

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**FOR**

**COLLINS OMONDI OPIYO**

**BSc. (Hons.), MA (Pop. Studies), M-PHIL (Pop. Studies)**

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## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

(Beginning from the last attended)

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**JUNE – JULY 2001:** EIGHT (8) WEEK TRAINING IN SURVEY RESEARCH TECHNIQUES AT THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, USA.

**MAY 1996 – FEBRUARY 1998:** MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (POPULATION STUDIES) AT THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION STUDIES, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON.

**OCTOBER 1992 – SEPTEMBER 1993:** MASTER OF ARTS (POPULATION STUDIES) AT THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION STUDIES, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON.

**MAY 1987 – FEBRUARY 1990:** BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (UPPER DIVISION) IN MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS) AT KENYATTA UNIVERSITY - NAIROBI, KENYA.

**1985 – 1986:** MARANDA HIGH SCHOOL- BONDO, KENYA.

**1981 – 1994:** NYANG'OMA BOYS SECONDARY SCHOOL- BONDO, KENYA

**1974 – 1980:** AKOKO PRIMARY SCHOOL – BONDO, KENYA

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

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**AUGUST 2003 –  
TO DATE:**

**Senior Economist/Statistician** at Central Bureau of Statistics, seconded to Poverty Analysis and Research Unit (PARU). This unit is mandated to establish comprehensive, integrated and up-to-date databases, through research and innovative analysis, for the monitoring and evaluation of poverty reducing policies and programmes. The unit helps to track the nature, extent, trends and manifestations of poverty and undertakes research and analysis to ensure that sections of the population that remain poor are correctly identified, their social and economic conditions assessed, and policies and programmes that will reduce their vulnerability recommended to direct government agencies and their partners working to reduce poverty nationally.

Also, I am currently part of the team designing a three-year Integrated Household and Budget Survey (HBS) programme geared to yielding poverty and welfare indicators; CPI and income brackets, and; comprehensive national accounts statistics covering the informal sector, small-scale traders, etc., among other things.

**DECEMBER 1993 –  
JULY 2003:**

**Economist / Statistician** at the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), in the Population and Other Social Statistics Division.

### **Responsibilities/Achievements**

- Charged with collection, compilation and dissemination of demographic related statistics.
- Responsible for working out modalities and strategies for integrating population issues into development planning.
- Compiled the basic reports of the 1989 Kenya Population and Housing Census.
- Co-ordinated the detailed analysis of 1989 Kenya Population and Housing Census data. Also analysed and compiled the monograph on fertility and nuptiality.
- Supervised staff.
- A key member of the 1999 Population and Housing Census Secretariat charged with planning of all technical, administrative and logistical requirements as well as overseas the implementation of all census activities, and authored the "Fertility and Nuptiality" monograph.
- Designed the 1999 Population and Housing census questionnaire and the enumerator's instructions manual and supervisor's guide.
- Secretary to the Secretariat that planned and executed the 2003 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey. Authored a chapter on fertility levels and trends in Kenya.

**FEBRUARY 2001 -  
MAY 2003:**

Participated in an international research initiative on poverty mapping at the household level by combining the spatial richness of census data and the wealth of detail in survey data to produce poverty measures and maps for small areas.

**MAY 2001:**

Designed, supervised and participated in a feasibility study for a field reconciliation exercise for the Post Census Enumeration Survey in Coast and Nyanza Provinces.

**APRIL 2001:**

Participated in the drafting of the national Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) geared to achieving the national poverty eradication targets in the medium term.

**OTOBER 2000 –  
MARCH 2001:**

Engaged by the Population Studies and Research Institute, University of Nairobi, on a part-time basis to teach a postgraduate course on "Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methodology in Population And Development".

- MAY – AUGUST 2000:** Contracted by Strategic Public Relations and Research Limited to carry out a socio-economic monitoring and impact evaluation survey of Mathare 4A slum development programme in Nairobi for Amani Housing Trust. Main tasks include development of indicators, design and pre-test of instruments, training of research assistants, supervision of data collection, design of data collection screen, supervision of data entry, data processing, data analysis, report writing and dissemination.
- FEBRUARY – MARCH 2000:** Participated in the design of the Post Enumeration Survey covering all the districts in Kenya. The data collected from the survey was utilised to evaluate content and coverage errors in the 1999 Population and Housing Census.
- MARCH 1995:** Designed, implemented and wrote a report for a survey conducted by UNFPA-IEC Regional Project on the social problems affecting the youth in Mombasa Town. The survey used both qualitative and quantitative techniques.
- NOVEMBER 1993:** Research Assistant with Africa Population and Environment Institute (APEI). Undertook proposal writing and editing, research design and marketing of population paper series published by the Institute. Also solicited papers from various organisations and individuals for publication.
- 1990 – 1992:** **Teacher at Khalsa Girl’s Secondary School, NAIROBI, KENYA.**
- Taught Mathematics and Physics.
  - Form Four Class Teacher and Senior Teacher.
  - Co-ordinated joint examinations between the school and other neighbouring schools.
- OCTOBER 1988 – MARCH 1989:** Research Assistant at Population Studies and Research Institute, University of Nairobi. Responsibilities included basic survey data processing and analysis.
- JANUARY - MAY 1987:** Teacher for Mathematics and Physics at Nyang’oma Boys Secondary School.

#### **SEMINARS/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

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- MAY 2004:** Attended and participated in a meeting Mombasa, Kenya, on regional discourses on poverty measurement and monitoring.
- JANUARY 2004:** Attended and participated in a Poverty and Inequality Analysis workshop in Washington DC, USA. The course was organised by the World Bank Development Economic Research Group and the World Bank Institute.
- OCTOBER 2003:** Participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems (IAWG-FIVIMS) in Nairobi. Presented a paper on the potential use of poverty maps in planning food insecurity and vulnerability interventions.
- SEPTEMBER 2003:** Attended a 3-week work-study to undertake own children method of fertility estimation based on the 1969, 1979, 1989 and 1999 Kenya Population Censuses data, and 1989, 1993 and 1998 Kenya Demographic and Health Surveys data at the International Programs center, US Census Bureau, Washington, DC, USA.
- JULY 2003:** Attended a 2-week training workshop on “Dealing with Data from Participatory Studies” at the Statistical Services Centre, University of Reading, UK. Discussions mainly centred on

combining quantitative (statistical) and qualitative (participatory) approaches to provide solutions to complex planning and research issues.

- JUNE 2003:** Participated in the Generalised Data Dissemination System (GDDS) workshop and presented a methodological perspective paper on combining Welfare Monitoring Survey Data and Census Data to generate sub-District poverty estimates and maps.
- JANUARY 2003:** Attended a 3-week workshop on Demographic and Census Data Processing and Analysis at the International Programs Center, US Census Bureau, Washington, DC, USA.
- DECEMBER 2002:** Attended a one-week training workshop on “Achieving Outstanding Performance” at the Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa.
- AUGUST –  
SEPTEMBER 2002:** Attended a 3-week work-study on Edit and Tabulations of the 1999 and 2000 Africa Censuses at the International Programs Center, US Census Bureau, Washington, DC, USA.
- APRIL –  
MAY 2002:** Attended a work-study on the Finalisation of the 1999 Kenya Population Census Cross-tabulations and Preparation of the Micro Dataset at the International Programs Center, US Census Bureau, Washington, DC, USA.
- FEBRUARY 2002:** Participated in a 3-week retreat attended by subject matter specialists from the Government and the University as well as local and international consultants to compile various monographs based on the 1999 Kenya Population and Housing Census data in Isiolo.
- DECEMBER 2001:** Attended a 3-week work-study to undertake editorial refinements on the 1999 Kenya Population and Housing Census Data at the International Programs Center, US Census Bureau, Washington, DC, USA.
- OCTOBER –  
DECEMBER 2001:** Participated in a 3-week training workshop attended by subject matter specialists from the Government and the University as well as local and international consultants to undertake in-depth analysis of the 1999 Kenya Population and Housing Census data in Machakos.
- OCTOBER 2001:** Attended a 2-week work-study on the Processing of the 1999 Kenya Population and Housing Census Data, as well as training on use of Population Analysis Spreadsheets at the International Programs Center, US Census Bureau, Washington DC, USA.
- AUGUST 2001:** Participated as a Rapporteur for the National Children’s Seminar held at KCCT, Mbagathi.
- JUNE 2001:** Participated in an international Poverty Mapping Workshop organised by the World Bank in Pretoria, South Africa. The Workshop was convened to train Economists/Statisticians from various African countries on modalities of using census data in conjunction with survey data to compile poverty maps for small areas.
- JANUARY 2001:** Participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Population Association of Kenya and presented a paper on the “Challenges of Data Collection and Utilisation: The Case of the 1999 Kenya Population and Housing Census.”
- OCTOBER 2000:** Participated in various consultative fora that culminated in the national Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), and was a Facilitator as well as a member of the National Steering Committee.

