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Summary Statement

I am a multi-skilled professional with extensive experience in project management, monitoring & evaluation and research, spanning different sectors including e-Mobility, youth & women livelihood programs, and refugee/migration sub-sectors.

I have a successful track record in field work, project development & support & teams' management with different organizations and experience working with over seven international donors over various locations within and outside Kenya. These experiences are broadly summarized below;

Relevant work experiences summary

Program Management

I currently manage e-mobility projects funded by GIZ, Siemens Foundation and Partners for Green Growth (P4G) in Western Kenya. Working with a local team of 5 in Kenya and 3 German based, I am putting together the infrastructure, business and technical aspects for an e-mobility program in a rural setting.

As the national coordinator for Siemens Foundation, I successfully managed the execution of three pivotal studies for the project; 1). an investigation into the potential socio-economic impact of e-mobility on communities around the lake region, 2). environmental impact and potential carbon savings of 2 & 3 electronic wheelers, and 3). a technical training needs assessment for electronic vehicles repair and maintenance. I am also working on establishing a network of battery charging/swapping stations in Homabay and Migori Counties as well as heavily involved in national and regional advocacy actions on policy changes to promote adoption of electronic vehicles (EVs).

As the Project Manager at WeTu (GIZ funded project), I am leading a team that is in the process of establishing both technical and business proofs of concept for 2-wheel EVs in a rural environment. I am operationalizing the commercialization of 2 wheeled EVs by experimenting with different business models to find a balance between incomes of target communities, operational costs and return on investment, in a manner that will encourage proliferation of EVs in rural Kenya.

I have previously worked in various levels within programs; starting off as frontline community based trainer and program Intern, to program support and eventually to program development & management, and consultancy in project coordination, accumulating over 9 years of experience. I have designed and implemented youth & women livelihood development programs for The British Council Kenya, Google Inc., IBM, Global Affairs Canada, The MasterCard Foundation, East Africa Research Fund, Jesuit Refugee Services through various implementing organizations.

Education and Other Credentials

- Masters in Business Administration – Strategic Management: Jomo Kenyatta University (2017 – 2021)
- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and Resource Management: Moi University (2007 - 2011)
- 81st UNEP/UNESCO/BMU International Short Course on Sustainable Transport; Technical University of Dresden (October – November 2020)
- Solar Energy Basics – State University of New York
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA) – Part 2. Strathmore University College/Kenya College of Accountancy
- Humanitarian Essentials - Humanitarian Leadership Academy
- MEAL DPro: Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning – Humanitarian Leadership Academy

Work and Volunteer Engagements Summary

This is a summary of the different key project assignments I have been engaged in with different organizations over the past 9 years

- **September 2019 – Current** *eMobility Project Manager at WeTu and National Coordinator at Siemens Stiftung (50-50% contract)*

I am responsible for the National coordination of two pilot e-mobility projects. My duties include setting up and managing the e-mobility team, interfacing with local and national partners including Government ministries bodies, Boda Boda associations, technical suppliers, consultants among others. I am also leading the business and technical proof of concepts for a number of electronic mobility instruments, as well as construction of eMobility workshops, charging stations in the lake region and development of other enabling environment infrastructure.

- **November 2018 – April 2019** – *Management Consultant at Nairobi's Trust: Monitoring & Evaluation;*

As a Management consultant, I evaluated existing monitoring and evaluation tools and processes, developed a comprehensive Performance Management Framework (PMF) for all Nairobi's programs. Additionally, I streamlined data collection tools, data collection schedules and set up guidelines for data analysis with a view to publish their quarterly results and data analysis with a view to publication

- **July – November 2018** – *Research Assistant at Samuel Hall EA. Project: Professional & Post Education Livelihood opportunities for Refugees in Kenya, Malawi & Chad (Funded by JRS International)*
&
Nov 2017 – March 2018: *Research Assistant at Samuel EA Inc. Project: Understanding intra-regional labour migration in the EAC. (Funded by East African Research Foundation)*

I managed the whole field data collection process in Kenya for the two projects; Identified respondents as defined in sampling targets, provided input to the fieldwork narrative mapping, hired trained and coordinated enumerators. I also conducted key informant interviews and supported FGD discussions. Additionally, I was responsible for maintaining key stakeholder's relationships as necessary to deliver on the research goals and also provided financial, technical and logistical support to enumerators.

- **Nov. 2016 – Nov. 2017** – *Project Coordinator (Programs, M&E) at Digital Opportunity Trust Kenya. Project: Strengthening Social Enterprises Investment Readiness & Resilience (Funded by British Council)*

I Identified, on boarded and coordinated 15 different Social Enterprises and 3 business development advisors/consultants in the project. I was also responsible for development an Organizational Capacity Assessment tool (and used this to baseline and review organizational capacities of the social enterprises), conducted an analysis of the data collected and did a SWOT analysis of each social enterprise. Additionally, I was in charge of developing the quarterly donor partner reports shared with The British Council and the monthly implementation reports shared with management.

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- **June – Nov. 2016:** Implementing and M&E Officer at Digital Opportunity Trust. *Project: Digital Skills for Africa (Finance by Google Inc.)*

I developed and executed a project concept, implementation and M&E plans for the project. The project required near real time reporting from the field and weekly donor reports. All which we were able to achieve seamlessly.

I effectively coordinated the collection and analysis of data from over 50 data collections points, reviewed learning content shared by Google Inc. and adapted it for local learning while working with a team of 5 Project Officers and 30+ trainers, met the targets within 80% of the project time.

In the process, we were able to engage over 300 community partners and educational institutions.

- **May 2012 – May 2017:** Program Coordinator (M&E) at Digital Opportunity Trust: *Program: Young People Leading Change Program. (Funded by The MasterCard Foundation)*

I created systems to ensure effective information sharing between office based team and field based teams, and more importantly, across departments. Interpreted the M&E framework, breaking it down to specific deliverable activities/indicators, for the field team. This eased donor reporting and gave the field teams a better understanding of the program as well as assisted in development of M&E plans and managed the data collection process

I also supported field facilitators in their role to collect and enter data from participants through registration database and surveys. Undertook routine field checking of the work of enumerators and other M&E-related field staff, supervise quality in the field and ensure data accuracy and completeness.

Referees are available on request