University and Global Fellow at the Centre on Law and Social Transformation, University of Bergen.

I have been researching and publishing extensively on podocooniasis (please see my publications here www.Azena.info). Other than podocooniasis, I have extensively researched and published on child rights, adolescent health, sexuality or sexual and reproductive health including HIV/AIDS, and aspirations of rural youth. I have published over 70 journal articles and chapters in books published by international publishers. I am first co-editor of a book entitled: *Vulnerabilities, Impacts and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa*, by Palgrave Macmillan (2013). I have also published a book entitled: *Bleak Prospects: Young men, sexuality and HIV/AIDS in an Ethiopian town*. Leiden: African Studies Centre (Brill Academic Publishers) and first co-edited another book entitled: *Giving Back to the Community: Development Projects Implemented by Academics in Ethiopia*. Addis Ababa: Eclipse Printers

I have received a number of fellowships, academic grants and visiting professorships and taught and/or researched in Nigeria, Senegal, Ghana, Netherlands, UK, US, Australia, New Zealand and Norway. I have also attended over 90 workshops and conferences as presenter, resource person or discussant, teacher, examiner outside of Ethiopia- in Europe, Africa, Asia, USA and Latin America (almost all paid by the organizers). From April 2012-July 2013, I was on Sabbatical Leave and won an Erasmus Mundus Scholar Scholarship for the European Master of Science Program in International Health and taught at the Royal Tropical Institute of the Netherlands, Free University (VU) and Centre for International Health, University of Bergen, Norway. I was recipient of Erskine fellowship and taught at the Centre for Health Sciences, University of Canterbury, New Zealand. I also won a Fulbright scholarship and stayed at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), US, as a Fulbright Fellow. While staying in US as fulbrighter, I gave lectures and seminar at Yale University, University of Florida, Boston University, University of Illinois at Chicago and the International Centre for Research on Women. I was Visiting Professor at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands and University of Bergen, Norway, during my 2019/2020 Sabbatical Leave. Recently, I was visiting Professor for two months (March-April 2022) at the university of Bergen, Norway.

In recognition of my excellence in research, I have won the AAU's 'Distinguished Research Award', for 2015/16 Academic Year. Further, the Ethiopian Academy of Sciences, in recognition of my "impressive research record, outstanding contribution to his profession, his international stature as a scholar and his service to the community at large", has selected me to become Fellow of the Academy at its General Assembly meeting held on 10th November 2018. In September 2019, I also received Higher Honor Laureate from Abyssinia Award for my contribution to research. In 2021, I was elected as the President of Ethiopian Society of Sociologists, Social workers and Anthropologists (ESSSWA) and appointed as a deputy Chair of Board of Governors of Wolkite University by the Minister of Science and Higher Education. I am also board member of Ethiopian Higher Education Quality council and founding member of Ethiopian Professors' Council.. In September 2021, I received good person of the year award for my contribution to social science research . Recently, I received Alumni Excellence award from the University of Newcastle, Australia, in October 2023,.

I had NUFU grant from Norway on *Gender, Generation and Social Mobilization: Challenges of Reproductive Health and Rights among Vulnerable groups in Ethiopia, Sudan and Tanzania* (2007-2012) and through this grant I had financially supported six MSc students from the school of nursing at Addis Ababa university working on Prevention of Mother-child transmission of HIV/AIDS and supervised and financially supported one student while working on his PhD. I was also co-PI (responsible for Ethiopia) on a NOW/WOTRO (Netherlands) sponsored project entitled: *Creating Opportunities: Economic Empowerment, Political Positioning and Participation of Sex Workers in Ethiopia and Kenya*. From 2014-18, I led (as PI) a team of local and international researchers on a project entitled: *Enhancing Ethiopian youths' literacy about the gene x environment contributions to health using the context of Podoconiosis*. This project was funded by NIH and is part of the Human Heredity and Health in Africa (H3 Africa), Ethical, Legal and Societal Issues (ELSI) Research program. In 2016, I received another three years grant from the Research Council of Norway on *Competing discourses impacting girls' and women's rights: The case of fertility control and safe abortion in Ethiopia, Tanzania and Zambia*. I was coordinator for Ethiopia, Tanzania and Zambia or 'southern' partner universities. In 2019, I (with other colleagues) won another 5 years grant from Norway on Childhood and sustainable development and currently co-leading this project that is training 5 PhDs and more than 15 MA students in 5 years. I am also PI for Ethiopia on project entitled: *Social Sciences for Severe Stigmatizing Skin Conditions (S5 Foundation)* in Ethiopia, Sudan and Rawanda, four years project (2019-22) supported by the National Institute for Health Research, UK. This project mainly focuses on scabies and podoconiosis and is supporting 5 PhDs and two MA students and has employed a number of public engagement officers and administrative staff. In 2021, I won another grant on Maternal Health from the Research Council of Norway. Since 2009, I been working with IDS at University of Sussex, UK and has won a number of competitive small grants that resulted in five publications (see my CV for publications: www.azena.info).

