

Academic Staff Profile

Personal Profile

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Areas of Specialization:

- Social Development
- Community Resource Management
- Leadership for Community Development

Research Interests:

- Social Protection
- Gender Equality & Social Inclusion (GESI)
- Social Impact Assessment
- Child Protection
- Community Resource Management
- Public Health



Academic & Professional Qualifications

- PhD, Community Resource Management from Kenyatta University, Kenya (2014-2018)
- MA, Population, Poverty & Social Development from International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands (2009-2010)
- PGD, Leadership for Community Development from Eastern & Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI) in Arusha Tanzania (2005-2006)
- MSc, Home science & Technology from Maseno University, Kenya (1998-2002).

Employment History

-Kenyatta University (2013 to present).

Professional Achievements

- Conducted mid-term reviews, end-term evaluations, quantitative and qualitative studies as a Consultant for various NGOs
- Lecturing at Kenyatta University, coordinating activities in various departmental docket, serving in various School & Departmental committees, supervising postgraduate students & examining theses, developing curricula & modules from 2014 to present
- Prior to joining academia, I held Managerial positions in various humanitarian and development NGOs (non-profit sector) where I honed my skills in leadership, community engagement, community projects cycle management and report writing.

Publications

- Owuor, I (2018) Relationship between Socio-demographic Characteristics of Motorcycle Taxi Riders and their Socio-economic Wellbeing: Case of Homa Bay County, Kenya

- Owuor, I (2009) *Maternal Mortality: Can Kenya successfully reduce maternal mortality rate by 75% by 2015?*, The Hague, Institute of Social Studies, 2009.

Refereed Modules

- Kieru, J and **Owuor, I** (2020), *HCR 102: Trends in Community Development*. Kenyatta University
- Kieru, J and **Owuor, I** (2020), *HCR 200: Community Development Planning*. Kenyatta University
- Ndayala, P and **Owuor, I** (2020). *HCR 202: Community Outreach Programs & Extension*. Kenyatta University
- Ndayala, P and **Owuor, I** (2020), *HCR 309: Housing & Development*. Kenyatta University
- **Owuor, I** (2020), *HCR 314: Survey of Community Welfare Programs*. Kenyatta University
- **Owuor, I** (2020). *HCR 405: Community Intervention Programs*. Kenyatta University
- **Owuor, I** and Ndayala, P (2020), *HCR 413: Management of Community-Based Organizations*. Kenyatta University
- Kieru, J and **Owuor, I** (2020), *HCR 806: Community Intervention Project*. Kenyatta University
- **Owuor, I** (2020), *PPH 112: Socio-medical Sciences in Health*. Kenyatta University
- Mugo, J and **Owuor, I** (2020), *PHP 100: Foundations of Health Promotion*. Kenyatta University
- **Owuor, I** (2020). *PHP 204: Workplace Health Promotion*. Kenyatta University
- Mugo, J and **Owuor, I** (2020). *PHP 405: School Health Promotion*. Kenyatta University

Consultancy/Qualitative Study Assignments

- **August/Sept 2024:** Landscape Analysis on the Inclusion of Women and Youth in the Financial Services Sector in Africa (Kenya, Zambia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, DRC & Cameroon).
- **August 2023:** Mid-term evaluation on Renewed Commitment to Ending all forms Violence Against Women in Africa spread out in projects across South Africa, Ethiopia & Kenya under themes of health, education, economic opportunity, leadership among women and violence against women and girls.
- **July 2023:** Mid-term review of a Sexual and Reproductive Health Right (SRHR) Program dubbed MakeWay.
- **May-June 2023:** Mid-term evaluation on Strengthening Civil Societies for a more Inclusive and sustainable trade and value chains that respect human rights, protect the environment and promote women's economic empowerment.
- **April 2023:** Selection Committee Reviewer for a fellowship program supporting early-career African women researchers intending to pursue their PhD studies in various development-related fields across Africa.
- **Sept-October 2022:** Key informant interviews aimed at documenting Horn, Eastern and Central Africa (HECA) Oxfam Regional Platform (RP) Legacy in Human Rights Approaches to development, Gender Equality & Social Inclusion (GESI) from the year 2016 to 2022.
- **July 2022:** Conducted Baseline evaluation on Urban Community Resilience-building Project (focusing on Informal settlements in Nairobi & Mombasa Counties).
- **March to June 2022:** Baseline survey on Integrated Life-saving and Disaster Risk-reduction Initiatives (Livelihoods) in Kenya, targeting locations in Turkana County (Turkana central, Turkana North & Loima sub-counties) and Marsabit county (Saku, North Horr & Laisamis sub-counties).
- **April to July 2022:** Qualitative study on HIV/AIDS Self-testing as part of Assisted Partner Notification Services in Kisumu and Homabay Counties, in partnership with PATH.

Academic Research

- Owuor, I (2018) Relationship between Socio-demographic Characteristics of Motorcycle Taxi Riders and their Socio-economic Wellbeing: Case of Homa Bay County, Kenya
- Owuor, I (2010) Socially excluded? Kenyan Elderly and Participation
- Owuor, I (2009) Maternal Mortality: Can Kenya successfully reduce maternal mortality rate by 75% by 2015?

Conferences/Workshops/Seminars Attended

- A seminar on Community Participation Towards Water Catchment for Sustainable Livelihoods-Presented at a conference in Entebbe, Uganda in June 2019
- A seminar on Promoting Alternative Care by Reversing Institutionalizing of Children in Kampala, Uganda in April 2016
- Barriers to providing girls with equitable, quality education in Migori County, Kenya-Presented at a conference in July 2012 in Kampala, Uganda.
- Challenges faced by children living in Internally Displaced Persons' Camps in Nyanza Province during 2007/2008 Post-election Violence-Presented at UNICEF office, Kisumu in June 2008.

Recognized University Administrative Positions

- Departmental Exam Coordinator (from 25th August 2023 to date)
- Former Departmental Post-Graduate Studies Coordinator (2018-2022)
- Former Departmental Innovation & Community Outreach Programs Coordinator (2018-2020)
- Former Departmental Welfare Coordinator (2016-2018)
- Former Departmental e-learning Coordinator (2015-2017)
- Academic Advisor (on-going from 2014)

University, School & Departmental Committees Served in:

- Co-founder and Secretary of Kenyatta University Dons Welfare Group (2019)
- Rapporteur in a Conference dubbed "The 6th International Business Research and Industrial Conference (IBRIC 2024)".
- Applied Human Science School Strategic Plan Ad-hoc committee (2018)
- School Board of Postgraduate Studies Committee member (2018)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Community Resource Management Curriculum Development Steering Committee (2018)
- Bachelor of Science in Community Resource Management Undergraduate Program Curriculum Development Steering Committee (2017)
- Collaboration & Linkages committee (2018)
- Secretary recording proceedings in various committees.