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## Profile

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A curious and proactive veterinary public health professional with a decade of experience leading research and managing multi-stakeholder One Health projects. Skilled in stakeholder coordination, governance support, field team capacity building, and managing data and administrative processes. Committed to promoting equitable access to resources through advancing resilient, evidence based, sustainable solutions that empower underserved communities.

## Key achievements

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- **2023 & 2024** | As the [Kenya Women Veterinary Association](#) Secretary, I secured [SNIP international](#) donations for community-based dog population control initiative in Turkana.
- **June 2023** | Awarded International Development Research Centre's Research grant and [Hopper Bhatia award](#) worth CAD 10,000 for leading a vaccine hesitancy community-based research and stakeholder engagement in Kajiado.
- **May 2023** | Secured Royal Veterinary College publication grant GBP 1024 to disseminate applied research influencing public and animal health practice.
- **Aug 2020** | Awarded the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene [early career grants](#) worth € 5000 to design and deliver snakebite field-based research in Baringo County, supervising enumerators and managing grant reporting.

## Publications

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- Gachohi, J., **Njoki, P.**, ... (2024). Higher livestock abortion burden in Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands, 2019–2020. PLOS ONE, 19(2), e0297274. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0297274>
- **Kung'u, P.**, & Brodbelt, D. (2023). Human dog-bite injuries in Kitui South subcounty, Kenya (2017–2021). Veterinary Record Open, 10(2), e72. <https://doi.org/10.1002/vro2.72>
- **Kung'u, P. N.**, Chweya, R. N., & Gachohi, J. M. (2023). Traditional remedies among human snakebite survivors, Baringo County, Kenya (2010–2020). International Health, 15(3), 242–249. <https://doi.org/10.1093/inthealth/ihac043>
- Gachohi, J., Bett, B., **Kungu, P.** ... (2022). Anthrax hotspot mapping in Kenya for targeted elimination. Scientific Reports, 12(1), 24000. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-24000-3>
- **Kungu, P.**, Kivunza, A., Ngesa, A., Mwobobia, R., Omondi, K., Mutinda, D., Rabut, G., & Kisangau, N. (2021). Progress towards rabies elimination in Kitui County, Kenya: 2019–2021. Kenya One Health Conference, Nairobi. <https://cgospace.cgiar.org/bitstreams/16ee7c78-423e-443f-a800-16d888ec708f/download>

## **Education**

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### **Feb 2020 to Dec 2021| University of London - Royal Veterinary College**

Postgraduate diploma in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health

### **Sept 2012 to Sept 2017| University of Nairobi- College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences**

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine

## **Leadership volunteer experience**

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### **June 2025 to Present| Nomad Nexus Africa**

Founder - Nairobi

- Founded a grassroots consultancy and developed its strategic vision and services to address critical gaps at the intersection of climate adaptation, gender, sustainability and community resilience.
- Spearheading business development, including the identification of funding opportunities and the design of compelling project proposals for donor calls.

### **March 2021 to Present | Kenya Women Veterinary Association (KWVA)**

Member- April 2025- Present

- Coordinating and supporting Maziwaplus project activities where there is also collaboration with the DVS, ILRI, UON Strathmore and Nyeri county
- Designing Zoetis's gender responsive training for female smallholder farmers (Zoetis's Alpha+ project)

The Honorary Secretary- March 2021- March 2025

- Coordinated communication and governance, including annual event calendars, executive meetings, and reporting.
- Supported capacity-building initiatives such as ProgRESSVet (University of Minnesota).
- Led community projects, including the Adopt a Girl initiative (sanitary wear and mentorship for girls) and annual rabies vaccination/dog population control campaigns in Turkana.