Throughout my academic career, I have been serving as reviewer, editorial or advisory board member of various local and international journals. In 2015, I was appointed as a member of WOTRO's International Advisory Committee on SRHR (see attached letter of appointment from WOTRO). I am Associate Editor of Ethiopian Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities, member of Advisory Board of Ethiopian Journal of Development Studies and member of International

Scientific Advisor Board of research project entitled: An integrated approach to unraveling susceptibility of tuberculosis in Africa. I am also editor of Current Research Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities. Currently working as Vice Chair of Africa Ethics Working Group (AEWG), an entity initially appointed by the Oxford Initiative in Global Neuropsychiatric GenEthics (NeuroGenE) to respond to questions relating to ethical issues in the NeuroGAP/DEV Consortium. The Consortium is part of the Stanley Center Global Genomic Collections Initiative (SGGCI) <https://www.broadinstitute.org/stanley>, which is funded in major part by the Stanley Center for Psychiatric Genomics at the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, USA. In January 2023, I am appointed as the NIHR's Global Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) Funding Committee, which will review the NIHR Global HPSR applications and make funding recommendations to the Department of Health and Social Care. I am also member of External Advisory Group of multi-country study focusing on developing evidence-based approaches to responding to the needs of people who are homeless and have Sever Mental Illness (HOPE). Recently, I am appointed as a member of Decision Committee and Independent Advisory Board of a program entitled: "Preparing Outstanding Social Sciences Investigators to Benefit Lives and Environments in Africa Programme (POSSIBLE-Africa)" run by Science for Africa Foundation.

I had served as Graduate Program Coordinator and chair of my Department from 2008-2010 and 2010-2012 respectively. I am also a member of AAU's Senate Standing Committee for Research and Publication, member of Staff Affairs and Promotion Committee at the College of Social Sciences and a number of other Department, College and University wide committees (see attached letters of testimony for all the above services). I have demonstrated an outstanding record of teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, course coordination, curriculum development, participating in course reviews and have a proven record of successful undergraduate and postgraduate supervision at MA and PhD levels in Ethiopia and other countries.

The WHO's definition of health tells us that good health cannot be achieved through the efforts of medical personnel alone. Probing into complex and intractable issues of health and health systems research requires not only medical doctors and public health professionals but also social scientists. This means that there is the need to create or strengthen the field of social science and health (like medical sociology, medical anthropology, medical psychology, medical history, medical geography). Thus, I launched and used to anchor the most popular health and wellbeing stream MA sociology program which at one point 20 out of 22 students chose as their first area of interest when they were given the chance to select from three streams (urban-industrial sociology, rural-agricultural sociology and health and wellbeing). The courses within this stream enabled students to understand the interface of social science and health and multi-cultural and intercultural health systems in a country in which more than 70 ethnic and cultural groups exist. Graduates of this stream and other students who graduated with some basic knowledge of health social science are immensely contributing to the understanding of health from a social science perspective and many of them have progressed in different settings, including academia and the public, NGO and community sector in Ethiopia.

For three decades, I have been intensively engaged in consultancy services for various government organizations, multilateral and bilateral organizations, local and international NGOs based in Ethiopia and foreign universities and organizations including among others: Ethiopian Ministry of women and children, Ethiopian Ministry of Health, UNFPA, WHO, UNIADS, UNISCO, Italian Development Cooperation, Population Council, FHI360, Mary Stops, Forum for Sustainable Child Development, African Network against child abuse and neglect, IDS at the University of Sussex, the Royal Tropical Institute of the Netherlands, Maastricht School of Management, Schorer International, STOP AIDS NOW! Amsterdam, International Institute of Rural Reconstruction, University of Sussex, University of Amsterdam, University of Bergen, Bethany Global and EURO Health Group (Denmark). Please kindly refer my CV for many of published and unpublished empirical research reports I did for these organizations (see attached letters of testimony).

In addition to contributing to the production of knowledge on uncharted territories, many of my academic and consultancy research projects have led to improvement of policy and practice.

