

ANDILE PORTIA BHENGU

COMMUNITY & YOUTH PROGRAMMES COORDINATOR



SUMMARY

I am an adept community & youth programmes coordinator with a comprehensive understanding of HIV, TB, and STI prevention, coupled with a strong background in community development and youth advocacy. My fervor for public health advocacy is matched by hands-on experience in conceptualizing and executing community-driven health education initiatives. My expertise extends to the effective implementation of the National Strategic Plan on HIV, TB and STIs through grassroots programs.

With over five years of dedicated involvement, I have honed my skills in policy advocacy, youth engagement, and the design and management of health promotion projects. My collaborative endeavors have encompassed key partnerships with esteemed entities such as the Provincial Department of Health, Department of Social Development, Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, and Department of Basic Education.

My experience is enriched by my contributions within the multi-sectoral landscape of provincial government, notably through my involvement in the Operation Sukuma Sakhe program. This multifaceted background uniquely equips me to champion impactful health and advocacy initiatives while embracing a holistic approach to community-driven change.

EXPERIENCE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER


TB & HIV Investigative Network NPC

Nov 2023- Present

- fostering strong relationships with diverse communities to ensure their active participation and contribution to the trial process.
- conducting assessment thorough formative research, stakeholder interviews, and surveys to gain insights into community needs and preferences
- constructing and managing Community Advisory Board to implement best practices for engagement and research ethics.
- securing buy-in from key stakeholders, including government departments such as the Department of Health, and Civil Society Forums, to facilitate the recruitment of participants for the trial.
- promoting inclusivity, transparency, and ethical conduct throughout the research process.
- Ensuring increased TB awareness and TB research education through community based events
- Facilitate knowledge dissemination of the research findings

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EDUCATION

B.A IN COMMUNICATIONS SCIENCE: MEDIA STUDIES AND JOURNALISM

University of Free State
2011-2013

H C IN EVENTS MANAGEMENT

IIE: Rosebank College
2016

HIV/AIDS COUNSELLING COURSE

Wise Training Centre
2022

INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO
UNDERSTANDING GLOBAL BURDEN OF HIV
AND YOUTH

Sub-Saharan African Network for
TB/HIV Research Excellence
2024

SKILLS

- Stakeholder relations and management
- Programme management and coordination
- Technical support
- Communications and public speaking
- Leadership and management
- Community and youth advocacy

LANGUAGE

English - Advanced

IsiZulu - Proficient

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COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

TB & HIV Investigative Network NPC

Dec 2022 - Oct 2023

- Sustained interaction with civil society structures, organizations, Department of Health (DOH), and other pivotal stakeholders.
- Guide and execute community involvement and connections with stakeholders within the district for all projects.
- Contribute to the formulation and execution of strategies for engaging stakeholders.
- Contribute to designing initiatives at both community and partner levels aimed at enhancing the quality of all programs and projects.
- Undertake an assessment of stakeholders involved in TB services implementation.
- Formulate and keep an up-to-date analysis, directory, mapping, and engagement record of stakeholders.
- Oversee and carry out initiatives for Community Education, Recruitment, and Retention Programs.
- Lead, engage in, and oversee the mobilization of potential participants for all projects, outlining the objectives of recruitment endeavors, group discussions, pre-screening, screening, and special occasions.
- Resourceful development and execution of Community Outreach Events and Activities.
- Coordinate campaigns for public relations and events involving stakeholders.
- Foster volunteerism through outreach within the community.

COMMUNITY CARE GIVER

I Matter Foundation (Funded by TB&HIV Investigative Network)

May 2022 - August 2022

- Educated the community on TB/Covid 19
- Traced TB clients who were lost to follow up
- Screened households for TB/Covid19 and other health issues
- Created community awareness on health issues via community engagement programs

CSF YOUTH SECTOR PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

Kwa-Zulu Natal Civil Society Forum

2021 - 2025

- Support the implementation and coordination of the HIV, TB and STI response in the province
- Coordinate public relations campaigns and stakeholder events
- Act as a liaison person on behalf of the organization with stakeholders
- Maintain organization documents and files
- Schedule meetings and produced reports
- Drove the implementation of the organization's year plan
- Coordinate the ICASA Youth Village in (2020)
- Participate in the development and launch of the Zikhala Kanjani Youth Prevention Strategy

COMPUTER PROFICIENCY

- Ms Word
- Ms Excel
- Ms Power Point
- Internet Research
- Basic Graphic design

AWARDS

- Award: Best Journalism Student 2013
Institution: University of Free State
- Award: Highest Achiever in Events management 2016
Institution: IIE: Rosebank College

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- KwaZulu Natal Civil Society Forum, Youth Sector Provincial Secretary (2021-2025)

REFERENCES

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