
Multilingual professional with a proven track record of success spanning throughout the world; accustomed to project management and coordinating resources effectively to achieve targets within stringent deadlines. Energetic and dynamic, relishes challenges and demonstrates in-depth analytical and strategic ability to facilitate operational and procedural planning.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

World Health Organization/PAHO; Washington DC Program Management Specialist	2008 - Currently
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In my current position in PAHO's Area of Sustainable Development and Environmental Health (SDE), I am responsible for the following:

- ❖ Assisting the Area Manager and SDE team leaders on health promotion, social determinants, climate change & local development in the design, negotiation and implementation of technical cooperation in coordination with other areas of PAHO;
- ❖ Advising the Area Manager on core technical matters and on the strategic planning and allocation of financial, human, information and physical resources of the area;
- ❖ Assisting in policy development including the review and analysis of issues and trends related to the area of sustainable development and environmental health including tackling health inequity;
- ❖ Supporting the Area Manager in drafting agreements and work programs with Collaborating Centers supporting SDE's technical cooperation network;
- ❖ Responsible for 'SDE Virtual' including 'Communities of Practice' and the revival of the SDE Virtual Library with a focus on Environmental Health and Social Determinants of Health;
- ❖ Representing the area and serving as liaison with other offices in the organization;
- ❖ Serving as SDE's Focal Point on Gender-mainstreaming and responsible for addressing PAHO's cross-cutting priorities including gender mainstreaming and health promotion.

The Danish Network for International Health; Copenhagen Research Coordinator	2007 - 2008
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This role was pivotal in ensuring health research efforts undertaken within Danida's funding were optimised in terms of their impact on policy and having maximum circulation and exposure within the wider development community - specifically:

- ❖ Coordinated the European Preparatory Meeting for Bamako - Research for Health and the European Communiqué in partnership with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Global Forum for Health Research and WHO;
- ❖ Strengthened the role of gender in research for health through efforts to support South-to-South and North-to-South collaboration as well as advising, reviewing and approving research proposals addressing gender and health;
- ❖ Facilitated and promoted communication and coordination between researchers and development aid agencies, Danida supported sector programmes, NGOs as well as private companies;
- ❖ Played a key role in strengthening the dialogue and interaction between research and development assistance in international health as a means of improving health in low-income societies;
- ❖ Provided effective communication and information flow within the network as well as in relation to external stakeholders in the South;
- ❖ Board member of *AIDSnet* to ensure stronger collaboration between researchers and NGOs in the area of HIV/AIDS.

UNICEF; Early Childhood Development Cluster, Dar es Salaam Programme Officer – HIV / AIDS	2002 – 2006
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Within this role, I was primarily accountable for facilitating assistance and support to Early Childhood Development (ECD) activities within UNICEF’s intensive learning districts - following up and monitoring activities, whilst;

- ❖ Acting as a Prevention of Mother-to-Child-Transmission (PMTCT) and Gender Focal Point, providing technical support to the national task team through the Ministry of Health and district teams;
- ❖ Playing a key role in the initiation and development of a community-based PMTCT model;
- ❖ Acting as a trained UNICEF facilitator on the human-rights-based approach to development;
- ❖ Coordinating the Youth Friendly Health Service Task Team, assisting partners in developing plans for start-up activities in 2 new districts providing technical support in order to set up a “model” within other districts;
- ❖ Providing technical support to Adolescence Reproductive Health strategic planning meetings at national and other related relevant activities in UNICEF’s learning districts;
- ❖ Following up on health issues and funds in the ECD learning districts whilst preparing and developing relevant donor reports;
- ❖ Providing ongoing support and facilitation on UNICEF’s “Human Rights Based Approach to Programming” for internal staff, Government and NGO partners at national and regional level;
- ❖ Representing UNICEF at national level in the context of HIV/AIDS, PMTCT and Safe Motherhood.

The International Planned Parenthood Federation, London Programme Analyst	1998 – 2002
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This position was instrumental in the development of skills and experience still in practical use today and transferable into any role having been responsible for:

- ❖ Assisting the Gender and Youth Technical officer in IPPF’s Global Advocacy Unit;
- ❖ Researching issues on sexual and reproductive health from a gender perspective;
- ❖ Monitoring IPPF’s Gender Equity Policy, (implemented in 1995 by the Federation’s Central Council);
- ❖ Collecting data on the Federation’s Gender Equity Policy at international, regional and local level;
- ❖ Monitoring and evaluating community participation in the context of sexual and reproductive health in the Western Hemisphere region;
- ❖ Attending national and regional meetings on gender based violence;
- ❖ Assisting with the development of a manual on “Quality of Care from a Gender Perspective”;
- ❖ Providing technical support to the Youth Working Group;
- ❖ Acting as course coordinator and facilitator for IPPF’s course on sexual and reproductive health in Cambridge;
- ❖ Coordinating and facilitating the piloting of an IPPF/GTZ course on “Young People: Implementing Sexual and Reproductive Rights”.

CONSULTANCY HISTORY

- ❖ Coordinated the International Planned Parenthood Federation’s pilot course “Young People: Implementing Sexual and Reproductive Rights” - attended by programme staff and health professionals, addressing young people’s rights within the context of sexual and reproductive health;
- ❖ Conducted consultancy work with Marie Stopes International on the project “Better Health for the Urban Poor”, during which time a needs assessment of the Marie Stopes Clinic Society was performed in Bangladesh - looking at ways of improving the delivery of services and quality of care from a gender perspective whilst developing a framework for a gender policy for MSCS.

