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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Economist/Programs manager with over 8 years' record of cost-effectiveness in project planning, management and implementation. Experienced in Programs management, Economic Strengthening and community livelihoods development, leadership and governance, organizational capacity building, understanding of HIV and AIDS and its socio-economic impacts to the infected and affected households. A resource mobilizer through proposal writing, linkages and coordinated collaborations. Team player and transformative leadership, integrity and management. An eloquent and effective communicator who explains complex concepts using simple language for ease of understanding by his audience. Exemplary skills in project planning and implementation; mobilization; training and capacity building; stakeholder relationship management; budget management, research, learning and documentation; development of training tools especially on saving and lending groups (SILC/VSLAs) and Households economic sustainable methodologies, leadership and governance principles, OVC implementation tools. Advocate of Education retention of vulnerable youths as well as their SRHR rights.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Program Coordination | Project Management Methodologies | Capacity Enhancement | Building Key Coalitions | Health Economist | Economic Growth | Computer Skills | Quality Assurance | Research Methodology | Proposal writing | Leadership and Mentorship | Community Mobilization | Program Surveys | Resource mobilization | Budgeting and planning

KEY PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- ✓ Project management, planning & implementation
- ✓ Organizational capacity building
- ✓ Development of simple sustainable economic models to vulnerable households.
- ✓ Gender and Social Inclusion
- ✓ Community Development and Sensitization.
- ✓ Private Service Provider-trainer of saving and lending groups.
- ✓ Microsoft Office and data analysis software
- ✓ Participatory Research Methods
- ✓ Budgeting and Planning.
- ✓ Proposal writing and Resource mobilization.
- ✓ Advocate for Sexual, Health and Reproductive Rights among Adolescents and Youths.

- ✓ Lecturing and tutoring of Development studies and Economics, Health Economics course & business studies.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

- ✓ **September 2022- December 11th 2025:** MSc Health Economics, management and Policy-MheP. University: The University of Nairobi (UONBI).
- ✓ **Research Project title:** EFFECTS OF DEMOGRAPHIC AND TREATMENT FACTORS ON HIV VIRAL SUPPRESSION AMONG ADOLESCENTS IN KILIFI COUNTY, KENYA.
- ✓ **September 2009-December 16th 2013:** Bachelor Degree (BA): Economics with IT. University: Maseno University Grade: Second Class Honors- (Upper division).
- ✓ **February 2004-November 2007 Secondary School:** Agoro Sare High School. Certificate/Grade: K.C.S.E B+.
- ✓ **January 1996-November 2003 Primary School:** Osodo primary School. Certificate/Grade: K.C.P.E B+

CREDENTIALS

- ✓ October 2025: Introduction to Health Technology Assessment [(HTA)|KEMRI-WELLCOME TRUST)] Certificate.
- ✓ November 2023: Resource Mobilization, Corporate Governance and USG fund compliance (Certificate).
- ✓ May 2022: Project Management (short Course) Oxford Home Study Centre
- ✓ October 2021: Gender and Sexual Diversity Training (GSD) USAID
- ✓ October 2019: OVC program case management domains. Catholic Relief Services (CRS).
- ✓ March 2018: Economic Strengthening Models for vulnerable households. USAID.
- ✓ January 2012: Relevance of statistics to Kenyan Economic Development, KNBS
- ✓ Feb 2012: Peer Education Training-I CHOOSE LIFE AFRICA.
- ✓ Feb 2011: Conflict management, resolution and transformation-GoK, World vision, CYD AFRICA

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Researcher & Trainer | DOJ Training & Consultancy Firm | November 2024 to Date

Designation: Researcher and Trainer

Responsibilities:

- Public health surveys and data analysis
- Financial management
- Entrepreneurship skills
- Saving and lending groups formation and training
- Leadership & governance
- Resources mobilization and proposal writing
- Positive parenting and behavior change
- Organizational strengthening & donor fund.
- Continuous Quality Improvement training
- Case management

Active Research Conducted: Public Health Research

Title: EFFECTS OF DEMOGRAPHIC AND TREATMENT FACTORS ON HIV VIRAL SUPPRESSION AMONG ADOLESCENTS IN KILIFI COUNTY, KENYA.(2024)

Project Coordinator | Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya | January 2022- February 2025

Project: USAID TUJITEGEMEE PROGRAM (OVC)

Designation: Project Coordinator (Kilifi County)

Responsibilities:

- Create linkage between the organization and all stakeholders including, Ministry of health (facilities), Department of children services, Department of social services, Department of trade, Ministry of education, Ministry of Agriculture. Main objective is to ensure seamless implementation of the project through coordinated support.
- Enforce the program scope of work, work plan and the approved budget to achieve the objectives of the project within the given timelines.
- Coordinate staffs through monthly and quarterly meetings. This ensures all staffs carry out their activities in a collaborative manner, hence, building teamwork.
- Advise the SMT team of the organization on matters governance and program.
- Compile monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual narrative reports which are shared to the donor and stakeholders for program progression analysis. Resource mobilizer through networking and open grant proposal writing.

Project Officer | Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya | March 2019-February 2021

Project: KRCS (PLHIV Networks Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening).

Designation: Project Officer (LoE)

Responsibilities:

- Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening of PLHIV CBO Networks.
- Training & Mentoring of the Board of governors, Board committee members and Staffs on; Organizational policies.
- Training Board and Staff members their distinct roles in project implementation.
- Developing Strategic plans for the Networks.
- Reviewing organizational policy documents and Organizational structures (Organogram)

Economic Strengthening Officer | Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya | February 2018-December 2021

Project: USAID Tujitegemee (OVC), MWENDO (CRS) and NILINDE (Plan International)

Designation: Economic Strengthening Officer-Kilifi County

Location: Kwale and Kilifi Counties.

Responsibilities:

- Coordination of all economic strengthening activities in both Counties.
- Identification and assessment of households affected/infected by HIV and AIDS to determine needs and provide direct services as per the project budget.
- Manage and mentor field Agent supervisors and Field Agents to ensure prudent service delivery to community as well as project goals.
- Mobilizes national government agencies, county government departments and stakeholders to create linkages and professional working relationships.
- Document reports (monthly, quarterly and annually) to inform the management decisions on achieving the project main goal.

Tutor | NAIROBI INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE COLLEGE| Jan 2016-May 2016

Responsibilities:

- Lectured accounts, economics, business management, ICT, CPA 1,2 &3, ATD.
- Prepared students in partaking KASNEB examinations successfully.
- Appointed as Dean of students by the college Director.

Tutor | Western Kenya Community Driven Development/Flood Mitigation Program-Busia County -WORLD BANK.| May 2013-August 2013

Designation: INTERNSHIP

Responsibilities:

- Stock-taking, branding, training communities on skills on procurement, finance, and book-keeping.
- Project Implementation in the community through guiding beneficiaries to develop business plans and proposals.
- Distribution of productive assets as procured by the program.
- Monitoring and evaluating the projects dependent on the proposals and budget lines.
- Evacuation of flood victims to higher grounds and providing humanitarian interventions

ACHIEVEMENTS

Project Coordinator

- Ranked as the best performing OVC site/partner by USAID technical team during SIMS/DSQA- 2023.
- Feted as the best OVC program coordinator by USAID SIMS team- issued with best performance certificate.
- Led the team in achieving the project COP22 caseload target by 100%
- Served project caseload at 100% by APR
- Built solid partnership spirit with all mapped stakeholders within the region including county government of Kilifi and Ministry of Health.
- Steward implementation of USAID Tujitegemee project according to the scope of work, work plan and approved budget.
- Influenced a significant portion of caregivers to join saving and lending groups which has seen them start and run small businesses.
- Mobilized and formed a multisector Quality Improvement Committee (QI)
- Built dependable team of staff for program implementation through mentorship and leadership
- Strengthened WOFAK brand among CSOs in Kilifi County.

Household Economic Strengthening

- Through participatory approach, engaged the County Government of Kwale and Kilifi through departments of Trade, Social development, Agriculture and children, to build sustainable economic models like saving groups, financial literacy, boosting small scale businesses and enrolling back youths to school.
- Trained parents/caregivers on effective saving groups and all are registered into at least a group. Improved income generating activities leading to economic growth pathway.
- Trained/capacity built a total of 56 Community Based Trainers (CBTs/Field Agents) on standardized SILC/VSLA models. Supervised and ensured they graduated to private service providers.
- Enrolled back youths aged 15-17 years to vocational training centers and monitor through graduation having obtained various skills including mechanics, plumbers, electricians, fashion designers, pastry experts.
- Graduation of 152 households from OVC program through achievement of economic resiliency.
- Formation of community economic technical committee encompassing extension agricultural officers, trade and value chain

stakeholders and county government departments.

- Developed business plans and market research strategies for SMEs run by youths and vulnerable women.

Project Officer (CAPACITY BUILDING AND INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING)

- Through participatory approach, engaged Board members of various assigned PLHIV Networks in reviewing their key policy documents/manuals. Supported their successful adoption and ratification by AGM members.
- Supported the Networks to develop Organizational structures and sensitization on management skills
- Trained Board members and staffs on leadership skills, project implementation responsibilities and channels of reporting.

REFEREES

- Benson Omor, Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP) USAID TUJITEGEMEE PROGRAM +254 721666092, Email: bomor@amurtafrica.org
- Prof. Martine Oleche, Chairman, Development studies and economics (University of Nairobi) +254 722285602 email: moleche@uonbi.ac.ke
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