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## Profile

Global health, clinical research and **medical writing expert** with over 15 years of experience in **proposal writing, regulatory documentation, protocol development, and scientific communication**. Proven ability to develop **clinical trial documentation** (protocols, informed consent forms) and lead regulatory submissions. Co-authored **45+ peer-reviewed published scientific articles** (The Lancet, NEJM) and successfully secured several millions in **research and operational funding**. Adept at translating complex scientific data into clear content that generates demand and builds capacity. Passionate about **knowledge transfer and global health innovation**, with extensive experience collaborating with **biotech firms, regulatory agencies, and global health organizations**.

## Expertise

### Regulatory & Clinical Writing — Proficient

Protocols, manuscripts, Case Report Forms, data dictionaries, Consent Forms, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

### Operational Strategy & Policy Development — Proficient

Strategic plans, policies and processes, roadmaps for business development, stakeholder engagement

### Medical & Scientific Communication — Proficient

Peer-reviewed publications, grant writing, stakeholder engagement

### Knowledge Management & Ai-integration — Competent

Data visualization, automation, AI-driven document processing

### Data Analytics & Visualizations — Competent

Biostatistics, Python., SAS

## 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

**David Sackett Clinical Trial of the Year Award**,

*Society for Clinical Trials* [🔗](#)

2021

For the investigative team of the TOGETHER Trial

## Languages

**English** — Native/Bilingual

**French** — Conversational

**Swahili & Kinyarwanda**  
— Basic

## Professional Experience

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

2023 | Remote, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Nigeria

- A pioneering Site Management Organization (SMO) and capacity-building network advancing clinical research and data science in partnership with African Ministries of Health, I played a foundational role in shaping its early success.
- Operational & Policy Development – Authored Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), policies, and training materials, ensuring a structured and professional approach across the organization and partner networks.
- Strategic Planning & Governance – Led strategic planning sessions, developing the mission, vision, core values, not-for-profit charter, and Theory of Change, defining Purpose Africa's direction.
- Software Development – Designed and programmed a custom Quality Management System using the Microsoft SharePoint Developer Framework, delivering a cost-effective, regulatory-compliant solution tailored to startup needs.

### Head of Partnerships, Purpose Life Sciences

Vancouver, Canada

- Enhanced the TOGETHER Trial's network by organizing workshops and seminars, boosting clinical research.
- Managed regulatory submissions, clinical trial protocols, Informed Consent Forms (ICFs), and ethics proposals for infectious disease trials worldwide.
- Developed cross-partner Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for trial management, regulatory adherence, and quality control.
- Secured substantial funding through effective proposal writing from both private and governmental sources.

### Director, Global Health Strategy, Cytel [🔗](#)

Vancouver, Canada

- Led the development of regulatory and scientific documentation for COVID-19 modeling and intervention studies.
- Provided strategic oversight for clinical trial designs and data-driven policy modeling.
- Developed high-impact technical reports, white papers, and peer-reviewed publications to support global health policy.

### Managing Director, East Africa, MTEK Sciences

2017 – 2019 | Kigali, Rwanda

- Directed medical writing efforts for research proposals, policy briefs, and regulatory documents supporting Rwanda's Ministry of Health.
- Led development of the integrated Rwanda Health Analytics Platform, from proposal to implementation and training
- Spearheaded writing committee and authored successful bids for Rwanda to host the secretariat of the African Medicines Agency and the International Conference on HIV/AIDS in Africa

## References

Available upon request

## 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