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C. EDUCATION

Oct. 1999 – 2002, M.A Sociology University of Nairobi, Kenya

Oct. 1994 – Nov, 1998: B.A. Social Work University of Nairobi, Kenya.

Jan. 1989 – Dec, 1992: Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education Moi Forces Academy, Nakuru

Jan.1981 – Nov 1988: Kenya Certificate of Primary Education, Mutindwa Primary School

D. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

I am a seasoned research consultant with over 15 years experience in training and research. I have both Qualitative and Quantitative research methods skills. I have designed and managed dozens of baseline surveys, project evaluations, impact assessments, and Participatory Rural Appraisals (PRA). I have also lectured at the University of Nairobi and Catholic University of Eastern Africa on gender, research methods and social theories. Therefore I have both theory and practice experience on various social research issues in different African countries as demonstrated by my experience below:

Executive Director, Ronto Research Company

I have been the Executive Director of Ronto Research Company since 2005, a position I hold to date. At Ronto, my responsibilities include planning, coordination and management of research activities both in the field and in the office. Specifically, I oversee proposal development, design research methodology including data collection tools, sample and site selection, managing data collection, preparation of data entry, report writing, and signing off final reports. I have team

lead various research projects on education, gender, agriculture and livelihood, health, water and sanitation, finance and devolved funds, business and development services and environment. Some of my clients include: Land O' Lakes, World Food program, UNHCR, ACIDI/VOCA and East African Dairy Development to name but a few. Below is a list of some assignments I have undertaken:

Health and disease control

- ❖ Malaria Communication material assessment: This study Sought to assess the effectiveness of malaria communication material in Kenya, Ghana, Burundi and Ethiopia
- ❖ Commercial Sex workers in Tanzania: This was an end-line evaluation of the T-MAC commercial sex project to assess its impacts.
- ❖ Evaluation of the National Youth service VCT programme
- ❖ Baseline survey on drug use in Kenya
- ❖ Baseline survey on use of family planning methods in Kenya
- ❖ Baseline survey on impact of HIV/AIDS on land use and ownership in Kenya
- ❖ Evaluation of communication about AIDS in Tanzania 2004: This study sought to evaluate the communication media on HIV/AIDS messages.
- ❖ End-line survey for the CARE Family Planning Project in Kenya

Education

- ❖ Team leader, external evaluation of Camfed's "Achieving Gender Equality in Education in Zambia (2012)
- ❖ Team leader, external evaluation of Camfed's Civil Society Action for Girls' Education project in Tanzania (2011)
- ❖ Team member external evaluation of the World Food program School Meals Feeding programme in Kenya
- ❖ Evaluation of the Kenya Free Primary education
- ❖ Gender related factors affecting education in slum schools
- ❖ Evaluation of the Save the Children's diversion programme in Kenya

Agriculture and livelihood

- ❖ Evaluation of the five year strategic Plan for the National Networks of Farmers' Groups in Tanzania
- ❖ Team member, Valuing Voices sustainability study of CRS PROSAN Project in Niger
- ❖ Team Leader, Baseline Surveys for Feed The Future Projects in Kenya and Zambia
- ❖ Team leader baseline survey on Farmer technological uptake in Kenya
- ❖ Team member, end-line evaluation of the ACIDI/VOCA USAID FUNDED Title II Project in Uganda (Post violence recovery program in Northern Uganda)
- ❖ Team member, Mid Evaluation of the East African Dairy Development Project in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda
- ❖ Team Member. Mid Evaluation of the Land O' Lakes Cooperative Development Project in Kenya and Uganda

- ❖ Team member baseline survey for Techno-serve Dairy Business Development in Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda
- ❖ Team leader EUREPGAP study: A study on knowledge, attitudes, perceptions and behaviour of passion fruit farmers in response to Eurep gap requirements
- ❖ Team member Public Perception of Biotechnology in Kenya Survey 2006. A study to explore Kenyan people attitudes towards the introduction of genetically modified sorghum.
- ❖ Team member Business Development Services and value chain analysis– Accelerated Micro Enterprise Advancement Project 2006. Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices study among vegetable farmers in Northern Tanzania.

