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LANGUAGES

- English
- Gonja
- Twi

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Research and Development (R&D), Environmental Sanitation, and Climate Change Adaptation

EDUCATION

- Oct 2016 – Apr., 2018
MSc. Water Management, UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education; Delft, The Netherlands.
- May 2016 – June, 2018
Master of Arts (MA.) Global Development and Social Justice (GDSJ), St. John's University, USA (Rome campus-online).
- May, 2015 to Aug., 2015
Certificate in Monitoring and Evaluation; Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA)
- Aug 2008 - July 2012
B.A. Integrated Development Studies, University for Development Studies, Tamale, Ghana

WORK EXPERIENCE

March 2019 to date
Environmental Service Providers Association (ESPA); Research and communication assistant officer

Responsibilities:

- Provide technical support to the research team of the Secretariat to develop quarterly research briefs on key thematic sanitation issues to stimulate policy discussion.
- I collect, analyze and present data on the functionality of sanitation infrastructure and sanitation related services
- Assist with the development of advocacy paper for external dissemination
- Develop and implement media and related external communications strategy.
- Oversees social media relations and news coverage for the Association.

November, 2018 to date
Water Resources Commission/Ghana Water Partnership; Rapporteur
Responsibilities:

- Provide administrative and technical assistance to the lead consultant in organizing Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) implementation Action plan for Ghana.

July, to November, 2018
JMK Consulting Group; Enumerator/Technical support staff
Responsibilities:

- Provided technical support in reviewing Impact Evaluation

reports of Strengthening Transparency Accountability and Responsiveness in Ghana (STAR Ghana) project. The Strengthening Transparency, Accountability and Responsiveness (STAR) in Ghana programme is a governance and accountability programme which aims at strengthening engagements between civil society and state actors to promote increased transparency and accountability in governance

July 2014, to September 2016

Global Water Partnership/Ghana Country Water Partnership (CWP-Ghana);
Assistant Field Officer

Responsibilities:

- Planning of interventions to be implemented in selected communities in the project area;
- Assessed the expectation of beneficiary communities and modalities for managing them in the short-medium term;
- Collaborated with members of Ghana-CWP and with relevant partners and stakeholders to increase their support and involvement in the implementation of programme required activities;
- Monitored the field interventions implementation to ascertain the efficacy of the no/low regret investments in the sectors of water, food, energy and environment in the region;
- Kept the WACDEP-Ghana Programme Management Team fully informed on the condition of the programme and all important factors influencing it;
- Contributed to articles elaboration each month to the GWP-WACDEP capacity development and management online platform;
- Produced mission reports to the project communities;
- Compiled the experiences in the project implementation consistent with the WACDEP objectives while assessing the plausible impacts and the challenges that need to be managed towards maximizing the impacts

August 2012 to June, 2014

Volta River Authority, Akosombo, Ghana; HR/Administrative Assistant (National service) at Akosombo Human Resources Department.

Responsibilities:

- Risk management
 - Developing and administering health and safety programs
 - Conducting safety inspections
- Employee and Labor Relations (non-union environments)
 - Assisting with processing employee grievances
 - Overseeing engagement programs and other employee relations work
- HR Development
 - Conducting training sessions
 - Administering on-the-job training programs
 - Organize recruitment process

VOLUNTARY

- West Africa Ambassador, Chartered Institute for Water and Environmental Management, UK

- Junior Rapporteur, Stockholm International Water Institute, Sweden (2015 World Water Week)
- Assistant Advocacy officer, Church of Christ Rural Water Development Project

GRANTS

- 2019
UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme names laureates of Young Scientists and Michel Batisse awards
- 2016/2018
Nuffic Post graduate scholarship grant
- 2016/2019
St John's University scholarship for post graduate studies

COURSES/CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

26, November, 2018	Workshop on the development of a sustainable development goal SDG's integrated water resources management (SDG IWRM) action plan, Ghana
Jan 2014 – Sept 2015	Global Water Partnership (GWP)/United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Capacity Development Project on the Economics of Adaption, Water Security and Climate Resilient Development for Africa. As the assistant project field officer of the Ghana Country Water Partnership, I was selected to participate in the capacity development project in Ghana. The course sought to enhance local, technical and analytical capacity for climate resilient development.
April, 2015	USAID West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Program (WA WASH) capacity development project: Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Development Strategies certificate
Jan 2015 – May 2015	United Nations Public Administration Network (online course). Human Resources Managers Capacity Development
Feb 2015	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (online course). Statement of Accomplishment, Water Supply and Sanitation Policy in Developing Countries.

- Aug 2015 World Bank, (online course), Economics of Climate-Resilient Development certificate
- Sept 2015 – Nov 2015 McGill University, (online course). Certificate in Integrated and Adaptive Water Resources Planning, Management, and Governance. I was part of the maiden Global Water Partnership (GWP) scholarship recipient to undertake this course in 2015.

Articles

- 2017 Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT). I assisted in editing and reviewing Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool (WASH FIT). A practical guide for improving quality of care through water, sanitation and hygiene in healthcare facilities of the health facilities. Find the link: <http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/201/9789241511698-eng.pdf>
- 2015 Reflections from the cholera menace This article highlights the causal relationship associated with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and its impact on Human development. <https://issuu.com/isaacyawbarnes/docs/reflections-from-the-cholera-menace>
- 2015 A blog on leaving no one behind: Junior Rapporteurs as information carriers at World Water Week <http://www.swedishwaterhouse.se/en/blog/junior-rapporteur-www/>
- August 2008-June 2010 Third Trimester Field Practical Programmes paper Third Trimester Field Practical Programmes is an initiative undertaken as an academic requirement to blend community-based field practical work with academics. I lead a ten multi-disciplinary team to develop a community profile and also formulate developmental interventions with the local community members.
- March 2008-August 2008 Stockholm Junior Water Prize. National Research on How Water Resource can be managed and Protected through public education- A case study of the Zenu community in Ghana. At the

end of the project, a photo exhibition of my research findings was exhibited at World Water Week 2008 as a national representative to the Junior Water Prize.

Find the link:

http://www.japanriver.or.jp/sjwp/sjwp2008/SJWP_Finalist2008.pdf

HONORS AND AWARDS

2009	Regional Representative, National Youth and Children's Summit at the 1st Ghana Water Forum (2009)
2009	Young Water Scientist Award, Water Resources Commission (2008)
2008	National Representative, Stockholm Junior Water Prize (2008)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Database operation: Microsoft Office suite
- Statistical operation: SPSS,
- Strategic Management Proposal Development;
- Proficiency in Communication and Community engagement (Written and Oral);
- Good interpersonal skills;
- Strategy formulation and decisional risk analysis;

REFERENCES

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