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CAREER SUMMARY

- **Experienced in community development** with the ability to work on various topics (education, health, social inequalities, gender). Specially interested in context-based adaptation strategies and policy communication in multicultural environments.
 - **An independent and creative development practitioner** with 5+ years of experience in designing, implementing, and evaluating development projects.
 - **Focused on finding solutions** by collecting, analyzing, synthesizing qualitative and quantitative data to build evidence for decision-making in public policies or field intervention. Able to define new strategies and tools adapted to a specific problem.
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AREAS OF EXPERTISE & SKILLS

- Conduct data analysis (Stata, SPSS, Excel, ArcGIS Pro)
 - Facilitate and efficiently communicate to policies (PRB trainer)
 - Conduct research in Social Sciences
 - Manipulate safely data in social science research (Human Subjects Research IRB Certified)
 - Manipulate safely data in health research (CITI Health Information Privacy and Security certified)
 - Conduct impact and evaluation of projects/programs
 - Communicate fluently in French and English, and fairly good in Spanish
 - Efficiently manage projects (Google certified)
 - Generate posters, illustrations, banners with Adobe Photoshop
 - Copy/Writing/Editing (Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher)
 - Create data visualization (PowerPoint, Tableau, Excel)
 - Collect data with CsPro, Google form, Survey Monkey
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EDUCATION

Cornell University | December 2022

Master of Professional Studies in Global Development

Focus on Development Economics and International Development.

Demographic Training and Research Institute (IFORD) | November 2018

Master of Professional Studies in Demography

Focus on Social Sciences, Law, Political Sciences, Economy, and Management.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

George Washington Carver Intern | World Food Prize Foundation | Des Moines, Iowa (US)

May 2023 - August 2023 (*currently*)

- Assist in promoting call for nominations for the World Food Prize and Borlaug Field Award
- Prepare nomination materials for viewing by the Selection Committee.

Executive analyst | Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development | Yaoundé (Cameroon)

November 2018 – December 2021

- Wrote analytic briefs on various topics, policy analysis assigned by the hierarchy
- Evaluated, in the articulation of the national budget chain, the Public Investment Projects portfolio of the ministries in the rural sector to reduce the number of projects by 70% by rationalizing them, identifying the most relevant projects
- Built the database of the projects of the decentralized administration of the Cameroonian Southern Region and redaction of an analytical report highlighting the inequalities in the share of resources according to the sectors of activity
- Contributed to the creation of the digitalization referencing model of the internal archives of the Projection, and Programs and Projects Preparation Division.

Associate field Director | Human Capital Investment Program (PICHNET) | Yaoundé (Cameroon)

January 2019 – December 2021

- Drove in partnership with secondary education a project entitled 'Annales PICHNET' made by physical and digitalized content exercises and tips for pupils in national examination classes, to ensure the continuity of the teachings during the interruption due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This project has received the support of the Center Region's Senators
- Assisted in administrative tasks and management procedures of the NGO involving 50 staff and volunteers
- Developed and supervised information sharing protocols in various media and visualizations
- Coordinated technical activities and partnerships for events, workshops, or statistical operations
- Facilitated workshops like the statistical inserts workshop involving ten (10) Cameroonian journalists, ten (10) IFORD students and five (5) PICHNET youth. Training to learn how to identify a relevant topic, sources of information, their reliability and how to translate them in a brief ready to be published
- Mentored over two thousand (2000) NGO's trainees in youth leadership competitions (Personal Development Plan, Youth's solutions to SDGs, Entrepreneurship) or in their personal initiatives.

Graduate Student French Translation Assistant | Cornell University | Ithaca, NY (USA)

October 2022 – October 2022

- Translated presentations and discussions, from English to French during the Institute of African Development (IAD) Conference.

Ambassador for the Global Development Field | Cornell University | Ithaca, NY (USA)

September 2022 – December 2022

- Publicized information about the Global Development program
- Promoted engagement for events within the Global Development field
- Participated in panels during open house sessions, meeting with prospective students (advised 3 and 2 are accepted for the Fall 2023 term) and doing student spotlights.

Team Supervisor | Cornell Chapter of Engineers in Action | Lobamba (Eswatini)

June 2022 - July 2022

- Provided support and guidance to a team of five (5) civil engineering students during their stay in the Eswatini Kingdom while building the "EMAPHOVELENI" suspended bridge
- Informed the team about conducting properly, be respectful to the local communities and the workers on site.

Research Project Manager | Cornell University | Yaoundé (Cameroon)

From June 2022 to August 2022

- Oversaw a team (5) in the NGO named PICHNET for evaluating the effects of the interventions on the success of the participants
- Conducted 3 focus groups and Interviewed 28 PICHNET alumni from different cohorts
- Conducted research during my Master at Cornell on the title: "Assessment of Experimental Learning on Youths' School/Work Success, In Post-Secondary Transition: Case of PICHNET Cameroon".

Research Assistant | Polson Institute Collaborative Grant | Ithaca, NY (USA)

From March 2022 to May 2022

- Collaborated on the project: "A Second Gondwana? Addressing Africa's Growing Economic (D)rift" with the supervision of Pr. Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue and Pr. Sarah Giroux
- Participated to launch a continent-wide, collaborative effort to analyze Africa's rising economic inequality and identify the best policy remedies to counter this growing rift
- Calculated economic and demographic indicators, performed geographical analysis, contributed to workshops organization.

Research Assistant | Institute of Demographic Training and Research (IFORD) | Yaoundé (Cameroon)

April 2017 - November 2021

- Contributed to the design, initiation and monitoring/evaluation of research projects
- Collaborated in grant writing
- Conducted research on "Late marriage for Women in Cameroon: Capabilities approach". It has been published in the European University Edition
- Led the outreach team in the survey "Level of civil registration: Causes and Consequences in the city of Bafia". Built an awareness plan including communication strategies, targets, channels, media, and outreach content. I also took part in awareness raising mission assignments in the city of Mbalmayo (pilot survey) and then in the city of Bafia.