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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Medical doctor with expertise in Infectious Diseases and holds advanced degree in epidemiology and international health. Expertise in policy formulation, disease control and management in resource-limited settings. Fluent in major native languages of Southern Africa. Seeking to leverage medical know-how and management in the public health sector.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Consultancies

2003-2009

Africare, Washington D.C., (11/2008 – 03/2009)

Africare is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that works to improve the quality of life of the people in Africa. Role in helping the organization understand how its member offices are managing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the workplace:

- Conducted analysis of Africare's Workplace Policy Survey of Country Representatives
- Determined health benefits available to local employees in their country offices
- Explored the utilization and requirements for Africare's HIV/AIDS work place policy
- Authored a status report

Research Associate for Mary E. Wilson, MD, (Associate Professor of Medicine, and, Associate Professor of Population and International Health, Harvard), Washington, DC 2003

- Performed technical due diligence to understand current status of multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB)
- Reviewed and synthesized pertinent tuberculosis (TB) literature for a feasibility study to establish a long term research program on TB and multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB) in Peru

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (New York, NY)

2005 – 2009

Board and Committee Member

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund provides scholarships to women from developing countries currently studying in the US and South Africa

- Chaired the hospitality and events committee
- Participated in fund raising activities
- Served on the selection committee

Health Information Specialist (Rockville, MD)

2004

Aspen Systems Corporation

- Led committee revising Glossary of HIV/AIDS-Related Terms
- Developed and disseminated federally approved guidelines for research, clinical trials, and treatment for HIV/AIDS

Harare City Health Department (Harare, Zimbabwe)

1989 – 1995

Assistant Director, Communicable Diseases (1993-1995)

- Directed the communicable disease program of the Harare City Health Department
- Represented Harare City Health Department at national level
- Led hospital strategic alliances with emphasis on control, prevention and treatment of HIV and tuberculosis (TB)
- Liaised with pharmacists and hospital providers to design and implement disease management systems for communicable diseases
- Served on the Parirenyatwa Hospital Medical advisory board, a major referral and teaching hospital in Harare

Senior Medical Officer, Communicable Diseases (1992-1993)

Program Management

- Restructured and implemented new guidelines for treating communicable diseases to account for their association with HIV, for example TB and dysentery
- Presided over decentralization of TB disease management services to primary care clinics
- Improved service delivery to patients saving time and financial resources
- Streamlined the information system for communicable diseases eliminating redundancy in paper work
- Supervised TB control program staff

Teaching and Training

- Led ward rounds with medical students and junior doctors in infectious disease department
- Developed curricula for in-service training on infectious disease for nursing staff
- Lectured on various topics in communicable diseases to post graduate nurses Consulted at primary care and maternity clinics
- Reviewed and authored publications related to infectious diseases

Medical Officer (1989-1992)

- Participated in clinical audits to evaluate treatment and diagnosis of malaria in primary care clinics
- Conducted in-service training on diagnosis and treatment to nursing staff at primary care clinics and infectious disease hospitals
- Administered community health prevention and promotion programs
- Consultant to municipal clinics and hospital
- Pre and post counseling of patients for HIV testing

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (Arusha, Tanzania) **1994**
Management of Tuberculosis Control Programs

Ministry of Health in collaboration with the World Health Organization (Harare, Zimbabwe) **1993**
Management of Disease Control Programs

Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health (Atlanta, GA) **1992**
Master of Public Health
Thesis: Risk Factors for Late Entry to Prenatal Care

- Epidemiology and International Health. W.K. Kellogg Foundation International Fellow
- Conducted case control study using population-based data from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)

Medical Degree, MBChB (Harare, Zimbabwe) **1986**
University of Zimbabwe

LANGUAGES

Fluent: English, Shona, Ndebele, Zulu
Reading Level: French