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SUMMARY

I am an activist living openly with HIV and a member of a radio station based in Tsakane. I was diagnosed in 2001 and have been actively involved in HIV advocacy and support since 2007. I have held various roles, including Deputy Secretary and Branch Organizer, and have been featured in multiple media outlets. I am dedicated to raising awareness and promoting health education in communities.

EXPERIENCE

01/2019 to 01/2023

District Organiser

Ritshidze Project

- Coordinated and managed the implementation of the Ritshidze project in Tshwane and Ekurhuleni districts
- Oversaw operations across 25 sites in Tshwane and 18 sites in Ekurhuleni
- Facilitated community engagement and participation in data collection processes at service delivery sites
- Conducted data analysis and interpretation to identify trends and challenges in service delivery for people living with HIV (PLHIV) and key populations

01/2016 to 01/2017

Community Advocate

SA HIV Clinicians Society (Project Stock Outs)

- Monitored stockouts and shortages of medicines in public health care in Gauteng
- Provided training on reporting stockouts and met with civil society and pharmacists

01/2013 to 01/2014

Branch Organiser

Treatment Action Campaign

- Provided training, guidance, and support to TAC branches and communities
- Supported service delivery with a focus on health and human rights
- Built partnerships to facilitate better access and utilization of HIV and TB-related services

01/2007 to 01/2009

Field Worker




Ekurhuleni AIDS Unit

- Educated communities on HIV and AIDS, TB, and STI prevention
- Facilitated school debates and community dialogues on societal issues
- Traced HIV and TB treatment defaulters and mobilized door-to-door campaigns

SKILLS

- Time Management
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Analytics
- Project Management
- Leadership Skills
- Adherence Counseling
- Facility Monitoring
- Data Analysis and Solutions Generation
- HIV and AIDS Treatment Literacy

LANGUAGES

IsiZulu:	C2	English:	C2
			
Proficient		Proficient	
IsiNdebele:	C2		
			
Proficient			

AWARDS

- University of Pretoria, Antiretroviral Medicine, 2008
- Treatment Action Campaign, Program on Treatment Literacy on Basic Pre-Post Counseling, Adherence, Counseling, Science & Treatment of HIV & AIDS, Human Anatomy, Facilitation, Governance, Health and Social Basics, 2008
- SAFAIDS/OXFAM NOVIB, Program on Scaling Up HIV Response in the World of Work. Stop AIDS, 2011

REFERENCES

- Mr. Tshepo Maboe, TAC Provincial Manager, 0720103247, tshepo.maboe@tac.org.za
- Nontyatyambo Makapela, 0627554619, makapela.nontyatyambo@gmail.com

PROJECTS

Community Voluntary Work, Kusene themba Support Group, 01/01/12, 12/31/13, Volunteered in a support group for people living with HIV and AIDS. Provided health talks and assisted in awareness-raising activities. Facilitator, Ekurhuleni Pride Organising Committee (EPOC), 01/01/14, 12/31/15, Empowered the LGBTQIA+ community by creating safe spaces and discussing health care access and safety. Participated in advocacy campaigns led by LGBTQIA+ leaders.

EDUCATION

01/1998

Grade 11

Tlakula Senior Secondary School