- AUGUST 2000** Participated as a resource person in a media/journalists workshop to sensitise them on the entire process of census taking and the population dynamics of Kenya and their policy implications for socio-economic development.
- APRIL 2000:** UNFPA workshop on Formulation of 5<sup>th</sup> Country Programme Logframe and Revision of sub-programmes and component projects following the MTR recommendations in Nakuru.
- JULY 1998 –  
AUGUST 1999:** Participated in various district seminars to disseminate 1989 census information as well as sensitise the populace on activities for the 1999 Population and Housing Census and the concomitant logistical arrangements.
- Participated in the training of trainers for the 1999 census as a resource person at national level. Also co-ordinated and oversaw training of senior supervisors, supervisors and enumerators and collection of data in Nyanza province of Kenya.
- JUNE 1999:** Workshop on the Development and Utilisation of the **LOGFRAME** in Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation of Population Programmes for the 5CP Programme Managers in Mombasa.
- FEBRUARY 1999:** Attended a workshop on Strategies for the 2000 Round of Population Censuses and Surveys for SADC Member Countries in Pretoria, South Africa.
- APRIL 1998:** Attended a UNFPA/GOK Training workshop for project personnel on Programme and Financial Policies and Procedures and the Management of Population Projects in Nakuru.
- MARCH 1998:** Attended a seminar for high-level National Population Commission officials on Population and Development Policy in Africa in Nairobi, Kenya.
- JANUARY –  
FEBRUARY 1996:** Participated a one-week brainstorming session on the preparation of the 8<sup>th</sup> National Development Plan alongside other senior government officers. Responsibilities included provision of data produced by CBS to other Development Issues Planning Groups (DIPGs) and submission of a write-up on population growth vis-à-vis sustainable development.
- FEBRUARY 1995 –  
APRIL 1995:** UNFPA Regional courses on “IEC Strategy Development, Organisation and Management of Population Projects” for Anglophone Africa.
- The following courses, *inter alia*, were undertaken under this programme:
- Communication and Development
  - Communication processes and behavioural change
  - Research methods and role of Research in population IEC
  - IEC Strategy Development Formulation
  - Project Document Formulation
  - Role and functions of Management and Establishment of Management Information Systems (M.I.S)
  - Evaluation and Monitoring of IEC Projects
- NOVEMBER 1994:** Three-day annual population conference organised by Population Association of Kenya and Population Studies and Research Institute. Responsibilities included co-ordination of reporting of proceedings for various sessions and compilation of the final report on the Plan of Action. Hitherto the conference, I was also a member of the 15-person team that held meetings fortnightly for a period of 8 months to organise the conference.

- OCTOBER 1994:** Participated in a 3-day seminar organised jointly by Kenya National AIDS Control Programme and World Health Organisation to review programmes geared towards prevention of the spread of HIV virus as well as the care for the HIV/AIDS victims.
- SEPTEMBER 1994:** Attended a 2-week training workshop for the Analysis of 1989 Kenya Population and Housing Census. I was also charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all the requisite tables for analysis were produced and an inventory of relevant methodologies undertaken.
- AUGUST 1994:** Participated in a 5-day training workshop for co-ordinators, supervisors and enumerators convened to conduct a survey for Johns Hopkins University to evaluate National Information, Education and Communication (IEC) situation. Thereafter I proceeded on fieldwork as a supervisor for Nairobi Province.
- JULY 1994:** Attended the Preparatory Session for the International Conference on Population and Development (CAIRO, 1994) in Nairobi.
- JUNE 1994:** Participated in a one-week training workshop convened to train trainers during UNICEF's National Welfare Monitoring and Nutrition Survey II. I also trained enumerators and supervisors in Western Province before launching the same survey which I also co-ordinated for a period of one month.
- DECEMBER 1993:** Deliberated in a Task Force on National Environment Action Plan that was instituted to work out modalities for setting up a National Environment Information System.

#### **OTHER CAPABILITIES / QUALITIES**

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- Working with personal computers in data/word processing packages and other packages (demographic, social etc) for social scientists.
- Good Interpersonal communication skills.
- Good analytical and report writing skills.
- Team building and leadership skills.
- Proven diligence, absolute commitment to duty and commendable self-drive.

#### **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

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- MARCH 2001:** Awarded a certificate as a "Change Champion" to drive the change management process in the Ministry of Finance and Planning.
- JANUARY 2001:** Awarded a certificate in recognition of the valuable contribution and selfless service rendered to the 1999 Population and Housing Census analysis process.
- MAY 1996:** Awarded a United Nations 18-month Fellowship for an M-Phil course in Population Studies at the United Nations Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana.
- SEPTEMBER 1993:** Awarded the best student prize in the techniques of demographic analysis in the MA degree Programme at the United Nations Regional Institute of Population Studies, University of Ghana.

- JANUARY 1993:** Awarded two-year scholarship for an MSc. Degree in Physics at Kenyatta University, Nairobi-Kenya. (Not taken up because the UN Fellowship Programme mentioned above was already in progress).
- OCTOBER 1992:** Awarded a United Nations Twelve-month Fellowship for an M.A Degree in Population Studies at the United Nations Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Geographic Dimensions of Well-Being in Kenya, Volume One: Where Are the Poor? From Districts to Locations.
- "Challenges of Demographic Data Collection and Utilisation: The Case of the 1999 Kenya Population and Housing Census" in Population Association of Kenya Occasional Paper Series, Volume 1.
- "Mathare 4A Development Programme: A Socio-economic Monitoring and Evaluation Survey in June 2000."
- 1989 Kenya Population and Housing Census. Analytical Report Volume IV: Fertility and Nuptiality.
- "Fertility levels, trends and Differentials in Kenya: Application of the Own Children Method." (Unpublished M.A Thesis, 1993).
- 1999 Kenya Population and Housing Census. Analytical Report Volume IV: Fertility and Nuptiality.
- "Determinants of recent fertility decline in Kenya" (Unpublished M-Phil Thesis, 1998).
- Other Ad hoc position papers presented in seminars and workshops.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

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- Member of Population Association of Kenya.
- Prospecting member of Union of Africa Population Studies.
- Family Planning Association of Kenya.

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