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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Seasoned strategy and implementation management consultant with over 13 years experience in private and public sector programs and initiatives.

Experienced in working with global, national and local management and leadership teams. In addition, well versed in working with national governments, development partners and donors to strengthen national coordination and accountability systems through targeted technical assistance in strategy development, program delivery, process improvement and performance management.

Areas of Expertise:

- Program Strategy and Delivery
- Global Public Health,
- Grants & Portfolio Financial Management,
- Sustainable Health Systems Financing

EDUCATION

Lund University, 2014 – 2016

Lund, Sweden

MSc., in International Development and Management

London School of Economics and Political Science, 2009 – 2010

London, United Kingdom

BSc., Accounting and Finance (General Course Program)

Wheaton College, 2007 – 2011

Massachusetts, United States

B.A., in Physics and Economics

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

BK Advisors – Partner and Strategic Advisor

Programs strategy design, management and delivery support to international development organizations and African governments to achieve improved development outcomes. We co-create solutions that are impactful, and evidence based. Read more at: <https://www.bk-advisors.com/>

Recent clients include:

- Clinton Health Access Initiative, Papua New Guinea | Strategy and Program Delivery for HPV vaccine scale-up | 2025
- UNICEF | Polio Vaccines Management and Last-Mile Delivery Strategy | 2025
- Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance | Grants and Portfolio Financial Management | 2024

July 2024 – Present Multiple

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance – Programme Manager, Country Support

Dec 2021 – June 2024 Geneva, Switzerland / Remote

Portfolio and Grants Management of Gavi’s investments in Kenya and Lesotho, with budget exceeding US\$ 60 million per year. Drove preparation of routine country missions, mid-term reviews, joint appraisals, health systems investment plans and capacity assessments.

- **Further developed and improved management of grants in Kenya and Lesotho** by directing and coordinating planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of health systems and immunization activities.
- **Cultivated vital relationships with key Gavi, alliance partners from MoH, UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, USAID, and CHAI** by conducting frequent visits to Lesotho and Kenya and enabling political prioritization of immunization efforts.
- **Maximized high impact immunization support** by driving full portfolio planning and programming of grants towards health systems strengthening and equity driven immunization interventions and facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogue and strategy development across multiple investment areas
- **Led COVAX engagements with countries during Covid-19 pandemic** until successful approval of cash and vaccine support was deployed in Kenya and Lesotho
- **Successfully completed a secondment to Lesotho Ministry of Health as Gavi Country Liaison Officer** and oversaw the execution of all grants and provided on-site technical advisory and grant management support to the leadership and management teams at the Ministry of Health and Development Partners

Clinton Health Access Initiative, Inc – Technical Manager

August 2019 – July 2021 Uganda

- Led CHAI's vaccines delivery and supply chain workstream to support the Government of Uganda at the national and sub-national levels in the design and implementation of strategies to accelerate the uptake of traditional and new vaccines in Uganda and strengthen health systems.
- Led the project management office (PMO) and facilitated consensus between partners and the Government of Uganda on the decision to pilot and scale last mile delivery in the country.
- Nurtured stakeholder relationships with government staff and leaders, donors, and in-country and global stakeholders, ensuring quality representation

Clinton Health Access Initiative, Inc – Senior Program Coordinator

July 2017 – July 2019

Uganda

1. EPI Performance Management

- Strengthening immunization program performance management at national, sub-national and community level. Specifically, I supported the identified poor performing districts and health facilities to:
 - Develop detailed, costed and prioritized work plans for immunization activities
 - Conduct quarterly review of progress against district work plan activities to identify any performance bottlenecks contributing to delayed implementation and develop strategies to address the identified issues
 - Track performance across key indicators including immunization coverage, vaccines stock availability and cold chain management; utilizing the UNEPI dashboard data during the quarterly review meetings and identification of districts that require summoning to the ICC and EPI TWG.

2. Supply Chain & Logistics

- Improved efficiencies in the vaccine supply chain. Specifically, I was responsible for the following:
 - Support regular collaborative forecasting and procurement planning sessions
 - Conducting routine analyses of the national vaccines stock status and to support decision making and prioritization of available resources through the vaccines coordination committee
 - Supporting the development of supply chain management tools, systems and processes at the national level
 - Support NMS and UNEPI to strengthen ordering processes, order rates, order quality and order processing times as well as NMS' capacity to review and address fulfillment rates of vaccines orders
 - Support monitoring of distribution activities and recommend areas of improvement for increased reliability and predictability
 - Support monitoring of stock adequacy across the supply chain to increase visibility and response to stock level breaches

Clinton Health Access Initiative, Inc – Program Analyst,

July 2015 – July 2017

Lesotho & Uganda

Vaccines Delivery Program in Uganda | June 2016 - Present

- Designed and Implemented tools to capture, organize and analyze field data. I mostly use SurveyCTO (Open Data Kit), R and MS Excel.
- Built data visualizations (GIS maps, charts, and dashboards) to easily communicate data and findings;
- Conducted routine program analysis to inform programming and Ministry of Health (UNEPI) decision making
- Supported the evaluation of the cold chain system and temperature monitoring practices for improvement.

Supported the implementation of the annual work plan and specific interventions across different levels of the supply chain.

- Supported the development and roll-out of the vaccine management dashboard, including building capabilities of program staff
- Supported the revision and / or development of training materials and technical manuals.
- Conducted desk research and literature reviews where needed;

Health Financing Program in Lesotho | July 2015 – December 2015

- Collected, cleaned, audited and analyzed financial data from Lesotho's entire health sector.
- Designed, built and deployed an excel-based tool for planning and budgeting in all 10 districts, and in all health facilities in Lesotho.
- Supported the Ministry of Health (MoH) – Lesotho in their annual operational planning and budgeting exercise by facilitating workshops and training participants how to use the tool.
- In addition, supported the MoH in the third phase of resource mapping the financial flows within the health sector.

Deloitte Consulting – Management Consultant, April 2012 – July 2014

Uganda & Tanzania

Grants and Portfolio Financial Management:

- Part of a multi-year engagement to manage and operate the “Civil Society Fund” on behalf of USAID, DFID and other HIV/AIDS Development Partners.
- As a virtual grants officer, my responsibilities included concept note/proposal reviews; pre-award assessments of eligible projects; annual implementation monitoring and evaluation of projects; and ongoing advisory to project management.

Research and Data Analysis:

- Ensure availability of accurate and timely data on assigned tasks as required including optimal usage of available knowledge sources;
- Ensure assigned work is completed within agreed time frames, carried out per approved methodologies and standards, and within agreed budgets;
- Assist in developing recommendations for corrective action/improvement;
- Keep the engagement manager updated on any issues arising from the assignment;

REFERENCES

1. Frederick Luwaga, Senior Programs Manager, Clinton Health Access Initiative Email: fluwaga@clintonhealthaccess.org	2. Donald Bambara, Senior Country Manager, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance Email: dbambara@gavi.org
3. Jimmy Ameny, Gavi Grants Coordinator, Ministry of Health, Uganda Email: jameny1@gmail.com	4. Brian Wamala, Country Manager, Clinton Health Access Initiative Email: bwamala@clintonhealthaccess.org