

UX / UI DESIGNER

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WORK EXPERIENCE

UX / UI Designer

AKVO

October 2021 - Present

In my role at Akvo, I am dedicated to collaboratively working with WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene) specialists, software engineers, and international development stakeholders worldwide to create innovative techsolutions to complex issues. My daily responsibilities involve the application of Design Thinking to craft tailored, user-centric solutions for Akvo's broad client base.

My strong user research practices are a key aspect of my role. I lead and conduct thorough usability tests on Akvo's portfolio of products, providing invaluable insights into user behavior and product performance.

These findings form the foundation of our iterative design process, allowing us to continuously refine both the aesthetics and functionality of our offerings, thus ensuring that we deliver an optimal user experience.

Design Consultant

Ogilvy Africa

March 2021 - September 2021

I primarily worked with Strategists, Marketers and Copywriters from across the continent to design and build engaging campaigns for household brands serving millions of customers across the region, this often entails the development of a broad range of visuals ranging from data vis, infographics, maps et al to complement and augment our client's storytelling and communication efforts. Further I dive into the UI/UX of Client's interactive websites and platforms to bring them in line with the longterm strategic business objectives as well as user goals and emerging trends.

Senior Data Vis Designer

Code for Africa - Lagos, Nairobi, Kampala, Dar es Salaam & Capetown

Sep 2018 - March 2021

Roles: Design data visualizations, infographics, maps and other visual devices for CfA's storytelling and communication. Work with journalists and developers from across the continent to design and build engaging static and interactive visualizations and tools. Dive into the UI/UX of CfA's interactive websites and tools to bring them in line with the User's goals as well as emerging trends. Harmonize the look and feel of CfA's products, content and brands. Develop and maintain the organization's design guidelines. Take part in training and community events as a trainer and help review courseware created to teach data journalism

Design Consultant

Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD)

July 2019 - August 2019

The Catholic Agency For Overseas Development (CAFOD) published a series of reports with the aim of bringing voices and examples from the ground into discussions about how to implement Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SGDs) in a transformational way. The five reports are meant to help civil society organisations in their engagement with policy-makers at national and global level.

My role was to layout and format the information contained in the reports in a logical and visually engaging way such that the different audiences for which the reports were intended, could easily navigate and consume the information therein on print as well as digital media.

Product Designer

Data For Change - Nairobi

June 2019 - July 2019

My role in the Defy Hate Now project (a South Sudan based civic tech start-up combating the spread and impact of Fake news and other forms of Misinformation) was to develop the visual identity of SIFTA (Space for Ideas, Freedom, Transformation and Action) which was a multi-pronged initiative that developed interventions in Education, Policy, Technology and Strategic Partnerships with the objective of mitigating the impact of Fake News and Misinformation in fuelling conflict in South Sudan.

Apart from the initiative's branding I also developed the User Interface for the tech intervention which was a platform that leveraged data from social media as well as other sources to showcase the reach, engagement and factfulness of content shared on the various media platforms in South Sudan.



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WORK EXPERIENCE

Volunteer

Lakehub - Kisumu

June 2015 - June 2017

Volunteered as a Python Trainer at Lakehub. My responsibilities included coordinating user group activities, developing training schedules and material for the group. Further, I participated in developing and drafting proposals for projects that focus on Python and the Raspberry Pi as the core technologies.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Commerce

The University of Nairobi

March 2008 - June 2012

Management Information Systems Option - This is where I got my introduction to the world of tech and it's potential to positively impact if not solve the complex social challenges of our times.

SKILLS