Besides teaching and research (academic) accomplishments, I have a strong and sustained commitment to social justice issues and a long standing involvement in community development projects. I came from humble (poor) background and have been involved in community development projects in my rural village and helped my community in building a 48 meter steel bridge over a big river, two elementary schools, four high schools and a high school library (see attached recognition certificates). To inspire others and share challenges and lessons, I have written an article entitled: *Bridging gaps and building opportunities: Reflections on my experience of engaging in community development in Azena*. This article was published in a book entitled: *Giving back to the community: Development projects implemented by academics in Ethiopia* (2016) and I am first co-editor of this book and co-authored introduction and conclusion. By doing so, I have contributed not only to community development but also to the production of knowledge on how to do it. In recognition of my community service, People to People (P2P USA) selected me as a winner of 2016 “Exemplary Community Service award”. I received this award on 17th of September 2016 in Virginia, USA. Further, the Azena community, Woreda and Zonal officials have named public junior elementary school and a high school after me and received recognition certificate from Woreda, Zonal and Regional Governments. I also received Yusuf Badri Civic Engagement International Prize from Ahfad University for Women in Sudan on December 12, 2018. I am currently raising money to support one new high school. I also participated in mobilizing two rounds of huge resources to mitigate the impacts of COVID 19 lock down and preventive efforts and furnished a number of schools with chairs, tables, computers, printers, copier, scanner etc. .

See the following links to see the picture of some of (not all) the community projects. , <https://bit.ly/3FYVSMv>

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0Bzs4iaAX2MrCQy1ZTkM4d3YxLW8>,

<http://www.azena.info/AzenaInPics3.html>, <http://www.azena.info/AzenaInPics4.html>,

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipN69HoEdmdiguxQnF7UsWcLgFwZe8su17QoFsjvr8111CCoNpNDAHHyClhqnQu5hw?key=Y19BM0x0ekdCa2JCbFNmMXdCYnlxSzVJbENhbUtR>,

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<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5SLaD8KkG4CGSWpX6>

Here are also some of the links to listen or read media (broadcast and social media) coverage of these projects.

<https://youtu.be/kX3rLyW9giE?si=5cCIECXZR3HZ5yII>

<https://youtu.be/MFfPKJVn6rY?si=f01L6VZ-M9QQfXVT>

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/engage/alumni/alumni-awards/national-leadership-award>

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/alex-zelinsky-5b37021_worldteachersday-ugcPost-7123544035859853313-F8ds?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android

<https://youtu.be/uV1nPJKwwh4>

watch from 2 hours and 26- 31 minutes and 2 hours and 39 minutes

<https://youtu.be/WSbtJhAbZeQ?list=PLZB845LeGGqAVud1tOe8RfLHVt6nCdpH0>

<https://www.facebook.com/100063881626507/posts/784839426988771/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v>

<https://youtu.be/VawgAbHbtL0?si=e0PMeNzCIVXAxmDN> (14 minutes '30 seconds -22 minutes and 30 seconds)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rCVbGbWDM8>

<https://youtu.be/eRW09wSbhV0>

<https://youtu.be/JnIbY8d7-JY>

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<https://www.facebook.com/380156499467073/posts/pfbid0tjv7ACkQfcpXvQdnx6U3KuVDpJdi mRGfp6LqpeqsJXMzFanfPVWbGX24r3BWNz1Al/?sfnsn=mo>

https://youtu.be/Y_LPdzWQRNo (Here is also 26 minutes interview with Amhara TV)

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<https://youtu.be/GtaQLVCnRNs> (listen from 24-28 minutes),

<https://youtu.be/JnIbY8d7-JY>

Here is 4 minutes Amhara TV news

<https://youtu.be/eRW09wSbhV0>

Of many coverages by individuals, institutions, and media outlets, you may consider reading this

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And this one

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Finally, "A picture is worth a thousand words"

<https://bit.ly/3FYVSMv>

Here is 4 minutes news coverage in Amharic by Amhara media corporation.

<https://youtu.be/jzCDmfJKQGA>

Here is also 5 minutes news coverage in Agewegna

<https://fb.watch/ij6iL5RRf2/?mibextid=5hvk5e>

and brief article by Ayehu Guagsa communications office Facebook page

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Because of these and many other contributions, the community asked me (or rather put on immense pressure) to represent them in the Federal Parliament and I won the sit by overwhelming majority vote and I am currently working as a member of the Federal parliament while carrying out my academic duties as well. In the parliament, I am working as a member of parliament's standing committee for health, social development, culture and sport affairs and as vice chair of parliamentary friendship committee to EU and Western Europe

Overall, throughout my career, I have worked with people from diverse backgrounds and has developed a strong network of prominent contacts in Africa, Europe, Asia and North and South America. I have demonstrated my academic, interpersonal and networking skills throughout my work experience and look forward to applying my academic and many other problem-solving skills to the betterment of society. Through the transformative power of education, I journeyed from small country boy farmer, shepherd and petty trader from rural tiny village across the Ayo river to scholar on the world stage and change agent—a recipient of many grants, fellowships/visiting professorships, honors and awards.

With my best regards

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