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Specialization: Development Studies with a specialization in Sustainable Livelihoods

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SUMMARY

A proactive, enthusiastic and focused individual with the ability to work well both independently and in a team. I have expertise in university teaching, research and community service, networking and collaboration with international agencies such as Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID and DAAD Kenya. This is in addition to expertise in environmental impact assessment and audit, community engagement working with Tea Farmers in good governance and conflict management and as a program manager working with youth entrepreneurship initiatives, budget monitoring and office administration.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Community Resource Management Kenyatta University (December 2016)

This degree hones practical and higher analytical skills to effectively work with a range of communities for individual and social change. The programme imparts knowledge in organizational skills, community planning, social impact assessment, community engagement and capacity building.

Master of Science (MSc.) in Community Resource Management, Kenyatta University (June 2011)

This was a two-year course. The modules included but were not limited to Project Management; Community Intervention Planning; Development Policy Analysis; Programme Design, Monitoring and Evaluation. My specialization was Project Monitoring and Evaluation in the areas of Poverty Alleviation and Eradication of Extreme Hunger.

Bachelor of Science (BSc.) in Family and Consumer Science (First Class Honors),
Kenyatta University (June 2008)

This was a four year long undergraduate program with 51 course modules. The modules included Food Security; Nutrition in Emergencies; Programme Design and Evaluation; Human Nutrition; Family and Child Advocacy; Community Nutrition Surveillance and Assessment.

CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND AUDIT

Environmental Impact Assessment and Audit Course, African Nazarene University (July 2012) This was an intensive course on environmental, health and social impact assessment and audit.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Excellent with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Internet, Excel and Access, SPSS

EXPERIENCE

Tharaka Nithi County and Kenyatta University Women Economic Empowerment Project (KU-WEE) (2020-2025)

Kenyatta University in partnership with Tharaka Nithi County Government is undertaking a five-year research project on an Initiative for What Works for Women's Economic Empowerment (IWWWEE).

Working currently as a Kenyatta University Women Economic Empowerment Hub researcher in a study titled “Enhancing Women’s Livelihoods, Female Labor Force Participation, Psychosocial Wellbeing and Child Development Through the Crèche Programme in Tharaka Nithi County, Kenya.” The project aims to build program and policy evidence for formulating policies on what works to advance Women’s Economic Empowerment.

Kenyatta University – Lecturer (2011-to date)

Working as a Lecturer in the Department of Population, Reproductive Health and Community Resource Management. Duties include preparing lecture modules, lecturing, setting examinations, marking and grading scripts, research, publications and community service.

Ministry of Health and Micro Nutrient Initiative: Iron and Folic Acid Messages & Materials Pre-Testing (May 2013)

Country wide pre-testing exercise of Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) advertising messages to determine adequacy of content and language used by IFA interventions to influence positive health change among the pregnant mothers. Data Collection techniques, youth and women engagement were skills acquired from these exercise.

Kenya Women and Children Wellness Centre (KWCWC): (April 2013)

A study on knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) of various stakeholders in sexual gender based violence (SGBV) in Nairobi County. The objective was to inform development of hospital outpatient centre, research centre/forensic lab, gender violence primary centre and community family village for victims of SGBV by KWCWC in partnership with Ford Foundation and USAID. Important experience gained was stakeholders management.

Kiegoi Tea Factory Fair-trade Premium Committee - (January 2013)

Training the Premium Committee of Kiegoi Tea Factory Compliance criteria for Fairtrade standards for small producer organizations, certification standard operating procedure, Fair-trade premium use and management, project management cycle and environmental conservation, communication skills, internal control systems, conflict management and governance issues.

Consumer Trends: Youth Empowerment and Implementation Officer (March 2012 - December 2012)

In collaboration with CAPYEI Kenya in the Youth Learning, Earning, Saving and Initiative I was in charge of the Youth Entrepreneurship Program Implementation. CAPYEI Kenya is a Master Card funded project based on the Basic Employability Skills Training (BEST) model. As a Program Manager, I facilitated training of 360 young people on financial literacy, micro entrepreneurship and savings in and around Nairobi and Athi River. This project gave me experience in training, mentorship, project budget monitoring, office administration, staff management and project review and monitoring.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- International Food Safety Conference. *“Food and Nutrition Safety from Farm to Fork: A Missing Link in Consumer Health and Food Security.”* Kenyatta University from May 20th to 24th 2019.
- DAAD Young Scholars in Africa - Challenges and Opportunities Conference. March 1st -3rd, 2019, Nairobi, Kenya.
- One Health Alumni Workshop held at Pwani University, Kilifi Kenya on 17th -19th December 2018.
- 5th Humboldt Kolleg International Conference. *“The Role of Alumni Networks in Mentorship and Collaboration in Multidisciplinary Research: Foundation for Kenya Vision 2030.”* 19th -21st June 2018, Nanyuki, Kenya.

