

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: 30TH DECEMBER 1976, KORLE-BU TEACHING
HOSPITAL

PROFILE

An experienced and professional Clinical Psychologist, specialist in child, labour, rape, diplomatic relation counsellor and renowned international health activist, WHO advocate, human development professional with effective counselling, administrative, consulting and training skills. Also a hearty motivational speaker. Result oriented, team player and an independent worker with a proven record in implementing change. Sixteen (16) years experience working with adults and young people from diverse backgrounds, both international and local front. I am adaptable to changing situations.

Has held national positions and remains a Board Member of the Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health (GCNH), former Executive member of Stop TB Ghana Partnership and the Chief Executive Officer for Hope Care Foundation and has attended several international and local training workshops in project/organizational management/ community conversation enhancement/ financing/global fund budget tracking/organizational development etc.

- Has influence both international and national policies in health, finance, environmental and social accountability.
- Addressed community and social health issues through promotion and creating access to quality health care.
- Facilitated and nurtured public private partnership between NGOs and Ghana Health Services in Ghana.
- Helped develop the 2011-2015 5 year medium plan for the Ghana Health Services and was part of the independent committee that submitted the plan to scrutiny measuring feasibility and reality of achievement.
- Has chaired the committee on HIV/TB prevention working on development of the national strategic plan for 2011-2015.
- Helped develop the current national standard operating procedure (SOP) for TB/HIV screening and case finding at community grassroots level.

- Has chaired the private sector health system strengthening at Ministry of Health partners meeting.
- Has chaired the Afro-African committee section at UN ECOSOC /NGO conference in New York - USA
- Debated public officers' in several national platforms and fora.
- Has Research into finding the EFFECT OF AIDS ON PATIENS WITHOUT ART/VACCINE in 2007
- Has research into finding the result of AIDS WITHOUT ART ON PATIETS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES in 2009
- Has provide consultancy services to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Ghana; World Health Organization, Global Affairs Canada, Oxfam GB, Oxfam Russia, Water Aid Ghana, and the Coalition of NGOs in Water and Sanitation. Had previously undertaken two major consultancy assignments for STAR Ghana namely (1) Study of the Political Economy of the Health Sector in Ghana and (2) Quality Assurance of STAR Ghana grant Partners in the Health Cluster. As the associate consultant of Integrated Health Solutions Consultancy limited, and served as a health adviser and technical lead of eight grant partners of STAR Ghana and built their capacity in Health Policy Advocacy, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion.

OTHER AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Technical Support for Competency-Based Training in Apprenticeship Training, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, Technical Support for Implementation of Social protection and Pro-Poor Programmes, Technical Support for Programme Development and Management, Policy Analysis, Advocacy and Campaigns, Water and Sanitation; Health Financing; Maternal and Child Health; Health diplomacy and engagement with high level actors in government and international organizations; networking and partnership building.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1. Internships and Residencies:

Dates	Specialty	Hospital
2001-2002	Research Assistant's	Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital - Ghana
2001-2002	Psychological Counseling	Ridge Hospital – Ghana

2. MAIN WORKING:

Dates	Title	Department	Institution
2002-2003	Assistant Head	HIV/AIDS/TB	Korle-Bu Fevers Unit

2003-2004	Program Manager	Program	Vital Int. Foundation
2005-2006	Chief Executive Officer	-	Vital Int. Foundation
2007-date	Chief Executive Officer	-	Hope Care Foundation

OTHER POSITIONHELD:

- 1. Chairman @ Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health's Advocacy Committee (Jan2018-Nov. 2020)**

Key responsibilities/duties performed:

- Established Administrative, Planing, Monitoring and Evaluation systems, working policies, engineered proposal
- Develop fund raising manual for the organization and chaired the resource mobilization committee.
- Spearheaded several Advocacy interventions on Environment, Health and Human Rights through heads of departments, Agencies, Ministerial, Cabinet to Parliament.
- Was very instrumental in getting the Ghana Information and Tobacco plus the Public Health Bills before Parliament and its passage into law.
- Project management consultant

- 2. Former member of Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) for global fund (2007-2015)**

- 3. Current Treasure for Union African Region Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (Union Africa Region) 2016 till date.**

- 4. Formally Head Volunteering & Intership Programme @ Ben Newman Hope Care Foundation (2007 till date)**

Key responsibilities/duties performed:

- Recruiting International Volunteers and Internts
- Hosting Sponsored Fellows from Canada, US, UK, POLAND,SWEDEN etc.
- Orienting both volunteers, internts & Sponsored fellows
- Posting volunteers, internts & Sponsored fellows to operational areas.
- Visiting and monitoring the performace of volunteers, internts & Sponsored fellows
- Appraise their work
- Organise end of service tour for volunteers, internts & Sponsored fellows before departur
- Submit report on each individual volunteers, internts & Sponsored fellows.
- Design evaluation form volunteers, internts & Sponsored fellows supervisors.
- Organise review meetings for volunteers, internts & Sponsored fellows every quarter.

- Liase with teaching hospitals, research institutions and private hospitals in need of services of the volunteers, internts & Sponsored fellows.

EDUCATION

Basic / Secondary School Levels:

1986-1991	Primary School	Basic Education	Kanda Cluster of Schools
1992-1995	Junior Secondary	Ring Road JSS	Kanda Cluster of Schools
1995-1997	Secondary School	Senior Secondary School	Presbyterian Boys Legon (Presec)

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Date	Discipline	Degree	Institution
1997-2001	BSc Psychology GPA-3.3	Bachelor of Science	University of Ghana, Legon
2002-2004	MSc.Jungian Psychology GPA-3.5	Masters of Science	University of Gavle, Sweden.
2006-2007	Management	Diploma Certificate	GIMPA
2010-2011	Management	Diploma Certificate	University of California, Loss-Angelis (UCLA) US
2017-2019	MSc. Organizational Development GPA-3.5	Masters of Science	University of Development Studies Tamale.
2020-2023	Currently Persuing My PHD in University of Development Studies Tamale		
2021-2022	African Civic Engagement Academy University of Georgia United State (US)		

LOCAL WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

Date	Title	Organizers
2007	Early Childhood Development Workshop	By CIDA/Ministry of women and children Affaires Ghana.
2007	TB in Children Workshop	By National TB Control Programme
2008	TB Surveillance workshop	By Nuguchi Memorial and Research Institute Ghana.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

Date	Title	Organizers
2008	TB/HIV Workplace Policy Development workshop	By Rotary Club International, Washington DC US.
2008	TB/HIV Advocacy Workshop	By ICW International/Treatment Action Group in Entebbe Uganda.
2009	TB/HIV Advocacy Workshop	By ICW International/Treatment Action Group in Dar es Salaam Tanzania.
2009	TB/HIV Media Champion Training	By Results International/Action/The Lilly MDR-TB PARTNERSHIP, in Johannesburg South Africa.
2009	TB/HIV Advocacy Training workshop	By Treatment Action Group US / ICW, in Johannesburg South Africa
2010	TB/HIV Advocacy Training and	By Treatment Action Group/World Bank, in National Budget Tracking Cape town South Africa
2010	TB/HIV Activism training workshop	By World Health Organization (WHO), in Geneva Switzerland.
2010	Budget Tracking Workshop	By Global Fund to Fight AIDS MALARIA and TB
2010	TB/HIV Media Advocacy Workshop	By Results International/Action/The Lilly MDR-TB PARTNERSHIP, in Berlin Germany
2010	The Union Conference on TB & Lungs diseases.	By the Union, in Berlin Germany
2011	The Union African Conference on TB	By the Union Africa, in Abuja Nigeria.
2013	AIDS Vaccine Conference	By Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, in Barcelona Spain.
2015	The Union Conference on TB and Lungs Diseases	By the Union, in Liverpool United Kingdom
2019	The Union Conference on TB & Lungs Diseases	By the Union, in Hydrabad India

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **University of Development Studies**
 - **Topic: Diagnosing & Solutions of an Organization**
Supervisor: Gabriel G. Benarku (phd)
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PUBLICATIONS

1. **Dzivenu Tsikata, Benjamin. "Mr. Tsagli retires from active service." Mofrado-SOS Ghana Newsletter, issue no. 8, 2009, pp. 6**
 2. **Dzivenu-Tsikata, Benjamin. "EFFECT OF AIDS ON PATIENS WITHOUT ART/VACCINE." issued on. 8, 2007, pp. 4**
 3. **Dzivenu-Tsikata, Benjamin. "Child Safety should be a priority." The weekend Spectator, 6 May 2017, pp. 23**
 4. **Dzivenu-Tsikata, Benjamin. "AIDS WITHOUT ART ON PATIETS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES" The weekend Spectator, 27 May 2009, pp. 5**
 5. **Dzivenu-Tsikata, Benjamin. "LEVERAGING ON YOUR EXPERTISE TO GROW YOUR AMBITION!" The weekend Spectator, 19 June 2018, pp. 23**
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EXTRA CURRICULAR-CERTIFIED

- ❖ **D.AA.N.E.S.(Dream Always And Never Ever Stop) initiative-"Education through mentorship", Suyhani, Ghana. July 2018, Collage for Community Organizational Development.**
 - **Co-director & Counsellor to young people**
 - ❖ **University of Ghana. 1999 to 2000 academic year**
 - **Secretary for the Volta Students Association (VOSA) on campus**
 - ❖ **University of Ghana, Ghana. 1998 to 1999 academic year**
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EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS & TRAINING

- **Training of Trainers workshop for supervisors of Interns in Psychology & Social Science by the Department of Psychology, University of Ghana, Legon. (February, 2017)**

- **Counselling Techniques for SOS Caregivers, children & youth by University of Gavle. (2016)**
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- **Training of Trainers workshop for supervisors of Interns in Organizational Development (OD) by the Department of Psychology & Development, University of Development Studies Tamale. (August, 2018)**
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- **Addressing Trauma in young people by Juniper Tree (July 2011)**
- **Effective Teaching of Language & Literature in English by University of Education, Winneba, Ghana. (April 2003)**

VOLUNTARY WORK

- ❖ Accident Victims' Support, Ghana NGO. (joined 2017 till date)

Duties performed

- Hospital visitation
 - Provide counsel and emotional support to victims and their families
 - Perform clerical duties
 - Assist in organizing social events such as Launch, fundraising etc.
- ❖ Community empowerment at Tarkwa Nsuayemu (Mining community) joint effort with Laugh for lives NGO (2017 to 2015)
 - ❖ Taught children at Afram Plains deprived communities (Forifori) during summer vacation (2006-2008)
 - ❖ Health outreach at Moree Fishing community (2018) in the Central Region, with our foreign volunteers and fellows from US, UK, Canada & Finland.

POSITIONS HELD & AWARDS RECEIVED

- Greater Accra Regional Chairman of Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health. (From 2017 till date)
- Continental Treasurer for Union Africa Region (UAR) from (2016 till date)
- Overall Best Student at University of Development Studies (UDS) (2019)
- Co-chair for Africa on the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Platform (2018 till date)
- Branch Chairman for National Democratic Congress (NDC) (2016 till date)

AREAS OF COMPETENCIES

- Communication Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Team Player
- Teaching /training and development
- Consulting in Organization Development (OD)
- Hospital Management
- Child/youth development planning
- Public speaking & Motivational speeches & write ups
- Community work & Social Mobilization
- Family strengthening facilitation (welfare and social expert support services to vulnerable families)
- Administrative experience
- Computer literate (Microsoft Office word and Power Point)
- Fluent in English Language (both written & spoken)

SOFTWARE/SYSTEM SKILLS:

- Experienced in Microsoft Word
- Good at Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Good at quick and accurate typing.
- Excellent at internet connectivity, research, browsing etc.

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

- English: Fluent in writing and speaking.
- German: Average in speaking
- French : Basic in speaking , writing and understanding
- Ga Adamgbe, Twi and Ewe: Fluent in writing, speaking and understanding.
- Fluent in four (4) spoken Local Ghanaian languages(Ewe, Ga, Fante, Hawusa, & Twi)

INTEREST

- Sight seeing
- Watching movies
- Football, Internet Searching, Research Work
- Reading
- Travelling

REFERENCES

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