

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Objective:** Seeking a challenging role to sharpen the skills and experiences that I have acquired over time and at the same time translating them into Practical work that can benefit the society.

<b>Professional Qualification</b>	<b>Kenya Registered Nurse (KRCHN/BSc.N)</b>
<b>Education</b>	<p><b>2009 – 2010:</b> <b>Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp, Belgium.</b> Qualification: MPH (With orientation to Disease Control )</p> <p><b>1998 – 2003:</b> <b>University of Nairobi, Kenya</b> Qualification: BSc (Nursing)</p> <p><b>1992 – 1995:</b> <b>Pemwai Girls Secondary School</b> Qualification: Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)</p> <p><b>1990-1991:</b> <b>Oyani Primary School</b> Qualification: Kenya Certificate of Primary School (KCPE)</p>
<b>Key competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proficient at computer application ( Microsoft word, excel, power point and internet/web experience)</li><li>• Fluent in spoken and written English and Kiswahili</li><li>• Good organization, communication and report writing skills</li><li>• Ability to meet challenges and solve problems effectively</li></ul>
<b>Awards</b>	<p>March 2006: - Certificate of DTC facilitation in Suba district Courtesy of NLTP and IMC</p> <p>April 2004: - Gandhi Smarak Nidhi Trustee Fund Prize for being the Best Final Year Student Faculty of Medicine University of Nairobi (Academic year 2002/2003) - Kamala Memorial Prize for being the Best Final Year Student Faculty of Medicine University of Nairobi (Academic year 2002/2003)</p>

<p><b>Work Experience</b></p>	<p><b><u>June 2011-Current</u> Elizabeth Glaser Paediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) Kenya.</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> HIV Integration Coordinator</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide technical support in the following key program areas: TB/HIV Integration, HIV Care and Treatment, Prevention of Mother to child Transmission and Provider Initiated Testing and Counseling.</li> <li>• To undertake the Project management roles in the project sites being supported by EGPAF in the region which include support to the DHMT and HMT in terms of work plan implementation, capacity building of service providers and overall health systems strengthening.</li> <li>• Oversee the monitoring, reporting and evaluation of project activities in the key program areas in EGPAF supported sites</li> </ul> <p><b><u>December 2007- February 2009</u> Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP) Kenya.</b></p> <p><b>Position:</b> TB/HIV COORDINATOR</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <p>To plan and implement activities that will lead to strengthening of TB/HIV collaborative activities at ICAP supported facilities in collaboration with National AIDS and STI Control Program(NASCOP) and the Division of Leprosy, TB and Lung Diseases (DLTLD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Oversee the strengthening of TB/HIV collaborative activities at ICAP supported facilities</li> <li>➤ Oversee the implementation of TB screening for PLWHA at ICAP supported facilities</li> <li>➤ Oversee the implementation of Provider Initiated Testing and Counseling of TB patients at ICAP supported facilities</li> <li>➤ To strengthen referral linkages between TB clinic and CCC at ICAP supported facilities</li> <li>➤ Provide on going support supervision of TB/HIV activities</li> <li>➤ Provide formal TB/HIV training and mentorship to health care providers at ICAP supported facilities</li> <li>➤ Writing and submitting reports to Director of Programs and the Country Director</li> </ul> <p><b>Achievements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Scaled up TB screening for PLWHA in CCC at all ICAP supported facilities from 20% to 65%</li> <li>✓ Introduced TB screening SOPs and TB screening tools to all ICAP supported facilities</li> <li>✓ Mentored clinicians and nurses on TB/HIV</li> </ul>
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- integration.
- ✓ Piloted ARV provision in TB clinics in 2 ICAP supported sites.

**October 2005-November 2007 National Leprosy and Tuberculosis Program (NLTP) Ministry of Health on Secondment from Kenya Association of Prevention of TB and Lung Diseases (KAPTLD)**

**Position:** Assistant Provincial TB/Leprosy Coordinator, Nyanza Province

**Responsibilities**

- Planning, coordinating , supervising and overseeing the implementation of TB/HIV Collaborative activities
- Monitoring and Evaluation of TB/HIV program activities being carried out both at Provincial, District and Peripheral health facilities
- Training of health care providers, community health workers and other partners on TB/HIV relationship and Diagnostic Testing and Counseling (DTC)
- Administering the provincial TB budgetary allocation and reporting on the same
- Networking with donors and other stakeholders in the region on implementation of TB/HIV activities
- Writing routine reports regarding TB surveillance and case detection
- Participating in quarterly meetings for district TB coordinators, bi-annual meetings for provincial coordinators and other relevant meetings within the province and districts

**Achievements**

- ✓ Contributed to training of health care providers which resulted in 80% of TB patients being tested for HIV
- ✓ Contributed to timely reporting of TB and Leprosy quarterly reports
- ✓ Improved supervision to the district TB and Leprosy coordinators

**January 2005 –Sept 2005: Food for the Hungry International –Kenya (Voluntary Work)**

**Position:** Field supervisor HIV/AIDS program

**Responsibilities**

- Coordinating Home Based Care activities in Kawangware Thogoto and Rongai areas targeting, orphaned and Vulnerable children and People living with HIV/AIDS.
- Training of FHI partners, volunteers and churches on how

