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Experienced Poet & Short Story Writer, Editor. Researcher in African and Diasporic Identities, Gender and Cultures, Customer Care representative, Civic Educator and Human Rights Defender Activist. Research Enumerator. Translator and transcriptionist Data Analyst and Entry Specialist. Exchange Student Research Fellow - Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.

### **Professional Experience**

#### **Research Enumerator: Capture Associates & Zizi Afrique – Baseline Survey : Children on the Margins –Kenya Programme: Kajiado (Empukani and Enkijape Comprehensive Primary Schools) 25/08/2025 - 12/09/2025**

- Training and Onboarding: Research protocols, Kobotool box data collection application, and project objectives.
- Build trust and collecting biographic information from selected participants.
- Provide ongoing support and guidance to team member.
- Project Management:- Coordinating enumerator schedules, assign tasks, and preparing financial reports of expenses.
- Monitor of data collection progress to ensure project deadlines are met within the stipulated time.
- Quality Assurance: Conduct regular quality checks on data collected to ensure accuracy and adherence to research protocols.
- Conducted In-depth Interviews and Focus Group Discussions with teachers, parent Association representative and pupils.
- Transcribing of the collected data.
- Data Analysis and Reporting: Assist in data analysis and interpretation when needed.
- Communication: Serve as the primary point of contact between the enumerator team and project management. Communicate project updates, issues, and concerns to stakeholders.
- Problem Solving: Identify and address any challenges or obstacles encountered in the field during data collection and implementing solutions to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

#### **Research Lead: Education Design Unlimited & IREX - Endline survey “Girls Learning Through Tech” Project- Kilifi (30<sup>th</sup> September- 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2024)**

- Supervise Enumerator Team: Lead and oversee a team of enumerators to ensure efficient and accurate data collection for the Girls Learning Through Technology.
- Training and Onboarding: Train new enumerators on research protocols, data collection methods, and project objectives. Provide ongoing support and guidance to team members.
- Project Management: Coordinate enumerator schedules, assign tasks, and monitor progress to ensure project deadlines are met.
- Quality Assurance: Conduct regular quality checks on data collected by

enumerators to ensure accuracy and adherence to research protocols.

- Data Analysis and Reporting: Assist in data analysis and interpretation as needed. Prepare reports and presentations summarizing research findings.
- Communication: Serve as the primary point of contact between the enumerator team and project management. Communicate project updates, issues, and concerns to stakeholders.
- Problem Solving: Identify and address any challenges or obstacles encountered during data collection. Implement solutions to improve efficiency and effectiveness.
- Interviewed and Conducted Focus Group Discussions with teachers, parents and girls.

**Research Enumerator: Education Design Unlimited, Zana-Africa & Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development – “Pertinent Social Issues- PSI Project”– Kilifi (23<sup>rd</sup> –27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024)**

- Conduct surveys, interviews, or other data collection methods as instructed by the Company.
- Record accurate and complete data in accordance with the research protocols provided by the company.
- Submit all data collected at the end of each day of data collection
- Maintain confidentiality and ethical standards in handling sensitive information obtained during the research.
- Collaborate with the company's research team as necessary to achieve project objectives.
- Attend training sessions and meetings as required by the company.

**Research Enumerator: Research Lead Education Design Unlimited (JCEL Consulting Limited) & IREX – Mid-line survey “Girls Learning Through Tech” Project Kwale & Kilifi (27<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024)**

- Supervise Enumerator Team: Lead and oversee a team of enumerators to ensure efficient and accurate data collection.
- Training and Onboarding: Train new enumerators on research protocols, data collection methods, and project objectives. Provide ongoing support and guidance to team members.
- Project Management: Coordinate enumerator schedules, assign tasks, and monitor progress to ensure project deadlines are met.
- Quality Assurance: Conduct regular quality checks on data collected by enumerators to ensure accuracy and adherence to research protocols.
- Data Analysis and Reporting: Assist in data analysis and interpretation as needed. Prepare reports and presentations summarizing research findings.
- Communication: Serve as the primary point of contact between the enumerator team and project management. Communicate project updates, issues, and concerns to stakeholders.
- Problem Solving: Identify and address any challenges or obstacles encountered during data collection. Implement solutions to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

**Research Enumerator: Education Design Unlimited (JCEL Consulting Limited) & IREX – Kwale & Kilifi - Baseline survey “Girls Learning Through Tech” Project (7<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2024).**

- Visit sampled schools to interview eligible respondents to collect data using HALDO toolkit.
- Explain the objectives of the exercise and their procedures to respondents.
- Interpret interview questions to assist respondents in understanding them and providing eloquent, clear answers.
- Conduct extensive interviews to sampled respondents.

