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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

With over eight years of experience supporting field research, surveys, and data-driven programs in economy, health, development, and research contexts, I am a meticulous research assistant and Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) officer. Strong foundation in data quality assurance, informed consent, electronic data collection, survey methodology, and ethical research with vulnerable populations. Highly skilled in mobile data collection tools, statistical analysis, and reporting, and passionately pro-choice.

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- Field Research & Survey Implementation
 - Electronic Data Collection (Mobile Devices)
 - Ethical Research Practice
 - Client Recruitment & Interviewing
 - Data Quality Assurance.
 - Daily Activity Logs & Field Reporting
 - Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods
 - Team Collaboration.
 - Field Coordination.
 - Technology-Savvy.
 - Very Fast Learner
 - Excellent Communication Skills
 - Capacity Building & Training
 - Program & Operations Support
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TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Data Collection & Analysis: KoboToolbox, SurveyCTO, ODK, SPSS, STATA, Excel (Advanced), Python, R, Power BI.
 - Varied survey methods – Qualitative, quantitative, online, in-person, focus groups.
 - Sampling techniques, questionnaire design, baseline/midline/endline surveys
 - Data Systems: Cloud-based databases, data security, Data management
 - Reporting: Field activity reports, dashboards, Report writing, and presentations.
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RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

IT & Strategic Data Manager

Alibert Products Nigeria Limited – Abuja, Nigeria

May 2017 – Present

- Led research to improve organizational performance.
- Analyzed sales and operational datasets to identify high-performing products and locations, contributing to revenue growth.
- Led organization-wide data centralization and cloud migration, achieving a 40% reduction in IT costs and improved operational efficiency.

- Managed cross-functional teams across IT, data, and operations functions.
 - Designed and implemented biometric staff management systems, eliminating over 30 ghost and absentee workers and reducing personnel costs by 20%.
 - Produced periodic analytical reports and situation updates for management decision-making.
 - Ensured data integrity, security, and continuity of services for over 300 staff locally and internationally.
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MEL / IT Officer

LevelUpRecyclers – Abuja, Nigeria

February 2024 – Present

- Coordinated routine field monitoring and data collection in vulnerable and conflict-affected settings.
 - Ensured ethical engagement with women, youth, and persons with disabilities.
 - Trained field staff on mobile data tools, safeguarding, and quality assurance monitoring.
 - Supported accountability and community feedback mechanisms, ensuring inclusive participation of women, youth, and vulnerable groups.
 - Trained project staff and community facilitators on ethical data collection, safeguarding, and basic IT skills.
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Evaluation & Learning (MEL) Officer / Data Analyst (Part-Time)

Superskills Nigeria Limited – Abuja, Nigeria

June 2020 – Present

- Led baseline, midline, and endline surveys, including questionnaire design, sampling, and enumerator guidance.
 - Managed end-to-end electronic data collection and ensured adherence to ethical standards.
 - Reviewed field activities daily and produced structured field and activity reports.
 - Analyzed survey data and presented findings to stakeholders.
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Research & M&E Assistant

Ikechi Ibeji Associates – Port Harcourt, Nigeria

February 2014 – December 2016

- Supported field-based research activities, including client recruitment, interviews, and survey administration.
 - Assisted in training and supervising enumerators on survey protocols, informed consent, and use of electronic questionnaires.
 - Conducted data collection using mobile devices and ensured timely upload to central servers.
 - Documented refusals, maintained daily field logs, and supported data quality checks. Collaborated with supervisors to review daily activities and address field challenges.
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EDUCATION

Master of Science (MSc) – Statistics

University of Abuja, Nigeria | 2022

Bachelor of Science (BSc Hons) – Statistics & Computer Science (Second Class Upper)

University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria | 2014

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- *A Bayesian Belief Network for Risk Assessment of COVID-19 in Nigeria: A Case Study of University of Abuja Teaching Hospital*. ASUU Journal of Science, Vol. 8 (1 & 2), 2021.

Contributed to multiple peer-reviewed local and international research publications

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- M&E Certificates – Planning for Monitoring & Evaluation; From Data Collection to Data Use (FHI 360 / Philanthropy University)
 - Research Methodology & Qualitative Interviewing
 - DHIS2 Training
 - Google Advanced Data Analytics
 - Biostatistics – NextGenU
 - Applied Data Science Lab – WorldQuant University
 - Advanced Data Visualization – Udemy
 - Python for Data Science & Machine Learning – Udemy
 - Statistics: The Science of Decisions.
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LANGUAGES

English (Fluent) | Igbo (Fluent) | Yoruba (Conversational) | Hausa (Conversational)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Statistics Without Borders – Project Volunteer
VSO Nigeria – Mathematics Instructor