	<p>to care and respond to the needs of PLWHA and Orphans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Training of Community Health Workers on Home Base Care activities in Kawangware</li> <li>➤ Supervising community health workers on activities regarding OVC , HIV/AIDS and PLWHA</li> <li>➤ Monitoring all donations from FHI, keeping records on the same and ensuring that it reaches targeted OVC's</li> <li>➤ Carrying out Resource mobilization at the community level</li> <li>➤ Initiating Income Generating Activities through formed support group of care givers and CHWs</li> <li>➤ Report writing and submission of monthly report to the program manager</li> </ul>
<p><b>Internship Program experience</b></p>	<p><b>January –June 2004: Kenyatta National Hospital</b>  <b>Duties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ General nursing care management of patients in all clinical and surgical departments as well as in specialized areas such as ICU,HDU, Renal unit, Obstetrics and Gynecology, ophthalmology, theaters, and other general out-patient and in-patient departments.</li> <li>➤ Pediatric and neonatal nursing care and management</li> <li>➤ Administration and management of nursing services in most of the departments</li> </ul> <p><b>October – December 2004: Kiambu District Hospital</b>  <b>Duties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Administration of nursing services</li> <li>➤ Maternal child health and family planning management which included Immunizations, cold chain management, and Growth Monitoring and integrated Management of Childhood illnesses</li> <li>➤ District public nurse experience (DPHN)</li> </ul> <p><b>August – October 2003: Mathare Mental Hospital</b>  <b>Duties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Clinical and nursing care management of patients with psychiatric illnesses that included client, group and family therapy and counseling</li> </ul>
<p><b>Research Experience</b></p>	<p>30<sup>th</sup> November - 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2006: <i>Population Council/USAID</i></p> <p><b>Project:</b> Integrating Tuberculosis Case Finding and Treatment into Focused Antenatal care: Phase 1. ( End-line survey)</p> <p><b>Position:</b> Research Assistant</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Data collection involving review of clinical records for pregnant mothers</li> <li>➤ Assessment of facility equipment and supplies relevant for the integration TB case finding and treatment into FANC.</li> <li>➤ Clinical observation of provider-client interaction in the ANC clinic during the process of service delivery to gauge</li> </ul>

	<p>whether it is possible to integrate TB services with Focused ANC services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Client exit interviews to see the feasibility of integrating TB services to Focused ANC services</li> <li>➤ Supervising other Research Assistant Nurses in the field</li> </ul> <p>30<sup>th</sup> January - 10<sup>th</sup> February 2006: <i>Population Council/USAID</i></p> <p><b>Project:</b> Integrating Tuberculosis Case Finding and Treatment into Focused Antenatal care: Phase 1. ( Base-line survey)</p> <p><b>Position:</b> Research Assistant</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Data collection involving review of clinical records for pregnant mothers</li> <li>➤ Assessment of facility equipment and supplies relevant for the integration TB case finding and treatment into FANC.</li> <li>➤ Clinical observation of provider-client interaction in the ANC clinic in the process of care delivery to gauge whether it is possible to integrate TB services with Focused Antenatal Care services</li> <li>➤ Client exit interviews to see the feasibility of integrating TB services to Focused ANC services</li> <li>➤ Supervising other Research Assistant Nurses in the field</li> </ul> <p>27<sup>th</sup> November – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2005: <i>Population Council/USAID</i></p> <p><b>Project:</b> The Bungoma District Malaria in Pregnancy Initiative: The Potential for sustainability and lessons learnt.</p> <p><b>Position:</b> Research Assistant</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Data collection involving review of clinical records for antenatal clients</li> <li>➤ Clinical observation of provider-client interaction in the ANC clinic in the process of care delivery to gauge whether the malaria in pregnancy initiative was adopted and sustained</li> <li>➤ Review of data and statistics for the facility to gauge Sustainability of the initiative.</li> <li>➤ Client exit interviews to elicit whether malaria initiative in pregnancy is still being sustained of ANC services</li> <li>➤ Supervising other Research Assistant Nurses in the field</li> </ul> <p><u>June – December 2004:</u> University of Nairobi/ Population Council/ USAID</p> <p><b>Project:</b> Acceptability and Sustainability of the WHO Focused Antenatal Care package in Kenya</p> <p><b>Position:</b> Research Assistant</p>
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	<p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Clinical observation of provider-client interaction in the ANC clinic in the process of care delivery to gauge whether it is in line with Focused Antenatal Care guidelines</li> <li>➤ Review of clinical records for pregnant women and</li> <li>➤ Assessment of facility equipment and supplies relevant for provision of Focused Antenatal Care</li> <li>➤ Client exit interviews to elicit client satisfaction with quality of ANC services</li> </ul> <p><u>2002-2003: Department of Nursing Sciences/University of Nairobi</u></p> <p><b>Project:</b> Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of Diabetic Patients at Kenyatta National Hospital diabetic Clinic</p> <p><b>Position:</b> Principal Investigator</p> <p><b>Responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Research proposal Development</li> <li>➤ Data collection and analysis in partial fulfillment for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Professional memberships in Organizations</b></p>	<p>~Kenya Nursing Association of Kenya  ~University of Nairobi Nursing Alumni  ~ Kenya Association of Prevention of TB and Lung Diseases</p>
<p><b>Short-term Training</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed Adult ART Management Training for Health Care Providers in 2007</li> <li>• Completed TB/HIV Training of Trainers Course(TOT) for health care providers in 2007</li> <li>• Completed CB-DOTS Supervisors training held by NLTP and CDC/KEMRI in 2006</li> <li>• Completed a training on the use of PDA in data collection held by CDC/KEMRI in 2007</li> <li>• Completed a training on Diagnostic and Testing Counseling (DTC) Training for Service Providers held in 2005</li> <li>• Completed training on Communication and Report writing skills.</li> <li>• Completed a training on Qualitative and Quantitative Research methods in 2004</li> </ul>

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