## **Work experience**

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### **September 2025 to Present| Jos Hansen- life sciences**

Veterinary Technical & Regulatory Manager- Nairobi

- Establishing the company's Animal Health Department, providing strategic leadership from inception and aligning operations with national and international veterinary drug regulations.
- Securing regulatory approvals and product registrations, acting as the company's registered veterinary professional with PPB/DVS.
- Developing quality assurance and pharmacovigilance systems, ensuring safe handling, storage, distribution, and monitoring of veterinary pharmaceuticals.
- Building strong supplier and stakeholder networks, negotiating compliant supply contracts and fostering trust with regulators, veterinarians, and distributors.

## **May 2023 to April 2024| International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**

IDRC Research award recipient and Hopper-Bhatia - Kiambu

- Provided technical support for projects in multiple countries funded by IDRC, collaborating with cross-functional teams to ensure smooth program delivery
- Coordinated the Women Deliver Conference (Rwanda) and webinar roundtable series on vaccine manufacturing in Africa.
- Designed and led a research project on vaccine hesitancy in pastoral communities, securing ethical approval, managing data collection and analysis, and co-authoring publications.
- Oversaw grant management and reporting, including preparation of the final technical report and reconciliation of financial expenditures in line with donor requirements.

## **May 2021 to Sept 2022| Global Implementation Solutions (GIS)**

Emergency Preparedness and Response Officer - Kitui

- Supported daily generation of COVID-19 situation reports at Kitui PHEOC through capacity building in data analysis and data visualization.
- Developed the standardized County One health training curriculum and established the County One Health Units (COHUs) in five counties (Siaya, Nakuru, Garissa, Marsabit and Kitui) through development of County One Health Technical Working Group from various departments (Health, Veterinary, Environment and Wildlife).
- Facilitated capacity development of 50 COHU participants from environment, wildlife, public health and veterinary departments in Nakuru and Marsabit.
- Co-ordinated Rabies outbreak investigations at Kitui West Sub-County, through multisectoral collaborations.

## **Oct 2020 to July 2022| Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH)**

RSTMH Early career researcher – Baringo

- Trained and supervised four data enumerators, successfully collecting 190 responses from snakebite survivors.
- Conducted qualitative research through Key Informant Interviews with six experts and Focus Group Discussions with eight residents in Marigat Sub-County, generating insights into community experiences with snakebite.
- Carried out hospital records review at Marigat Sub-County Hospital, identifying and analyzing 75 snakebite cases to inform study findings.
- Oversaw grant management and reporting, including preparation of the final technical report and reconciliation of financial expenditures in line with donor requirements.

## **Jan 2019 to Dec 2020| Washington State University Global Health- Kenya**

Research assistant for multi-county anthrax surveillance project – Nairobi

- Developed training materials for the Anthrax and Abortion project, 523 ward representatives from 18 counties were trained on case definition and biosafety and biosecurity measures and the data collection tool (Text-it platform).

- Followed up the data collectors where we attained over 26,000 responses within 62 weeks.
- Collected and compiled 76 GPS coordinates from areas reporting the anthrax outbreaks, and 23,766 livestock abortion data.
- The findings were incorporated into Kenya's National Anthrax strategy for the prevention and control of Anthrax.
- Co-ordinated the Kenya Animal Biosurveillance System (KABS) in Embu, Murang'a and Machakos counties; 60 animal disease reporters were trained.

## **Professional Development**

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**August 2025|** Participated in the Udder Health Scientific Conference, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

**April 2025|** Completed [Google's project management course](#).

**November 2024|** Completed World Bank's e-learning [Managing Successful Field Research](#).

**February 2024|** Completed smart business training by Zoetis Alpha+ Initiative.

**September 2023|** Presented snakebite research at Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM) Summer School, Hamburg, Germany.

**2022 & 2023|** Peer Reviewer at International Health Journal & PLOS ONE- Reviewed epidemiology and public health manuscripts.

**December 2022|** Completed TDR [Massive open online course](#) on Implementation Research.

**November 2022|** Attended [The Global Health Network](#) Conference, Cape Town (Enabling Health Research in Every Healthcare Setting).

**Aug 2022|** Johns Hopkins University online course on ["Infectious Disease Transmission Models for Decision-Makers"](#).

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