

ESCRIVA E. JOSEMARIA

has a professional background in humanitarian coordination, community health, and emergency MEAL systems, with a strong passion for bridging the gap between data and human experience to strengthen evidence-based decision-making. Results-driven and tech-savvy, he brings expertise in project management, monitoring and evaluation, and has championed initiatives aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. Escriva has contributed to rapid needs assessments, vaccination campaigns, and community-driven health programs, while developing innovative feedback systems and real-time data visualization tools that improve accountability and impact. He has led learning exercises, capacity-building initiatives, and after-action reviews that enhanced adaptability during emergencies, and has collaborated with NGOs, hospitals, and national health systems to deliver inclusive programs for vulnerable populations. With multiple publications and diverse projects to his name, and holding multiple certifications that reinforce his ability to lead multi-sector initiatives with accountability and resilience, he continues to champion people-centered, data-informed approaches that drive systemic change and build resilient health and humanitarian systems.

SKILLS

TECHNICAL & ANALYTICAL

Data Collection & Analysis: KoboToolbox | ODK | CommCare | SPSS | Excel (Advanced) | Research Analysis Tools
CRM & Database Management | Microsoft Office Suite (Word | Excel | PowerPoint | Outlook) | Google Suite | SAP Concur

PROJECT & PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Asana | Trello | MS Project | Slack | Zoom | Humanitarian Coordination | Stakeholder Engagement | Crisis Management |
Decision Making | Problem Solving | Teamwork | Leadership | Capacity Building

RESEARCH & FIELD METHODS

Field Research | Mixed Methods | Ethnographies | Desk Review | Participatory Observation | Monitoring & Evaluation

COMMUNICATION & WRITING

Report Writing | Storytelling | Writing | Teaching | Innovating | Grant Writing | Creating | Health Promotion Materials |
Communication Design

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent) | Swahili (Fluent) | Spanish (Basic)

EDUCATION

2024 | **BS. in Community Health and Development** | Catholic University Of Eastern Africa

EXPERIENCE

Professional

St. Martha Hospital | Kenya

Health Systems Program Manager

09/ 2024 – Present

- Designing and leading five community health programs focused on preventive care and outreach for underserved populations in Trans Nzoia County, coordinating cross-functional teams and local partners, which is expanding access to services for 2,000+ people and improving vaccination uptake by 25%.
- Managing multi-stakeholder communication channels and schedules for 20+ staff and partner organizations, ensuring smooth execution of 30+ trainings, meetings, and outreach activities annually, strengthening collaboration and improving service delivery efficiency by 20%.
- Applying data tools (DHIS2, Excel, Power BI) to track program performance, producing monthly reports with actionable insights, which are guiding decision-making and improving program efficiency by reducing reporting delays by 30%.
- Facilitating client and community feedback mechanisms, increasing responsiveness and accountability, which is driving a 15% rise in community trust scores and greater uptake of maternal health services.
- Coordinating and delivering 12 training sessions and learning exercises for staff annually, enhancing skills in health promotion, data reporting, and community outreach, which is increasing staff capacity and adaptability to evolving program needs.

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- Developed and wrote grant proposals to secure funding for community health and preventive programs, aligning donor priorities with local needs and ensuring sustainability of interventions.
- Developing and implementing health education initiatives, advocacy campaigns, and referral systems that reach more than 2,000 community members, raising awareness on preventive care and improving access to services through culturally sensitive approaches.
- Designing and implementing staff wellness programs, including mental health sessions and preventive screenings, boosting staff well-being and early detection of chronic conditions while optimizing resource use.
- Producing bilingual IEC materials, posters, and brochures, leveraging graphic design skills to improve health literacy and increase engagement across diverse audiences.

St. Martha Hospital | Kenya
Community Health Associate

06/ 2023 – 09/ 2024

- Conducted baseline and follow-up surveys with over 800 participants using KoboToolbox and ODK, which improved monitoring of outreach activities and provided reliable data that informed hospital decision-making.
- Assisted in developing and coordinating client satisfaction feedback mechanisms that collected input from 500+ patients annually, which shaped service delivery improvements and boosted hospital responsiveness by 20%.
- Compiled monthly surveillance reports and integrated findings into hospital planning, which enabled timely responses to emerging public health risks and strengthened alignment with district health priorities.
- Coordinated with district health teams to harmonize monitoring tools, ensuring outreach data complied with national reporting requirements and improved consistency across five sub-counties.
- Produced weekly monitoring updates highlighting outreach trends and gaps, which guided hospital management decisions and improved program effectiveness by reducing duplication of outreach activities by 15%.
- Scheduled and coordinated 25+ community outreach events in partnership with local groups, which increased participation by 30% and promoted health awareness among underserved populations.
- Managed patient and outreach databases covering more than 5,000 records, which improved accuracy of follow-ups, strengthened tracking systems, and enhanced coordination of health services.

WHO Polio Eradication Campaign | Kenya
Vaccination specialist

10/ 2024 – 11/ 2024

- Directed monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL) systems for WHO-funded mass polio vaccination campaigns, ensuring quality data collection across multiple high-priority sites.
- Designed and implemented post-campaign coverage surveys, providing evidence of vaccination reach and generating insights to improve future immunization drives.
- Established a biometric attendance system for 50+ campaign staff, improving payroll accuracy and strengthening overall accountability.
- Conducted on-site data verification in alignment with WHO monitoring protocols, ensuring compliance and reliability of campaign data.
- Administered polio vaccines to 3,000+ children, achieving 98% immunization coverage in target communities and contributing to national eradication efforts.
- Led health promotion talks and designed targeted awareness campaigns, which increased vaccination uptake by 30% among high-risk populations.
- Collaborated with health teams, community leaders, and partners to streamline logistics and reporting, ensuring smooth execution and timely delivery of campaign outcomes.

Fikisha BWABKenya | Kenya
Community Health Outreach Specialist

02/ 2023 – 05/ 2024

- Organized outreach programs on mental health, sexual health, and hygiene, reaching over 500 marginalized youth and improving health literacy by 25%.

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- Delivered Saturday tutoring sessions for early primary learners, enhancing literacy and numeracy among 50+ children in underserved communities.
- Conducted household visits and juvenile school engagements to extend health education access, strengthen family support, and promote mental well-being.
- Facilitated culturally relevant workshops on stress management, self-care, and healthy relationships, improving participant engagement by 40%.
- Mentored vulnerable street-involved teens, providing guidance, psychosocial support, and life skills that fostered resilience and positive behavioral change.
- Coordinated wellness activities such as sports events and health education forums, creating safe community spaces for youth to connect and learn.
- Developed bilingual communication materials (English/Swahili) and managed community messaging, boosting outreach effectiveness and participation by 50%.

Freelance | Kenya

Academic & Research Assistant

01/ 2025 – Present

- Supported 20+ students in researching and developing projects on mental health, wellness, and community health promotion, ensuring academic rigor and producing projects that were showcased at institutional forums.
- Provided technical guidance in data analysis using Excel and SPSS, which improved students' ability to interpret health datasets accurately and increased project approval rates by 25%.
- Guided clients in designing educational materials and presentations on wellness topics, which enhanced communication effectiveness and reached an audience of over 200 peers and community members.
- Reviewed academic content to ensure alignment with evidence-based health and wellness principles, which strengthened academic quality and improved grading outcomes for participating students.
- Coordinated and facilitated 10+ academic workshops and peer learning sessions, fostering collaborative knowledge exchange and boosting student participation rates by 40%.

PUBLICATIONS

Research Publication

- Escriva, J. (2025, July 26). Unraveling the factors contributing to the development of mental health problems in young adults aged 18–25 (Version 1.0). Catholic University of Eastern Africa. [Zenodo](#).
- Ekumba, E. J. (2025, September 13). Anchoring the SDGs in moral leadership: East Africa's development through Mandela's lens (Version 1.0). Independent scholarly article. [Zenodo](#).

Professional Articles & Commentaries

- Escriva, J. (2025, September 05). Suicide and the gender paradox. [LinkedIn](#).
- Escriva, J. (2025, August 21). A disease that should belong to history. [LinkedIn](#).
- Escriva, J. (2025, September 09). Mental health as the foundation of support for university students. [Medium](#).
- Escriva, J. (2025, September 15). Tackling NCDs through prevention and policy (Kenya). [Medium](#).
- Escriva, J. (2025, September 01). Rethinking rehabilitation pathways for street-connected children. [Medium](#).

VOLUNTEER

Kenya Red Cross Society | Kenya

Community Health Promoter

02/ 2025 – Present

- Spearheading hygiene sensitization and health education campaigns targeting asylum seekers and host communities, fostering behavioral change and improved public health practices.