Children and child labour

- ❖ Independent Expanded Final Evaluation Supporting the National Plan of Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Kenya
- ❖ Baseline survey on child pornography in Kenya
- ❖ Evaluation of Child labour programme during school holidays in the slum areas Kenya in Kenya
- ❖ Background Survey for the Establishment the Africa-wide Child Movement
- ❖ Baseline survey on child sex tourism

Water and sanitation

- ❖ Team leader, Impact assessment of Aidlink and the Catholic Dioceses Of Turkana Water Projects in Turkana Kenya
- ❖ Team Leader, Hand washing in Tanzania: This study sought to understand the motivators behind hand washing. The qualitative bit of the study seeks to identify how men and women can be targeted in the hand washing campaigns
- ❖ Team member, Sanitation Demand assessment survey in Tanzania: This was a baseline survey intending to assess condition of sanitation including latrine improvements, emptying and cleaning.
- ❖ Citizen Report Card: A study on public perception and behavior towards water availability, access, usage and quality in Kenya

Technology adoption and use

- ❖ Internet usage in Uganda: This was a qualitative survey where I designed and held focus group discussions users and non-users of internet in Kampala Uganda.
- ❖ Evaluation of the Undugu society skills training programme in Kenya
- ❖ Adoption of mobile and internet technology in Kenya

Governance and devolved funds

- ❖ Kenya Human Rights Index Study: Human Rights and Devolved Funds (CDF, LATF, LASDAP, CBF, RLMF). A study on public knowledge , attitudes and perceptions on devolved funds and their impact on human rights in Kenya
- ❖ Assessment of slum dwellers participation on public devolved funds in Kenya

Finance and banking

- ❖ Baseline survey on cost tracking and cash flow
- ❖ Survey on obstacles to account opening (mystery customers)
- ❖ Impacts of loans taken by SME to their families

Refugees

- ❖ Evaluation of UNHCR/WFP protracted Refugee programme in Rwanda

NB: It is important to note that gender and governance, have been cross-cutting issues that I have dealt with in the various evaluations, impact assessments and baseline surveys I have participated in. I also have a lot of interest on women and gender related issues and increasingly find myself allocated the role of addressing gender components in the assignments I undertake.

Other positions I have held include:

Account Director: Institute of Policy Advocacy and Research (IPAR)

I held this position for one year (2005). This position entailed developing research proposals for funding, designing studies, monitoring data collection, data entry and writing reports. The position also involved managing 10 permanent staff and about 30 casual field staff.

Team leader consultant for Research International (depending on availability)

I was an independent Research consultant for Research International for two years from 2004-2005. Under this position I and other consultants designed research projects, including development of data collection tools, setting-up data analysis templates and writing reports.

Lecturer at both Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) and the University of Nairobi (UoN)

I have been a lecturer at both CUEA and UON 2003-2005. My duties and responsibilities included lecturing, preparing exams and marking exams. The courses I taught included:

- Research Methods
- Gender and Development
- Social work theories
- Counseling
- The Socialization Process
- Criminology

E. AWARDS

- October 2005: Won a research grant from French Institute for Research in Africa to conduct a study entitled: “**Decentralisation and Governance in Small Urban Centres: an Assessment of Local Authority Service Delivery Action Plan (LASDAP) in Chuka Municipality**”
- June 2003: Won a research grant from the World Bank and the ProVention Consortium to conduct a study entitled: “**Strengthening rural community bonds as a means of reducing vulnerability to landslides in Kenya**”
- October 1999: Awarded a University of Nairobi scholarship to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Sociology.

F. PUBLICATIONS

1. Strengthening rural community bonds as a means of reducing vulnerability to landslides in Kenya (2005)
2. A Citizens’ Manual for Effective Involvement in Local Authority Service Delivery Action Plan