

# Urbanus Wedaaba Azupogo

## Ph.D. Candidate, Researcher, and Practice-Informed Scholar

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Interdisciplinary scholar working across neglected tropical diseases, schistosomiasis, water security, social innovation in health, disability-inclusive health research, social protection, and land governance in African contexts. My work combines rigorous research, teaching, and translational leadership to move evidence into institutional and community action.

### RESEARCH THEMES

NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

SCHISTOSOMIASIS

WATER SECURITY

SOCIAL INNOVATION IN HEALTH

DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE HEALTH RESEARCH

SOCIAL PROTECTION AND WELLBEING

LAND GOVERNANCE

### EDUCATION AND ROLES

#### Ph.D. in Kinesiology & Health Studies

Queen's University, Canada · 2023-present

#### MSc in Kinesiology & Health Studies

Queen's University, Canada · 2021-2023

#### MSc in Land Governance & Policy

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana · 2017-2019

#### BSc in Land Management

University for Development Studies, Ghana · 2012-2016

#### Ph.D. Candidate, Kinesiology & Health Studies, Queen's University

Research Associate, Centre for Environmental Health Equity

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Planning and Land Management

Founder & Executive Chairman, Faciotech

### TEACHING AND METHODS

Global Environmental Health and Sustainable Development - Hofstra University (2026)

Analysing Qualitative Data in Public Health Research - St. Lawrence University (2025)

Qualitative and mixed-methods research design

Household water insecurity and WASH measurement

**Infectious Diseases: Schistosomiasis in Sub-Saharan Africa - Queen's University (2025)**

**Behaviour as a Determinant of Health - Hofstra University (2025)**

**Using NVivo for Qualitative Data Analysis - Queen's University (2023)**

**Concept mapping and drawing-based inquiry**

**NVivo-based qualitative analysis and instruction**

**Knowledge translation, policy briefs, and evidence synthesis**

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### **Improving water security through social protection: Findings from a natural experiment with Ghana's Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP) Program**

Urbanus Azupogo, Elijah Bisung, Meshack Achore, Sarah Dickin, Joseph Kangmennaang · *Social Science & Medicine* · 2026

### **Cash transfers and household water security among the poor in low- and middle-income countries: a scoping review**

Urbanus Wedaaba Azupogo, Irenius Konkor, Elijah Bisung, Sarah Dickin · *Journal of Water and Health* · 2026

### **Cash Transfers and Improved Water Access in Ghana's Upper West Region**

Urbanus Wedaaba Azupogo, under guidance of Dr. Elijah Bisung · *WASH Equity / Queen's University* · 2025

### **Navigating water and sanitation environments in schools: Exploring health risk perceptions of children with physical disabilities using drawing**

Urbanus Wedaaba Azupogo, Ebenezer Dassah, Elijah Bisung · *Wellbeing, Space and Society* · 2025

### **Health implications of coping with water insecurity at the household level**

Urbanus Wedaaba Azupogo, Meshack Achore, Florence A. Dery, Elijah Bisung · *Water Security* · 2023

### **Promoting safe and inclusive water and sanitation services for students with physical disabilities in primary schools: a concept mapping study in Ghana**

Urbanus Wedaaba Azupogo, Ebenezer Dassah, Elijah Bisung · *Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development* · 2023

## LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Practice-informed leadership through Faciotech and related ventures; invited lectures and public speaking across academic and professional audiences; cross-sector collaboration spanning universities, communities, and applied initiatives in Ghana and Canada.