- International DAAD Alumni Expert Seminar on Enhancing Water Security and Adaptive Capacities in Vulnerable Catchments in Mbale Uganda, 14th to 22nd August 2017.
- International Conference on Higher Education. “University Industry Linkages: Identifying and Synergizing Opportunities for Quality Higher Education.” Meru University of Science and Technology: Main Campus. 4th -6th October 2017.
- ISO 9001: 2015, Quality Management Systems (QMS) standard training by Kenyatta University on 14th September 2016
- Njuguna, C., and Njoroge, J. W. (2013). *Impact of Devolved Funds on youth with disability in Kenya – Case study of Homabay, Kiambu and Mombasa Counties.* Nairobi: Action Network for the Disabled, Nairobi.
- Njuguna, C., and Njoroge, J. W. (2013). *Framework for Cooperation between five youth resource centers, government youth office and Kamukunji Constituency Network.* Nairobi: Kenya Transition Initiatives (USAID).

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Dates	Position Held	Organisation	Location of assignment
2011 - Date	Lecturer	Kenyatta University	Nairobi, Kenya
March 2012 to December 2012	Youth Empowerment and Consultancy Officer	Consumer Trends	Nairobi, Kenya
August 2009 to February 2012	Lead Trainer	Partners in Community Development Initiative	Nairobi, Kenya

AWARDS

- Kenyatta University Masters Scholarship
- Kenyatta University PhD Scholarship

- German Academic Exchange Service Dienst/DAAD) PhD Scholarship (Duetscher Akademischer Austausch

PUBLICATIONS

- Rufo, B. M., Njuguna, C. W. & Muiruri, S. M. (2022). Enhancing Household Livelihood Outcomes through Resilient Agri-Food Systems among Small-scale farmers in Kitui County, Kenya. *East African Journal of Arts and Social Sciences*, 5(1), 210-221. <https://doi.org/10.37284/eajass.5.1.705>
- Festus, E. M. Kabaria-Muriithi, J. & Njuguna, C. W. (2022). Relationship between Socio-economic Characteristics and Livelihood Outcomes of Households Receiving Cash Transfer Programme for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Tigania West, Meru County *East African Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, 5(1), 91-100. <https://doi.org/10.37284/eajis.5.1.563>.
- Kenyatta University Women Economic Empowerment Hub and Tharaka Nithi County Government (2021). Enhancing Women's Livelihoods, Labor Force Participation, Psychosocial Wellbeing, And Child Development Through the Crèche Programme in Tharaka Nithi County, Kenya. Livelihood Story Map, available at <https://arcg.is/uK8mL>.
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- Njuguna, C. W., & Didi, P. N. (2021). Influence of Enterprise Strategy Typologies on Youth Livelihood Outcomes in Kenya *East African Journal of Business and Economics* 4(1), 106-116. <https://doi.org/10.37284/eajbe.4.1.513>
- Njuguna, C., Kigaru, D. & Kamande, P. (2020). Understanding the Livelihood Challenges of Food Vendors in Three Markets in Selected Informal Settlements in Nairobi County: A Crisis or Opportunity? In J. Kiio. & C. Njuguna (Eds.). *Food Safety, From Farm to Fork: Emerging and Re-emerging Issues* (pp 16-26). New castle upon Tyne, United Kingdom: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. <https://www.cambridgescholars.com/food-safety-from-farm-to-fork>
- Kigaru, D., Njuguna, C., & Kamande, P. (2020). Food Safety Related Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices Among Food Marketers and Traders in Nairobi

City's Informal Settlements Kenya. In J. Kiio. & C. Njuguna (Eds.). *Food Safety, From Farm to Fork: Emerging and Re-emerging Issues* (pp 27-40). New castle upon Tyne, United Kingdom: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
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<https://doi.org/10.37284/eajass.2.1.209>

Ngige, L., & Njuguna, C. (2020). Impact of Public, Private and Non-Governmental Organizations' Financial Interventions on Youth Livelihood Outcomes in Kenya. *East African Journal of Arts and Social Sciences*, 2(1), 73-86.
<https://doi.org/10.37284/eajass.2.1.204>

Njuguna, C., & Ngige, L. (2020). Family Characteristics as Predictors of Youth Livelihood Outcomes in Kenya. *East African Journal of Arts and Social Sciences*, 2(1), 48-59. <https://doi.org/10.37284/eajass.2.1.191>

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