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Health Programs & Gender Specialist

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## ABOUT ME

I am a service-driven and dedicated health programs and gender specialist with extensive experience in program management,

gender mainstreaming, HIV care and treatment, reproductive health, and maternal and child health.

My expertise lies in

stakeholder engagement, policy implementation, and strengthening health systems to promote gender equity and public health.

I have worked with USAID, PEPFAR, and other organizations to enhance healthcare programs and improve community health outcomes.

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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Program/Project Management & Implementation
  - Gender Mainstreaming & Policy Implementation
  - Advocacy & Stakeholder Engagement
  - Capacity Building & Training
  - Social Inclusion & Gender Equity
  - Monitoring & Evaluation
  - Budgeting & Program Reporting
  - Quality Assurance & Best Practices Documentation
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program Officer - RH & Gender, USAID Boresha Jamii (March 2022 - Present)

- Conduct gender analysis to assess gaps and recommend solutions for integration into health programs.
- Lead implementation of reproductive health guidelines, policies, and strategies.
- Manage program budgets and submit regular reports to funding agencies.
- Engage with CBOs, county officials, and stakeholders to promote gender equity in healthcare.
- Facilitate capacity-building sessions on gender equality and women empowerment.
- Coordinate SGBV response activities and advocate for improved policies.
- Monitor gender-focused initiatives to measure impact and effectiveness.

Gender Coordinator, University of Washington (May 2017 - December 2021)

- Integrated gender considerations into the PEPFAR/JSI-funded PRIYA project.
- Developed strategies to address gender-based stigma and discrimination in HIV prevention.
- Trained research staff on gender-sensitive methodologies and unconscious bias.
- Identified barriers to PrEP uptake and advocated for improved access for women.
- Partnered with community groups to increase awareness of PrEP benefits.
- Documented best practices, challenges, and success stories in gender-focused HIV prevention.

Chlorhexidine Implementation Coordinator, APHIA Plus/PATH (October 2015 - December 2016)

- Managed the Chlorhexidine for Cord Care project, overseeing 74 nurses and 10 data clerks.
- Led county-wide implementation and budgeting for Chlorhexidine activities.
- Conducted data collection on program impact and collaborated on strategic decisions.
- Engaged in county-level training for Maternal and Neonatal Health (MNH) services.

PMTCT Nurse, ICAP of Columbia (January 2012 - August 2015)

- Ensured comprehensive HIV testing for antenatal mothers and facilitated ARV treatment.
- Led monitoring and follow-up of HIV-exposed infants.
- Maintained records and reported key program data for PMTCT services.

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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Master's Degree in Project Management, University of Nairobi (2020 - 2022)
  - Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Eastern Africa, Baraton (2012 - 2016)
  - Diploma in Community Health Nursing, KMTC Kisumu (2006 - 2010)
  - Comprehensive Reproductive Health, Kakamega KMTC (2022)
  - Leadership & Management in Health, University of Washington (2018)
  - Epidemiology for Global Health, University of Washington (2018)
  - HIV Counseling & Testing, Kenya Institute of Public Health (2010)
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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Nursing Council of Kenya
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## REFERENCES

Available upon request.