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Profile

Strategic global health leader with over 15 years of experience in **private sector engagement, global partnerships, and program development** across biotech, nonprofit, and research sectors. Proven ability to design **high-impact, accountable partnerships** with pharmaceutical, diagnostics, and health technology companies to expand global access to innovative medicines. Expertise in grantmaking, with a track record of securing several millions of dollars throughout my career, as well as negotiating agreements, and developing cross-sector, cross-cultural collaborations that drive health equity. Thought leader in program **monitoring & evaluation, quality improvement, digital health, and regulatory strategy**, with demonstrative success in influencing **local, national, and global policy** and promotes **improved quality, expanded access, and more sustainable health service delivery** in settings of limited resources.

Expertise

Strategic Partnerships & Business Development — Expert

Cultivating high-impact collaborations across private and public sectors.

Program Leadership & Execution — Proficient

Driving the implementation of global health programs with measurable outcomes.

Fundraising & Resource Mobilization — Proficient

Securing funding from private sector, foundations, and institutional donors.

Monitoring, Evaluation & Impact Measurement — Competent

Designing MEL frameworks for program assessment and accountability.

Stakeholder & Government Relations — Competent

Engaging Ministries of Health, NGOs, and corporate leaders to expand health initiatives.

Certificates

- Leadership & Partnership Development in Global Health | Clinton Global University, Clinton Health Access Initiative
- Project Management for Health Research | Vancouver Coastal Health
- Collaborative Scientific Writing in Global Health Research, Grand Challenges

Education

PhD, Population & Public Health,

University of British Columbia [🔗](#)

2021 | Vancouver, Canada

MPH, Global Health,

Simon Fraser University [🔗](#)

2009 | Burnaby, Canada

BSc, Microbiology,

University of Guelph [🔗](#)

2007 | Guelph, Canada

Awards & Achievements

David Sackett Clinical Trial of the Year Award,

Society for Clinical Trials [🔗](#)

2021

For the investigative team of the TOGETHER Trial

Publication Record

Published **50+ peer-reviewed articles** in The Lancet, NEJM, and other top-tier journals.

Software Development

Developed and implemented **SharePoint-integrated knowledge management systems** for global health research & quality management.

Professional Experience

Research & Strategy Lead, *Purpose Africa* [↗](#)

2023 | Remote, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Nigeria

- Led strategic **private sector partnerships**, securing over **\$5M** in funding for health research and capacity-building initiatives.
- Designed and executed **partnership roadmaps** aligning biotech firms, Ministries of Health, and universities.
- Developed **regulatory policies and operational strategies**, ensuring compliance with international health standards.
- Launched **monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) systems**, tracking program impact and private sector contributions.

Chief Partnerships Officer, *Purpose Life Sciences*

2020 – 2023 | Vancouver, Canada

- Spearheaded engagement with **biotech and pharmaceutical partners**, facilitating product access agreements and clinical research collaborations.
- Secured funding from **high-net-worth individuals, philanthropic organizations, and institutional donors**.
- Negotiated and managed partnerships for the **TOGETHER Trial**, an innovative COVID-19 platform trial spanning multiple LMICs.

Director, Global Health Strategy, *Cytel* [↗](#)

2019 | Vancouver, Canada

- Led **policy and regulatory engagement** with global health stakeholders, including the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**.
- Developed **strategic business cases** for biotech firms to invest in LMIC health initiatives.
- Designed **impact-driven global health programs**, influencing international clinical trial frameworks.

Managing Director, East Africa, *MTEK Sciences*

2017 – 2019 | Kigali, Rwanda

- Established **public-private partnerships**, enhancing Rwanda's clinical research infrastructure.
- Secured funding and **negotiated agreements** for the development of the Rwanda Health Analytics Platform (RHAP).
- Led proposal development securing Rwanda's successful bid to host the **African Medicines Agency Secretariat**.

References

Available upon request

Languages

English — Native/Bilingual

French — Conversational

Swahili & Kinyarwanda — Basic

First-authored Publications

Resilient Clinical Trial Infrastructure in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons Learned from the TOGETHER Randomized Platform Clinical Trial, *American Journal of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene* [↗](#)

2022

Early Treatment of COVID-19: A Missed Opportunity, *Infectious Diseases & Therapies* [↗](#)

2021

Factors Associated with Productive Recruiting in a Respondent-Driven Sample of Men who Have Sex with Men in Vancouver, Canada, *Journal of Urban Health* [↗](#)

2016

Mobile health applications for HIV prevention and care in Africa, *Current Opinion in HIV & AIDS* [↗](#)

2015

Community mapping and respondent-driven sampling of gay and bisexual men's communities in Vancouver, Canada, *Culture, Health & Sexuality* [↗](#)

2014

Perceptions of HIV and fertility among adolescents in Soweto, South Africa: stigma and social barriers continue to hinder progress, *AIDS & Behavior* [↗](#)

2009