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- Strengthening humanitarian response efforts by assisting 200+ asylum seekers from Congo, Sudan, and neighboring regions with family tracing and reunification, improving psychosocial stability and family integration.
- Conducting 300+ initial medical screenings and coordinating timely referrals, ensuring vulnerable displaced populations are gaining access to essential healthcare within 48 hours of arrival.
- Promoting environmental and community resilience through 10+ tree-planting drives, market clean-up campaigns, and disaster preparedness initiatives, benefiting over 2,000 community members and improving communal safety.
- Facilitating 5 blood donation drives in collaboration with local health facilities, securing 500+ pints of blood and boosting the availability of life-saving medical resources.
- Leading community-based interventions on gender-based violence (GBV) and nutrition, raising awareness among 1,000+ refugees and host community members, safeguarding dignity and improving nutrition practices.
- Organizing 20+ educational programs and house visits for children of asylum seekers, enhancing literacy, providing psychosocial support, and easing integration into local schools.
- Assisting in food and nutrition programs by coordinating 5,000+ meal distributions and dietary assessments, contributing to improved food security for displaced individuals.
- Championing volunteer engagement by promoting Red Cross principles, recruiting 50+ new members, and strengthening grassroots participation in humanitarian activities.

Kenya Works Shelter Works | Kenya
Community Health Promoter

05/ 2022 – 08/ 2022

- Delivered health promotion sessions in a children's home and with single mothers, raising awareness on hygiene, nutrition, and mental wellbeing.
- Mentored vulnerable children and youth through structured learning, Saturday tutoring, and house visits, improving literacy and emotional resilience.
- Supported day-to-day caregiving tasks such as meal preparation, cleaning, and firewood collection, ensuring safe and nurturing living conditions for 40+ children.
- Coordinated community outreach activities including school visits, juvenile center engagements, and wellness talks, expanding program reach to at-risk youth.
- Facilitated peer-to-peer mentoring and group activities, empowering children to build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills.
- Documented participation and feedback during outreach and educational activities, contributing to program monitoring and continuous improvement.
- Provided psychosocial support to single mothers and guardians, helping them build coping strategies and strengthen family care practices.

CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

UNICEF (Agora) | Child Safeguarding Training |

Aug 14, 2025

Core child-rights principles, safeguarding policy, incident reporting, and safe programming for work with children and vulnerable groups.

UN & UN agencies (via UNICEF Agora) | Preventing and Addressing Sexual Harassment at UNICEF |

Aug 14, 2025

Standards of conduct, prevention strategies, survivor-centered response, and accountability mechanisms across UN settings.

UNICEF (Agora) | Introduction to Evidence Co-Creation |

Aug 14, 2025

Participatory approaches to generating actionable evidence with communities, stakeholders, and program teams.

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UNICEF (Agora) Fundamentals of Thought Leadership in the Digital Age Building credible ideas, publishing for impact, and leveraging digital channels for advocacy and partnerships.	Aug 14, 2025
UN & UN agencies (via UNICEF Agora) Prevention of sexual harassment and abuse of authority (2021 version) Policy awareness, reporting pathways, and prevention of abuse of authority within UN operations.	Aug 14, 2025
UNICEF (Agora) Public Health Reporting Best practices for public-health data collection, analysis, and timely reporting to inform program decisions.	Aug 14, 2025
Kenya Red Cross Society Occupational First Aid Practical first response: scene safety, CPR, bleeding/shock management, and basic life support for workplace incidents. (user-provided)	Mar 22, 2025
Coursera (University of Maryland) Financial Management (Specialization) Financial statements, cash-flow analysis, risk and investment evaluation; applied metrics for business decision-making.	Jan 27, 2025
Coursera (University of Maryland) Cybersecurity for Everyone Fundamentals of cyber risk, threat landscapes, and practical protections for individuals and organizations.	Jan 27, 2025
Coursera (AMNH & HHMI) Ecology: Ecosystem Dynamics and Conservation Ecosystem structure, species interactions, and conservation strategies rooted in current ecological science.	Jan 27, 2025
Coursera (Google) Google Project Management (Professional Certificate) Initiation, planning, execution, agile, and capstone practice; tools and methods for end-to-end project delivery.	Jan 24, 2025
Coursera (Imperial College London) Creative Thinking: Techniques and Tools for Success Divergent/convergent ideation, design-thinking tools, and structured creativity for problem-solving.	Jan 24, 2025
Coursera (University of Cape Town) Educating Deaf Children: Becoming an Empowered Teacher (with honors) Inclusive pedagogy, communication strategies, and classroom adaptation for deaf learners.	Jan 24, 2025
Coursera (University of Sydney) Positive Psychiatry and Mental Health Mental-health literacy, positive psychology, and evidence-based wellbeing practices.	Jan 24, 2025
Membership Kenya Red Cross Society, Life Member Lifetime membership recognizing commitment to humanitarian principles; active engagement in KRCS volunteer programs. (user-provided)	2025 – Present