

Abdoulaye Diedhiou

After working for 7 years as a public health physician in both clinical and public health district settings, Abdoulaye Diedhiou went back to school as a Fulbright Scholar, earning a PhD from the University of South Carolina (UofSC), where he had the opportunity to complete several health services research projects, and was also elected as a member of the Delta Omega Society. He became so enthusiastic about public health surveillance and accepted a public health practice postdoctoral fellowship. This opportunity presented him the opportunity as to provide technical assistance to the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) in developing and implementing a surveillance system for the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity.

Additionally, Abdoulaye was an active member of two other state surveillance system workgroups (BRFSS, and YRBS). He later took on providing technical assistance to the Senegalese government as a Monitoring, Evaluation & Research director for a USAID-funded project. Major roles included overseeing the operational research portfolio and building capacity of governmental partners to improve the health information and surveillance system using a web-based open-source software.

Upon returning to academia as a Research Associate with the Core for Applied Research & Evaluation at the UofSC, he served as the lead in managing the state's tobacco surveillance system, being responsible for developing and managing two population-based statewide surveys (Youth Tobacco and Adult Tobacco surveys) in support of the state's comprehensive Tobacco Prevention and Control Program. He also served as a member of the State Epidemiological Outcome Workgroup. He is currently a medical epidemiologist, Director of the DHEC Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology.