



CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

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CAREER OBJECTIVE: Consultant, Trainer and Researcher in Public health

CAREER AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

Career attributes

Has been involved in establishment and management of Non-Governmental Organisations
Believes in quality research, evidence-based intervention, training and mentorship

Personal attributes

A team player and believes in personal motivation
Excellent skills in working independently as well as in a multicultural setting

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

A self-motivated professional, competent public health trainer and researcher with more than 10 years experience of community health training and research. Have seven years university teaching experience, students' mentoring and project supervision.

EDUCATION

DOCTORATE: Kenyatta University: December 2012 – July 2016

PhD in Public Health – Epidemiology and Disease Control

Thesis Title: 'Effects of Public Health Interventions on Intestinal Helminths and Protozoan

Infections Among School-going Children in Murang'a South District, Murang'a County, Kenya'

- Presented preliminary results in EAHPEA international conference on June 11th in Kampala
- Publication in progress

PhD research grants:

1. PRIME-K grant Award no. 1R24TWO08889 of USA National Institute of Health (NIH)
2. AstraZeneca Research Grant

MASTERS: Kenyatta University: September 2005 - Dec 2009:

Master in Public Health (Community Health and Nutrition).

Research: 'Effect of HIV/AIDS on Food Security in Makuyu Division, Murang'a South District, Kenya'

Findings published in a Book.

BACHELORS: University of Nairobi: 1993 - 1997:

Bachelors of Art (Anthropology)

Second class honours upper division

Alliance Françoise: 1995 to 1996: Diploma in French language.

Mugoiri Girls' High School: 1988 to 1991: Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education - B plain

Karega Primary School: 1980 to 1987: Kenya Certificate of Primary Education

EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT RECORD

September 2016 to date: Lecturer in Kenyatta University, School of Public Health, Department of Community Health

Areas of Specialization in Teaching:

Socio-medical sciences

Epidemiology and Disease control

Community Health

Disaster Management

Administrative Responsibilities

February 18th -26th 2017: Acting Chairman, Department of Community Health,

July 2014 to date: School of Public Health e-learning Coordinator

Nov 2012 to September 2016: Tutorial Fellow in Kenyatta University, School of Public Health, Department of Community health

Responsibilities include:

Preparation of training materials,

Teaching and examining students.

Supervising postgraduate students' research project
Conducting academic tours

Administrative Responsibilities

Department of Community Health Quality Management Coordinator
Member of Departmental Postgraduate Board
Member of Departmental anti-corruption Committee
Member of Departmental Linkages Committee
Member of Technical Working Group in Bsc. Health records Management curriculum review

Jan 2010 to Nov 2012: Part-time Lecturer of Public health Kenyatta University

May 2008 to Dec 2009 - Project Assistant at Dorcas Creations

Responsibilities:

- Conducting formative research
- Training in nutrition, family life, maternal and child health, life skills, and HIV/AIDS
- Counseling
- Project designing, planning, monitoring and evaluation.

June – July 2009 – Kenyatta University – Research assistant:

Research on Quality of Life Data collection and analysis

September 2006- April 2008 – Consultant Evaluator:

- World Vision Kenya Program Evaluation: Transformation Indicator Reporting for Moyale Area Development Program (ADP)
- World Vision Kenya Program Evaluation: - Kenya AIDS Treatment and Support of OVCs (KATSO), Makuyu ADP

July 2006 to July 2007 - Practicum at World Vision Kenya, Makuyu ADP

Roll Back Malaria Project, HIV/AIDS project and Food Security project.

Responsibilities:

- Health promotion; - Health Education to the community through Community Health Workers (specific areas covered were Roll out Malaria, Maternal and child health, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS)
- Assisting in health project planning, management , monitoring and evaluation
- Conducting Baseline survey for health and sanitation project

- Facilitation of management of health CBOs and Community Pharmacies Program evaluation analysis
- Preparation of Transformational Development Indicators (TDI)
- Writing TDI reports

January 2003 to August 2005 - Assistant Director/ Social Worker, Missions of Hope International

Responsibilities:

- In charge of Community Health Programme:
 - HIV/AIDS, Nutrition, Family health, Maternal and Child health, and Facilitating Community Health Education (CHE)
- Social work – Conducting baseline surveys, Identifying the needy families for support, counselling beneficiaries and their parents / guardians
- Assisting the Director in Personnel Management
- Facilitation of Information Management
- Resource mobilization
- Budgeting and financial management

March 2001 to Dec 2002 - Manager/Administrative Assistant at Children of the World NGO, Tumaini la watoto Centre

Responsibilities:

- Project Management
- Budgeting and Financial management
- Human resource management - staff supervision and development/capacity building
- Overseeing the day-to-day running of the organization
- Facilitating networking of the organization with other NGOs as well as the government departments
- Social work and Community Mobilization

2000 - 2001 - French Teacher, Thika School of Catering and Hotel Management

Responsibilities:

- Teaching and development of curriculum
- In charge of students career guidance and counselling

Jan 1999-May 2000: French Teacher, Muguga High School**Responsibility:**

Teaching and providing guidance and counselling to students and staff

Dec 1997 to Dec 1998 – Jewelleries Business Nairobi (self-employed)**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

Aug – Sept 2014 – Attended the South African Research Ethics Training Initiative (SARETI) at University of Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa

June 2014 – Attended EAHPEA international conference on **Strengthening systems for Health Professionals' Education** by Makerere University

August 2013 – Attended a 3-day **Innovative Teaching Methodologies and Clinical Mentorship** workshop at Ken workshop at Kenyatta University organised by PACE

July 2013 – Attended 3-days workshop on **Responsible Conduct in Research** by University of Nairobi and PRIME-K

June 2013 – Attended 3-days conference on **Transforming Health Professionals' Education** by Eastern Africa Health Educators Organisation (EAHPEA), Aga Khan University, and Anglia Ruskin University

April - May 2012 - Ifakara Malaria Course - Capacity Building in Malaria with a Focus on E-learning. Achievements from this training:

- Competency in the fight against malaria in endemic areas
- Knowledge and expertise in research activities in the field of malaria
- Malaria Control, surveillance, health systems and economic
- Competence in self- and e-learning
- Competency in developing malaria basic training courses and material

March 2010 - Leadership Training, Target Training International (TTI)

Aug 2004 - Christian Leadership Skills, Haggai Institute

2003 – 2004 - Christian Counselling, Missions of Hope, Nairobi

Achievements in mentoring, supervision and management

Currently supervising nine postgraduate students in Kenyatta University

Supervised eighteen undergraduate Public Health, all have graduated

Establishment of Community Health Education Program at Missions of Hope, Nairobi

Established Project management system at Tumaini la Watoto

Hobbies: Writing, swimming, singing, travelling and reading

REFERENCES

1. Dr. Isaac Mwanzo (PhD)

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