TRAINING EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Participated, as a trained UNICEF Facilitator, in ongoing facilitation of the “Human Rights Based Approach to Programming” in the Tanzania Country Office;
- ❖ Co-facilitated gender and youth training at IPPF’s course on sexual and reproductive health in Cambridge;
- ❖ Undertook facilitation of Gender Mainstreaming strategy for NGOs organized by Action Aid in London;

- ❖ Facilitated training on gender and sexuality at the IPPF Youth Committee Meeting in London;
- ❖ Conducted gender training for IPPF's Youth Working Group in London;
- ❖ Facilitated gender training at the IPPF Youth Committee Meeting in London;
- ❖ Conducted gender training at the IPPF Youth Parliament in Prague.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Ongoing personal development and career progression is important to me, as demonstrated by:

2005 - 2007 COPENHAGEN UNIVERSITY, DEPT. OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

❖ **MA in International Health (Part-Time)**

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| • HIV/AIDS Prevention, Control, Care and Advocacy | • Health Systems in Low and Middle-Income Countries |
| • Health and Disease in Low and Middle-Income Countries | • Epidemiology & Statistics |

Final dissertation was an analysis of children aged 18 months to 5 years of age infected with HIV

1998 - 2002 CITY UNIVERSITY, LONDON, DEPT. OF SOCIOLOGY

❖ **Ph.D. Degree - The Challenge of Gender Mainstreaming for a Contemporary NGO**

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| • Research Design | • Population Research |
| • Methods of Data Collection | • Gender and Organisations |
| • Data Analysis | • Research Project |

1997 - 1998 GOLDSMITH COLLEGE, LONDON DEPT. OF ANTHROPOLOGY

❖ **MA in Gender, Anthropology and Development**

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| • Urban Issues in Anthropology | • Anthropology and Food |
| • Anthropology of Health / Medicine | • Anthropology and Gender |

Completed a work placement with "The Save the Children Fund" - assisting the Gender Advisor and the Children and Planning Officer in the Research and Development Unit at the London Central Office, analysing the activities of The Save the Children Fund.

1994 - 1997 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON, DEPT. OF ANTHROPOLOGY

❖ **BSc in Anthropology**

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| • Human Ecology | • Latin America and Development |
| • Population Studies | • Gender and Development |
| • Anthropology of Politics / Economics | • Anthropology of Complex Societies |

Completed a dissertation entitled "Women and Politics in Costa Rica: Contextualising the Machismo - Marianismo Complex" - based on fieldwork in Costa Rica, undertaking interviews in Spanish with politicians.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ **Writing Effectively for WHO**; WHO/PAHO, USA
- ❖ **Writing Effective Policy Briefs**; DANIDA, Denmark
- ❖ **P2D Professional and Personal Development**; UNICEF, Tanzania
- ❖ **Polices, Programme and Procedures**; UNICEF, South Africa
- ❖ **Project Management**; The Management for Development Foundation, Holland
- ❖ **Appreciative Enquiry**; UNICEF, Tanzania
- ❖ **Training of Facilitators**; UNICEF, Uganda
- ❖ **Girls' Education as a Mid-Term Strategic Priority Area**; UNICEF, Tanzania
- ❖ **Junior Professional Officer Orientation Workshop**; UNICEF, USA
- ❖ **Junior Professional Officer Preparation Course**; DANIDA, Denmark

VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Currently teach Danish to children at the Danish School in Washington DC;
- ❖ Volunteered for 'HIV-Helpline' in Copenhagen utilising my skills as a helpline counsellor in the area of HIV/AIDS;
- ❖ Volunteered for the Terrence Higgins Trust (THT) in London. My training as a help-line volunteer entailed thorough briefings on current HIV/AIDS matters as well as training on communication and counselling skills. During this time, I advised and provided emotional support to the general public and people living with HIV on all aspects of HIV/AIDS as well as attending monthly briefings on new developments in this field;
- ❖ Played a pivotal role in the Central American Women's Network, organising visits from Central America whilst preparing vital documents for various network meetings and the press;
- ❖ Worked as Researcher for The Save the Children Fund in London;
- ❖ Worked at a home for children with special needs in Barinas, Venezuela.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Conducted seminars on International Relations for first year students at City University;
- ❖ Conducted lectures at City University for students on "The Role of NGOs within a Global Context";
- ❖ Member of "City Women in Research" – performing presentations on research topics

PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Fortune, K., Galvão, L., Edwards, S., Corvalan C., and Akerman, A. (2009) "Climate Change and Social Determinants of Health: Two Interlinked Agendas", Global Health Promotion 16: 81-84
- ❖ K. Jensen (2002) "The Challenge of Gender Mainstreaming for a Contemporary NGO: The International Planned Parenthood Federation", London: City University
- ❖ Naana Otoo-Oyortey and Kira Jensen (2002) "The International Planned Parenthood Federation's Gender Equity Policy", London: IPPF
- ❖ K. Jensen (2001) "Beijing+5: Well, what does it all mean"; In X-Press, London: IPPF
- ❖ Naana Otoo-Oyortey and Kira Jensen (2000) "NGO Alternative Report for the Beijing+5 Review - Focus on Gender Equity and Women's Rights in Sexual and Reproductive Health", London: IPPF
- ❖ Naana Otoo-Oyortey and Kira Jensen (1999), "Gender Based Violence: An Impediment to Sexual and Reproductive Health", London: IPPF
- ❖ K. Jensen (1998) Gender Based Violence; 'Learning from Experience', London: Save the Children

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality Danish **Civil Status:** Married/two children
Date of Birth 25 February 1972

Languages: Fluent Danish, English and Spanish; Intermediate German and Swahili (completed numerous courses and exams)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST