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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Global Health Financing Consultant with 10+ years of experience supporting Ministries of Health, Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs), and international organizations (Global Fund, Gavi, WHO, PATH, UNICEF, World Bank) across Francophone Africa. Deep expertise in DRC and Senegal health systems. Proven track record in GC7/GC8 grant development, RSSH, UHC reforms, Public Financial Management for health, and high-level technical assistance to governments. Bilingual French (Native) / English (Professional).

CORE EXPERTISE & CARTOGRAPHY

- Health Financing & Universal Health Coverage (UHC): National health financing strategies, fiscal space analysis, health insurance, results-based financing.
- Global Fund Architecture: GC7 & GC8 full cycle - Funding Request development, Grant Making, Implementation, CCM strengthening, LFA coordination.
- Gavi & RSSH: Gavi 5.1 / RSSH grant development, health systems strengthening, EPI integration.
- Public Financial Management for Health: Budget analysis, PER, budget tracking, expenditure reviews, alignment with national PFM.
- Health Systems Strengthening: Governance, HRH, supply chain, HMIS, decentralization in fragile settings (DRC).
- Technical Assistance to MoH: Institutional capacity building, policy dialogue facilitation, stakeholder coordination.
- Monitoring & Evaluation: Health sector reviews, program evaluations, bottleneck analysis, strategic planning.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Health Financing Consultant – Independent | 2020 – Present | Dakar, Senegal & Remote – DRC, Francophone Africa

- Provided TA to Ministry of Health DRC and Senegal on health financing reforms and GC7 Funding Requests (Malaria, TB, HIV/RSSH - \$400M+ envelope).
- Supported PATH DRC on UHC and health financing analytics for Global Fund GC8 preparation.
- Conducted health budget tracking and PFM analysis for WHO AFRO and UNICEF in 5 Francophone countries.
- Facilitated CCM dialogue and grant oversight mechanisms in DRC and Niger.

Health Financing Advisor – International NGO / WHO Academy | 2017 – 2020 | Dakar & Kinshasa

- Led health financing capacity building programs for MoH officials (WHO Academy affiliated).
- Developed training modules on Health Financing for UHC.
- Supported National Health Accounts and health sector strategic plans.

Public Health Specialist – Ministry of Health / Projects | 2013 – 2017 | Senegal

- Health district management, health planning, and M&E of donor-funded programs.

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES & ASSIGNMENTS

- Global Fund GC7 Funding Request Development – DRC (RSSH/HSS component) – 2023
- Health Financing Strategy Review – Senegal – WHO / World Bank – 2022
- Gavi RSSH Grant Analysis – Francophone Africa – 2022
- CCM Strengthening & Governance Assessment – DRC, Niger – 2021-2023
- Public Expenditure Review for Health – Senegal & Burkina Faso

EDUCATION

- Master in Public Health / Health Economics – [University – Modified]
- MD / Doctorate in Medicine – [University – Modified]
- Certifications: Global Fund Grant Management, Health Financing for UHC – WHO, Gavi RSSH

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

- Languages: French (Native – C2), English (Professional Working Proficiency – C1), Wolof (Native)
- Tools: National Health Accounts, OneHealth Tool, PER tools, Excel advanced, STATA, DHIS2
- Soft Skills: High-level policy dialogue, multicultural team leadership, fragile settings expertise, training & facilitation

REFERENCES

Available upon request – Senior officials MoH DRC, PATH, WHO AFRO, Global Fund