

BARKOT TAMIRU

HEALTH ADVOCATE, PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a passionate and dedicated public health professional with over 8 years of experience in health promotion, program management, communication and partnership building in public health, and development programs. I have proven expertise in project management health systems strengthening, maternal child health and nutrition (MCHN), community health, HIV/AIDS, digital health, capacity building, child protection, and participation, research, and evaluation.

I have a Master's in Public Health, a Master of Arts in Project Management, a Bachelor of Science in Public Health, certified in Project management (PMDPro), and selected an African Youth Leadership Fellow (AYL-DC) and as an MAU-E delegate for the Pre-AU Youth Summit. I'm proficient in English and possess advanced skills in Microsoft Office and health statistics analysis software.

I am currently working for Food for the Hungry International, as a Health and Nutrition Officer for SRH, a maternal and health nutrition, and mental health program, and have previously worked with TRI and TLMI where I handled donor-funded projects and pilot programs for the health sector which helped shape my commitment to impactful health program work.

I am instrumental in driving and supporting community health, maternal and child health and nutrition, sanitation and hygiene, and mental health, in the regions of Ethiopia, and this has enabled me to establish relationships with organizations like World Vision, Care, and other partners, also working closely with the respective zonal and regional government sectors and civil society organizations to drive strategic partnerships.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE & SKILLS

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| • Health Systems | • People Management |
| • Community Health | • Leadership Skills |
| • Capacity Building | • Stakeholder Engagement & Networking |
| • Health Advocacy & Dialogue | • Relationship Building |
| • Management Reporting | • Problem-solving skills |
| • Program Development | • Communication & Interpersonal Skills |
| • Project Management | • Adaptability |
| • Programs Review | • Risk Management |
| • Quantitative & Qualitative Data Analysis | |

SYSTEMS KNOWLEDGE

MS Office Suite

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Certification in Project management (PMD Pro)
- Certification in Quality Healthcare Improvement

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIP

- Certificate of Appreciation by Three Roots International
- JL MCF Fellow, Entrepreneurship Leadership Development – Queens University
- TLMI awarded a certificate of recognition for successful program support

WORK EXPERIENCE

HEALTH AND NUTRITION OFFICER

Food for the Hungry International

March 2020 - to date

Achievements

- Successfully led the implementation of the FHI RFSA-PReSERVE integrated activity focusing on nutrition, SBC, health systems strengthening, FSL, and mental health projects carried out for host and emergency communities to improve the food security of vulnerable households in targeted PSNP communities in Amhara Region and contributed to a sustained reduction in rural poverty.
- Remarkable contribution to emergency health and nutrition response projects development initiatives and other strategic assignments and managing a multi-thousand-dollar FHI health and nutrition program portfolio implemented. Also, established a strong monitoring and evaluation system and set standards for project implementation.

Key Responsibilities

- Responsible for FHI cross-organizational response to nutrition, SRH, Hygiene and Sanitation, and mental health.
- Identified potential nutrition and related projects for development and led on the concept note and proposal development while liaising with interested partners and stakeholders, and conducted nutritional assessments and surveys following the nationally approved survey protocol and feed assessment results into proposals.
- Prepared detailed work plan and budget plan for health and nutrition activities and ensured implementation of planned activities according to the work plan adhering to the budget according to FHI standards and overseeing program spending per budgets and pipelines.
- Facilitated the development and adaptation of nutrition education training manuals and facilitator's guide based on existing national nutrition protocols and curricula including training follow-up.
- Ensured strong linkage of nutrition components with other components of the project such as agriculture, WASH, and disaster prevention and preparedness, and provided technical support to colleagues managing health and nutrition-sensitive interventions including in the agriculture and livelihood sectors, social protection, and humanitarian platforms.
- Developed, implemented, and evaluated quality assurance measures and ensured appropriate follow-up of project implementation to review progress towards objectives through organizing regular review meetings, updates, and experience-sharing meetings among staff.
- Managed staff recruitment and training, conducted performance monitoring in collaboration with HR, and ensured that standards and protocols were adhered to.

TECHNICAL CONSULTANT

Three Roots International - TRI

April 2022- December 2023

Achievements

- Designed and rolled out, at all levels, project-specific management tools including reporting templates, progress monitoring tools, and work plans to improve project workflow accountability.
- Served as adviser for TRI's health programs on strengthening community health and public health programs, with a budget of \$2 million drove the organization's support for the health sector beyond 2023.

Key Responsibilities

- Provided technical advice and expertise to the health, and humanitarian programs ensuring the implementation of the projects and achievement of the agreed deliverables.
- In consultation with the technical team, conceptualized and designed proposals for new projects and made amendments to current projects in accordance with donor specifications.
- Planned and delivered direct technical support to program design, management, and implementation.

- Performed research, analysis, and counseling work in regional community health and public health nutrition programs.
- Supported and oversaw appropriate interventions and implementation where necessary and regularly reviewed these against forecasts and action plans to enable integrated planning.
- Reviewed and shared program-specific tools to contextualize and adapt global and country-specific materials including developing educational curriculum materials for beneficiaries.
- Provided support for the implementation of grants and project activities to ensure timely and quality achievement of goals and objectives of the projects and within budget constraints.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

October 2021 - July 2023

VOLUNTEER

October 2021 - July 2023

THE LEPROSY MISSION INTERNATIONAL

Achievements

- Coordinated and participated in the development of proposals and concept notes.
- Facilitated research studies, developed protocol, data management, and analysis of the Leprosy survey including baseline and end-line surveys, and prepared summary reports.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop and implement leprosy and healthcare programs in alignment with the organization's mission and objectives.
- Documented and presented project learning capabilities and opportunities as required.
- Collaborate with the team to design projects that address the needs of individuals affected by leprosy and other marginalized communities.
- Provide guidance and mentorship to team members and healthcare workers to enhance their knowledge and skills.
- Actively participated in strategic planning, leveraging M&E data and insights to set program goals, objectives, and targets that were measurable, achievable, and aligned with organizational priorities

WASH FACILITATOR

FH ETHIOPIA

February 2019 – March 2020

Achievements

- Produced educational resource materials on sanitation and hygiene, and Baby WASH, and monitored the implementation of the program policy regularly.
- Developed project implementation standards, tools, assessments, training, supportive supervision, and best practice documentation.

Key Responsibilities

- Oversaw the implementation of WASH projects, ensuring that they are carried out effectively, efficiently, and in line with the organization's objectives and standards.
- Providing technical guidance on water supply, sanitation, and hygiene promotion, which may include the design and construction of water systems, and sanitation facilities, and promoting safe hygiene practices.
- Responsible for conducting survey designs, feasibility studies, site selections, and documentation of Water, Sanitation, and other Infrastructures of the HUB program.
- Provided training and building the capacity of local staff and community members to ensure the sustainability of WASH
- In collaborated with the Area Managers and Admin department, supported the timely submission of purchase requests and ensure the timely development of project documentation for tenders, supplies, and sub-contracts.

FIELD SUPERVISOR/TEAM LEADER

BDS CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE

November 2018- January 2019

Achievements

- Managed research tools, protocols for data quality checks, back check tools, and troubleshoot encountered filed issues.
- Led successfully the field staff to establish ethical protocols during the interviews and recommended improvements and modifications.

Key Responsibilities

- Participated in community mobilization activities, including district launches and public gatherings.
- Provided implementation and monitoring support in the planning and implementation of the THIS in the regions.
- Oversaw the SLM survey work and offered input and expertise.
- Ensured the study was completed according to plan schedules, policy, and standards.
- Monitored and assessed the quality of the work of the team, and review the questionnaires for completeness, consistency, and accuracy.

COMMUNITY HEALTH FACILITATOR

LOVE IN ACTION ETHIOPIA NGO (LIAE)

June 2018 – October 2018

Achievements

- Designed local reporting procedures for high-risk adolescents within the organization and project beneficiaries.
- Produced IEC materials to support the overarching behaviour change for vulnerable communities, and incorporated them in project activities to use through peer education sessions and outreach HTS programs.
- Strengthen the provision of direct clinical services in targeted towns in collaboration with PSI and establish referral linkage for HTC and STI services through a voucher system.

Key Responsibilities

- Ensured the proper expenditure and timely utilization of the budget allocated for the MULU KP/PP projects and prepared periodic work plans and reports, overseeing the project's implementation
- Created and strengthened networking with other organizations to ensure referral linkage for ongoing support and well-being of beneficiaries.
- Provided technical support to the community level structures like prevention committees and FSWs PLHA associations.
- Responsible for advocating for programs that promote the health and well-being of the community.
- Train and mentor other project staff and government healthcare professionals and community health workers.
- Implemented index case testing through an evidence-based approach to delivering a high yield of victims.
- Coordinated and facilitated district-level review meetings and participated in partnership forums.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Primary Health Care Unit Coordinator Ensaro Area district Health Office June 2017 - May 2018
- OPD Nurse T.dur Health Center September 2016 – May 2017

PART-TIME CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- **Supportive Supervisor for Social work service provider (February - November 2023) Contractor:** - The Leprosy Mission Ethiopia
- **Experience as Training Facilitator in the areas of:** Community mobilization for nurturing care groups, nutrition; Life Skills; RH & HIV/AIDS; early Childhood development and protection, (2020-2022)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2023 **JL MCF Fellow Entrepreneurship Leadership Development**
Queens University
- 2022 **Master of Public Health with specialization in Health System Management**
Zemen Post Graduate College, Dessie, Ethiopia
- 2021 **Master of Arts Project Management**
Zemen Post Graduate College, Dessie, Ethiopia
- 2016 **BSc. Public Health**
Hawassa University, Hawassa, Ethiopia

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Health Care Quality Improvement
- TOT Certificate on Nurturing Care Group and Early Childhood Development
- Certification in Project Management in Development (PMDPro)
- TOT Certificate on Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS)
- Certification on HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment

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