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Key Qualifications

Monitoring, Reporting & Evaluation: Systematically analyze data to assist in improving research design, design indicators, and inform policy decisions; assess projects to improve future data collection/analysis; conduct needs assessments and evaluations; ensure projects provide maximum utility to stakeholders in local organizations and for policymakers.

African Affairs Specialist: Two decades of experience in understanding and analysis of the complex relationship between social, developmental, economic, health and displacement issues in Africa; served in the US government and written high-level policy briefs for the US White House, Department of State, and USAID; regularly provide input into academic research projects.

Research, Data Analysis & Strategic Foresight: Extensive knowledge of qualitative and quantitative methods in interviewing, surveys, focus groups, archival research, and ethnography; develop unique methodologies for quality data collection amongst hidden, conflicted, youth, and displaced populations; foresight in planning scenarios for strategy reports (horizon scanning); intelligence gathering (all-source); oversee expert analysts for qualitative and quantitative analysis and reporting.

Capacity Building: Provide best practices for data collection and analysis for international and local research contractors, NGOs, INGOs, the U.S. government, and military; facilitate and backstop workshops on multiple topics for local and international stakeholders.

Management & Oversight: Design and implement research projects in developing countries, particularly sub-Saharan Africa, on topics related to development, institutions and security; recruit, train, and manage local subcontractors, field researchers, and thematic experts across sub-Saharan Africa.

Networks, Teaching & Training: Long-term collaborations with NGOs, USAID, UN organizations, U.S. Embassies, AFRICOM/CJTF-HOA, research organizations across sub-Saharan Africa, and academics to successfully analyze political and economic processes, poverty, and development needs; teach graduates/undergraduates and train local researchers and contractors.

Country Experience: Mozambique, South Africa, Ethiopia, Liberia, Uganda, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Botswana, Angola, Tanzania, Kenya, Djibouti, Mali, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, eSwatini, South Sudan (Primary Data Collection); Mali, Bangladesh, Pakistan, South Africa, Mozambique, Ethiopia (Remote Data Collection)

Research & Evaluation Methodologies

- Survey design and implementation, including oversight of statistical random sampling based on country censuses: Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Mozambique, Angola, South Africa, Djibouti, Zimbabwe, eSwatini, Somalia, Liberia, Malawi
- Focus groups: Mozambique, Ethiopia, South Africa, Somalia, eSwatini, Malawi, Uganda, Zimbabwe
- In-depth and semi-structured interviews: Somalia/Somaliland, Mozambique, Tanzania, South Africa, Liberia, Ethiopia, eSwatini, Uganda, Malawi, Sierra Leone, and Zimbabwe

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Florida, 2009: Comparative Politics; International Public Policy.

Specialization: sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on development, health, human rights and access to resources in Mozambique; qualitative and quantitative methodologies.

M.A. Political Science, University of Florida, December 2004: International Development, Comparative Politics

B.A. Theatre, Barry University, 1993

Professional Experience

Founder and Director, KGF Research and Associates, Mozambique (December 2016-present);

Co-Founder and Managing Director, REAL Consulting (2018-present).

- Design and implement data collection (qualitative and quantitative) and analysis for multiple stakeholders; focus on Monitoring and Evaluation, needs assessments, and strategic foresight;
- Partner with and capacity build research teams in sub-Saharan Africa;

- Specialize in hard-to-reach or hidden communities and populations; insecurity, livelihoods; violence and extremism, health; gender; development and humanitarian needs; climate effects on livelihoods; support within displaced and/or conflict communities;
- Clients include World Vision, CARE, Coffey, NORC, UNICEF, Plan Intl, Porticus, Village Enterprise, etc for projects funded by the UN, USAID, DFID, EU.

International Research Analyst/Project Manager, Office of Opinion Research, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State (July 2010-December 2015).

- Conceptualize and oversee new research methodologies and projects: quantitative, nationally representative surveys with sampling based on country census data, and qualitative research in East and Southern Africa (Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Djibouti, Angola, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, and Mozambique);
- Topics included: CVE and conflict/displacement, livelihoods and food security; institutions, health and development, gender, youth, governance, displacement of populations, trafficking/poaching, behavior change;
- Analyze intelligence reports and primary quantitative/qualitative data on various African populations (adults, youth, displaced) for high-level policymakers, embassies, USAID, and AFRICOM/SOCOM/CTTF-HOA to assist foreign policy and programming. Averaged 12-15 reports per year for the U.S. government;
- Monitor and evaluate research projects based on best practices and rapidly changing situations; review data source quality and collection methods;
- Regularly travel to Africa to train and manage contractor teams to ensure high quality quantitative data; collaborate with U.S. government policymakers, NGOs, and academics; work with partners to disseminate data; brief high-level stakeholders.

Policy Advisor for Africa, Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State (November 2013-August 2014, for a 9-month temporary detail).

- Oversaw grants for women and girls throughout sub-Saharan Africa; monitor trends, coordinate strategies and priority areas, and serve as liaison between the U.S. government and NGOs to build support for gender mainstreaming in programming and policy, particularly on livelihoods and sustainability in rural areas;
- Track and evaluate human rights, institutions, and assistance efforts and analyze current and previous trends in Africa for senior policymakers and development program officers;
- Monitor and evaluate assistance efforts and conduct needs assessments and country assessments based on security and development issues for women.

University Teaching Experience

- **Adjunct Professor, University of New Hampshire**, Fall 2021-present: Teaching graduate seminar on Research Methods for development practitioners in MA program on Global Conflict and Security.
- **Adjunct Professor, Virginia Tech** (Alexandria campus), Summer 2011: Taught graduate course on Global Conflict.
- **Visiting Assistant Professor, Virginia Tech** (Blacksburg campus), August 2009-July 2010: Taught courses on African Politics, Global Conflict (graduate), Intro to Comparative Politics.
- **Instructor, Virginia Tech**, August 2008-July 2009: Taught courses on African Politics, Intro to Comparative Politics, International Relations.

Other Academic Projects

- Various research projects in South Africa, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Swaziland (now eSwatini), 2002-2010. Extended summaries available upon request.

Publications, Research Reports & Conferences

- Extensive list, available upon request.

Project Portfolio as Director of KGF Pesquisas & REAL Consulting

- Extensive list, available upon request.

Languages

English: Native

Portuguese: Advanced