

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

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PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY

- **Trained as therapist/supervisor** in Trauma focused cognitive-behavioral therapy with Boston University, then trained as supervisor with John Hopkins University
- **Trained in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy** with the Institute of Counseling – Glasgow
- **Trained in Addiction Counseling** with the Institute of Counseling - Glasgow
- **Diploma in General Counselling** – Areas of concentration: child and adult intervention methods, conventional and traditional counseling - Chainama College of Health Sciences
- **HIV/AIDS Counselling Certificate** – Kara Counselling, Areas of concentration: psychosocial support for People Living With AIDS (PLWA), sensitization on HIV/AIDS issues
- **Child Counselling**, Kara Counselling – Areas of concentration orphan hood and vulnerability
- **GCE O levels** – Ibenga Girls Secondary school, Luanshya, Zambia

SKILLS

- Demonstrates professional aptitude in the day to day work;
- Client orientation and exceptional communication and presentation skills;

- Well organized and dedicated in achieving set out targets;
- Driven and committed to observing deadlines;
- Able to work in a team in order to achieve established goals; and
- Has enthusiasm to learn from others.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2016 to Date	Supervisor Common Elements Treatment Approach (CETA)
2014 to Date	Coordinator Clinical Department
2011 to 2013	Project Manager/clinical supervisor Serenity Harm Reduction Programme Zambia (SHARPZ)/John Hopkins University (JHU)
2009 to Date	Supervisor/Trainer Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT)
2007 to Date	Therapist in TFCBT
2006 to 2011	Trainer Kara Counseling & Training Centre
2006 to 2006	Coordinator ART Adherence Monitoring
2005 to Date:	Supervision, Counselor, Trainer of Trainers in Orphans and Vulnerable Children Psychosocial support
2005 to Date:	Trainer/facilitator in psychosocial Counselling
2003 to 2006:	trainer/facilitator for Community Home Based care program
2000 to Date:	Psychosocial and Child counselor
1999 to 2006:	Project Coordinator – Fatima Home Based care Project Lusaka

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES/INTERESTS

Interested in developing and carrying out interventions in psycho social support and healthcare, that are community suited; training in counselling and management of community development programs. The following are my specific professional interests:

1. Conducting training in psychosocial issues e.g. counselling/ psychosocial support, coping skills.
2. Contributing to the prevention of Gender Based Violence, Drug and Substance Abuse/Misuse and Spread of HIV/AIDS

3. Providing counselling supervision in form of psychosocial support to individuals and institutions
4. Providing leadership in counseling on issues of Gender based Violence, Alcohol and other Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS related issues
5. Providing counselling and psychosocial services to abused individuals with special interest in women, children and vulnerable individuals.
6. Providing knowledge, skills and attitudes through appropriately tailored training packages in primary health care
7. Providing awareness raising facilitation on issues affecting employees, children, women, refugees, care for orphans and vulnerable children.
8. Conducting sensitization activities (including sessions) to stressed and traumatized individuals and groups, with keen interest in women, refugees, orphans and vulnerable children,
9. Sharing experiences with others involved in the provisions of psychosocial and spiritual care.
10. Networking with other individuals/professionals/organizations

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

I participated in the sensitization and awareness raising on issues of substance abuse in various communities including the notorious Chibolya Compound. This led to taking a number of youths both male and female into partial residential treatment programs.

I worked as a volunteer caregiver with the Kaunda Square Home based Care Project since from 1994 to 2006. I had been coordinator for the same project from 1999 to 2006.

My main duties included:

- Visiting orphans and vulnerable children in their homes and enlisting those eligible for support
- Visiting the patients in their homes and hospitals
- Enlisting eligible patients for ART
- Maintaining patients and caregivers registers
- Monitoring patients intake of drugs and ARVS
- Maintaining and monitoring welfare and medical cards
- Maintaining and monitoring drug records
- Collecting information from caregivers for record keeping
- Holding workshops and meetings for caregivers, patients and the community at large

- Preparing both statistical and narrative reports for the coordination office and updating all project records
- Facilitating at workshops for coping skills, training of trainers in orphans and vulnerable children Psychosocial support
- Worked in five provinces training counselor supervisors which helped bring about enhanced understanding of counseling for the purposes of testing for HIV and other psychosocial problems.
- **Co-authored** with Dr. Laura Murray (John Hopkins University) and others – Identification, modification and implementation of an evidence based psychotherapy for children in low-income country: The use of TF-CBT in Zambia. This helped in training counselors with minimal academic qualifications and carrying out Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy among vulnerable children.

REFEREES

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