- Provide daily reports on completed assignments and progress.
- Report promptly any issues to the research lead.
- Identify and report any issues that may arise while attempting to obtain valid data.
- Double-check information on survey information pads to ensure the accuracy of information

**Key Achievements:**

**Research Assistant – Tilka Mupa Ali – Kwale (June 2023 to September 2023)**

- Prepare interview questions
- Interview Study participants
- Attend project meetings
- Collect and help in analysis of data.
- Maintain proficiency of recording equipment
- Design and create electronic surveys
- Conduct literature reviews.

**People & Customer Care Representative & Sales Person: Memsap Microfinance Ltd-: 14<sup>th</sup> February- 31<sup>st</sup> may 2023**

- Customer Support Duties
- Handling and Resolving Customer Complaints
- Documenting Customer Interactions and Sales Activities
- Following Up with Customer Queries and Sales Leads Sales
- Generation and Conversion
- Cross-selling and Up-selling Opportunities to youth and women groups
- Present, promote and sell products/services using solid arguments to existing and prospective customers
- Perform cost-benefit and needs analysis of existing/potential customers to meet their needs
- Establish, develop and maintain positive business and customer relationships
- Reach out to customer leads through cold calling
- Expedite the resolution of customer problems and complaints to maximize satisfaction
- Achieve agreed upon sales targets and outcomes within schedule
- Coordinate sales effort with team members and other departments
- Analyze the territory/market's potential, track sales and status reports
- Supply management with reports on customer needs, problems, interests, competitive activities, and potential for new products and services

**Cloudfactory- Nairobi Hub & Hybrid (6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – 31st March 2022).  
Independent Contractor – Data Entry & Data Annotator Analyst**

- Oversaw close attention to detailed data entry tasks.
- Inputting data and making accurate changes to existing data figures in digital databases.
- Collaborated with the communication team on data integrity and analysis as well as market research.
- Input text-based and numerical information from source documents.

- Performed data entry as far as picture annotations, document capture, mapping, and innovative search engines is concerned.
- Checking work to ensure inputted data is correct.
- Type in data quickly and efficiently without errors.
- Reviewing data for deficiencies or errors.
- Adhering to strong organizational and communication skills as mandated in transferring and updating information
- Undertaking any activities, training, and assigned work that ensure Data policy and protection is adhered to.

**Key Achievements:** Efficiently and accurately typed and reviewed over 50,000 data entries, transfers and reviews.

**Research Assistant - Jauquelyne Kosgei – Stellenbosch Ph.D project (May 2019 to September 2019)**

- Transcribed Bahati Ngazi's poems correctly from audio to written Kiswahili.
- Translated Bahati Ngazi's transcribed Kiswahili poems to English for analysis.
- Proofread Bahati Ngazi's Kiswahili poems which were used by Jauquelyne Kosgei in her Ph.D. Dissertation at Stellenbosch and article publication in *Wasafiri* on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**East Africa Civil Society Organizations' Forum - Kenya Chapter. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 – 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Feb 2019 - Assistant to the Communication Desk**

- Preparing information for the newsletters
- Assist in putting together material to be uploaded on the website- proofreading, case studies, sorting pictures
- Assist and collaborated with the communication team on compiling reports.
- Editing, and compiling the organization newsletters.
- Any assigned work by the communication desk as far as research and communication was concerned.

