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OBJECTIVE

Dedicated and results-driven professional with 7+ years of experience working for international organizations in the development sector as well as private sector in project management, leadership and development. My passion lies in contributing to the advancement of Africa, and I aspire to be a driving force in accelerating positive societal and organizational changes.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

Corporate Coaching, *Certification*

Top Team World / EMCC France

April 2024

Project Management Institute (PMI), *Certification*

Project Management Professional (PMP)

March 2023

French Association of Trainers (ARFOR), *Certification*

Trainer

May 2022

Coaching Ourselves, *Certification*

Facilitator

May 2021

London School of Economics and Political Sciences

Master of Science

International development, Minor: African Development

London, UK

September 2017 - September 2018

Georgia State University

Bachelor of Arts & Science

Interdisciplinary Studies (Political Science, Sociology and anthropology)

Atlanta, GA

July 2014 - December 2016

EXPERIENCES

Country Support Coordinator (Fellow), AMP Health

Remote/Dakar

August 2024 - Present

- Strategic Project Coordination: Lead the coordination of MP (Management Partner) recruitment, onboarding, and lifecycle processes, ensuring alignment with organizational objectives and team goals.
- Process Development & Improvement: Spearhead the creation and refinement of critical support processes, including reporting, program delivery, and MP offboarding.
- Task Tracking & Team Support: Maintain a detailed tracking system to monitor the progress of the country support team and ensure timely task completion.
- Program Management Support for MPs: Provide ongoing support to MPs by assisting with their program management plans, ensuring the timely delivery of key milestones, offering feedback and solutions to challenges, and monitoring deadlines to guarantee successful execution of their projects.
- Project Monitoring & Quality Assurance: Oversee the execution of multiple projects, conducting quality checks to ensure all deliverables meet organizational standards.

Project Manager and Collective Intelligence Facilitator, Beautiful Soul

Dakar, Senegal

February 2022 – June 2024

- Strategic Leadership: Lead multifaceted projects, ensuring alignment with organizational goals.
- Training and Capacity Building: Conduct sessions on leadership, change management, and community / team engagement.
- Stakeholder Coordination: Collaborate internally and externally for streamlined program delivery.
- End-to-End Project Management: Oversee projects from development to closure, optimizing resources.
- Client Relationship Management: Build strong client relationships across different countries to ensure satisfaction, including Key Account Management with organizations such as the World Bank, UN, USAID, World Vision, for impactful growth.
- Team Supervision and Development.

Naaw Project Manager, Beautiful Soul

Dakar, Senegal

November 2020 – February 2022

- Program Leadership: Led Naaw program (a program for women to develop their leadership skills, manage their transition and advance their careers) design and implementation, aligning with local needs.
- Training and Empowerment: Organized and facilitated women's leadership and career development training.
- Stakeholder Management: Managed client relationships and ensured stakeholder engagement.

- Strategic Involvement: Contributed to strategic decision-making for program growth.
- Efficient Coordination: Streamlined client coordination for enhanced satisfaction.
- Supervision: Guided assistant project coordinator, improving project efficiency.

Knowledge Broker for the Sahel Analysis, Monitoring and Learning Platform (PASAS), Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD)

Bamako, Mali

January 2020 – October 2020

PASAS is a platform for producing, capitalizing on and disseminating knowledge, aimed at informing the strategic and operational decisions of local development players.

- Stakeholder Needs Assessment: Conducted consultations to identify key knowledge gaps in the Sahel for better operational decisions; Collaborated with partners to assess and address capacity building needs.
- Knowledge Management: Monitored and collected documentation on the Sahel Zone and Lake Chad for the platform, focusing on themes such as governance and inclusive development, socio-economic and political integration of marginalized groups, population security, promotion of human rights, and mediation and conflict management.
- Knowledge Transfer: Developed tailored strategies for knowledge transfer, including synthesis reports, policy briefs, and workshops.

Project Coordinator Junior, Beautiful Soul

Dakar, Senegal

January 2019 – December 2019

- Project Coordination and Relations: Managed project coordination and maintained positive customer relations.
- Document Management: Prepared and distributed technical documents, including proposals, reports, and educational materials.
- Workshop Organization: Efficiently organized workshops, both locally and internationally.
- Coaching Program Oversight: Coordinated and monitored individual coaching programs, enhancing their effectiveness.
- Needs Assessment and Impact Evaluation: Conducted interviews to identify training needs and evaluated program impact for improvement.

Program Sahel Intern, United Nations Development Program (UNDP),

Dakar, Senegal

June 2018 – December 2018

- Technical Inputs and program support: Explored and generated technical inputs for Monitoring, Communications, and program management in the Sahel program; Supported the development of indicators on governance, peace, and recovery.
- Literature review and research: Compiled literature reviews on governance, peace, security, human rights, and gender in the Sahel region; Undertook research on donor intelligence at regional and country levels.
- Knowledge management: Drafted concept notes, knowledge products, and presentations; Reviewed and shaped resources mobilization and partnership concepts; Collected data and prepared a bibliography/catalog of the Sahel Program for a centralized accessible repository.
- Participated in various workshops related to issues in the Sahel region and prepared workshop reports.

Program Manager Assistant Intern, Winrock International

Bamako, Mali

March 2017 – July 2017

- Assisted Farmer2Farmer consultants during assignments implementation by translating, moderating and organizing capacity-building workshops.
- Conducted about 140 surveys with potential beneficiaries to collect their capacity building needs for future workshops.
- Conducted and analyzed qualitative surveys with previous beneficiaries to determine the impact of the capacity building trainings and provided recommendation.

Refugee and Immigration services Intern, Lutheran Services of Georgia

Atlanta, GA

June 2016 – November 2016

- Helped Employment and Services staff by assisting more than 200 refugees in finding employment by identifying their skills and direct them to positions that will suit them the most.
- Organized and led weekly workshops on various topics related to adaptation in the US for refugees.

LANGUAGES

French: Native, English: Fluent, Wolof: Intermediate, Bambara: Intermediate

IT

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Odoo, Google Workspace