**Key Achievements:** Uploading research, and reports to the organization portal.

**Research Assistant -Ministry of Sports, Culture, and Heritage & the University of Nairobi - Digitization of Maasai Oral Literature project 17<sup>th</sup> December- 23<sup>rd</sup>December 2017**

- Build trust and collecting biographic information from selected participants.
- Conducted interviews, questionnaires, and audio data recording of Maasai Oral Narratives
- Transcribing of the collected data.
- Followed-up on translated narratives to ensure their correspondence to original captured data
- Carrying follow-up questions to authenticate the audio recordings.
- Detailed data entry compilation of the oral narratives.
- Handling of both auditory and visual equipment used in data collection
- Compiled and wrote detailed and concise research reports and diary.
- Help in building communal - institutional networks.
- Ensuring that the work met all specifications needed during data collection and post research.

**Key Achievements:** Oversaw the transcription of 40 + Maasai Orature.

**Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government - Department of Birth and Death (March 2013 -Sept 2016)    Records Officer (Intern/Contract)**

- Performed and oversaw data entry tasks.
- Served as the focal point of customer care personnel by answering queries and assisting in

addition to directing customers to the relevant department.

- Ensuring the registry is clean and tidy and all the files are returned after use at the close of business.
- Attended to binding, and filing of records.
- Recording of incoming and outgoing records to the Central Record Office.
- Updated and maintained up-to-date file movement records and determined general cleaning of the registry.
- Managed the installation of software systems, programs, and general service of computers.
- Trained fellow workers on data capture, data quality assurance, and accessibility to the public officers.
- Performed outreach activities in rural communities and Health facilities.
- Inputting data and making accurate changes to existing data figures in digital databases.
- Supervised the accuracy of data captures and the binding and filing of volumes of records.
- Updating and maintaining an easy file retrieval system.
- Receiving cash payments and other cash reimbursements during workshops and outreaches.
- Ensuring the security of information/ files in the registry
- Assist the registry officers in operational processes and file reconciliations far as an effective and efficient service provision that meets quality standards is authorized through the Public service charter.
- Any other relevant duty and responsibilities assigned by the County Regional Officer, MombasaOffice.

**Key Achievements:** Efficiently and accurately typed, reviewed, and bound over +180,000records.

: Efficiently installed records for effective staff access.

#### **K. P. Senior Secondary School (February 2012 – September, 2012) B.O.M Teacher**

- Taught Literature and religious studies.
- Provided feedback to teachers based on individual observation and student performance data.
- Assisted in the incorporation of new technology and other instructional materials for lesson implementation.
- Supervised examination of candidates.
- Trained and coordinated oral performances in drama festivals (Poetry).
- Edited the school newsletters.
- Coordinated inter-school *Taekwondo* tournaments, Drama, Poetry and Debate Contests.

#### **Sales Person: Sewa Printing Press- Makadirio – 09/20/2009 – 31/03/2010**

- Customer Support Duties
- Handling and Resolving Customer Complaints
- Documenting Customer Interactions and Sales Activities
- Following Up with Customer Queries and Sales Leads Sales
- Generation and Conversion
- Cross-selling and Up-selling Opportunities
- Present, promote and sell products/services using solid arguments to existing and prospective customers
- Perform cost-benefit and needs analysis of existing/potential customers to meet their needs
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- Reach out to customer leads through cold calling
- Expedite the resolution of customer problems and complaints to maximize satisfaction
- Achieve agreed upon sales targets and outcomes within schedule
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**- Kenya National Bureau of Statistics - Kenya Population and Housing Census  
July 2009- Aug 2009**

- Identifying boundaries for the Enumeration Areas (EAs), locating all structures and visiting every household to list all the usual members in the EA assigned to them before the enumeration exercise
- Ensuring that all the necessary equipment/materials to be used for enumeration are available to them before the exercise commences.
- Administering all questions and recording responses on all persons who will have spent the night of 24<sup>th</sup> / 25th August 2019 in each of the households in the assigned Enumeration Area.
- Obtaining complete and accurate answers and capturing them correctly during the enumeration exercise.
- Forwarding all equipment and questionnaires (used and unused), maps, notebooks and any other materials as directed to the Content Supervisor after the enumeration exercise
- Undertaking any other duties as may be assigned by the CSO.

**Peer Educator: AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance II (Aphia II) - Sept 2007- July 2008**

- Leading behavior change communication (BCC) interventions.
- Supporting community agency, and advocating for healthy behaviors amongst youth.
- Offering guidance and counselling services to teens and youth on Drugs Use and Abuse, Sex and Sexuality and HIV/AIDS.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

2022. Godfrey Ikahu, Lynda Atieno. "Channeling East African Poetic Futures through Diasporic Experiences". *Somali Studies: A Peer-Reviewed Academic Journal for Somali Studies. Journal. Vol 7.* Pp 106-131. [http://www.isos.so/images/Volume\\_7/SSJ\\_V7\\_Article\\_05\\_1.pdf](http://www.isos.so/images/Volume_7/SSJ_V7_Article_05_1.pdf)

2022. Godfrey Ikahu. "(E)Merging of the Old with the New: Continuity of Children's Songs and Rhymes in Hip-Hop Music". *Jahazi: Culture, Arts Performance. Vol 10 Issue 2.* Pp.55-63  
<http://uonjournals.uonbi.ac.ke/ojs/index.php/joeaol/article/view/1731>  
<http://erepository.uonbi.ac.ke/handle/11295/163786>  
<https://jahazi.co.ke/jahazi-pop-culture/>

### **Book Chapters**

2022. Gender and Power Dynamics in Chakacha Dance”(62 - 95) in *Landscapes of Women in African, Caribbean and African American Literature*. Ed. Ciarunji Chesaina & Judith Jai Jefwa. ISBN 978-9966-1981-3-6 (62-95)

### **Creative Writing**

2020. “Fading into a Black Hole” *Notes from the lockdown: Lockdown writing from the African continent*. African Street Literature Blog.

<https://africanstreetliterature.wordpress.com/2020/06/29/download-notes-from-the-lockdown/>

### **Grants and Fellowships**

April, 2018- July, 2018. Humboldt Student exchange programme.( University agreement with the University of Nairobi) (3.800)

## **CONFERENCES**

### **Papers Presented**

2019. “Intra-regional Mobilities and migrant encounters Re-imaging East Africa through the Eyes of the “Other”. The East Africa Literary and Cultural Studies 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference. Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia. August. 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

2019. “(In)Visibility & Image(ing) the city through Queer Lens; Ken Mwachiro’s short story “Turkana’s are not Gay”. British Institute of East Africa Graduate Conference, on “African Urban Futures”. March. 22nd- 24<sup>th</sup>

2018. “Understanding the African Female Self: A case study of the poet Nayyirah Waheed” The University of Nairobi .The African Women’s Studies Centre - Annual International Conference on “The Status of African Women. October. 23rd - 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

### **Podium Presentations**

2018. Godfrey Ikahu Kariuki. “Understanding Blackness in *Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands* by Mary Seacole – 1857”. First Annual International Conference on The Role of Literature in a Global World. The University of Nairobi. October, 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>.

2022. “Equipping The Defenders” The Human Rights Defenders Academy. The Defenders Coalition Conference Training Nairobi 28<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022..

### **Education**

### **Short Courses**

25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024. “Writer’s Workshop: Research and Publication in Social Sciences. Centre for Research, Training and Publications (Hekima University College) and School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS, University of London), Nairobi.

28<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. “Equipping the Defenders” The Human Rights Defenders Academy. The Defenders Coalition Conference Training Nairobi.

23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Scientific Communication and Publishing (paper Writing Process, Research proposal Writing & Data Management Analysis) Training Centre in Communication and The University of Nairobi. Nairobi.

2019. Dataloop Digital Skills Excellence – Cloud factory Partner Tool Training. Cloudfactory, Cloudfactory. Hybrid-Nairobi.

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. “History and Stories Workshop” Italian Cultural Institute. Sarova Inn, Nairobi.

12<sup>th</sup> August- 15<sup>th</sup> August 2008. Awareness Seminar on Corruption Prevention. Kenyatta University, Mombasa

10<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2007. Training seminar on “Prevention and Mitigation of HIV/ AIDS and Drug Use and Abuse. Emmanuel Ack Church, Changamwe, Mombasa.