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I. PERSONAL STATEMENT

With a track record of senior-level management experience in project design and management, coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and report writing, I am a highly motivated, responsible, and hardworking individual. My dedicated and honest approach to maintaining high-quality standards, combined with over 20 years of diversified experiences across various sectors, makes me a versatile coordinator and manager. I demonstrate a strong commitment to achieving the objectives of any humanitarian institution and program through my analytical, strategic planning, problem-solving, and partnership-building skills. I am able to work independently or as part of a team with extreme attention to detail and a commitment to the values of accountability, transparency, inclusiveness, empowerment, and gender equality.

II. EDUCATION

Master in Development Economics: in progress; completed the course work

Bachelor Degree in Agricultural Engineering: Alemaya University of Agriculture, Ethiopia, 1995

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Feb 2021- Till Date: Livelihood and Gender Advisor for CARE Ethiopia

- Managing the livelihood and gender component of the project
- Facilitated & coordinated basic business and life skills training for 2971 project targets
- Coordinated vocational skill training for 210 young girls
- Coordinated and led the situational & Gender Analysis Study
- Coordinated and led the project's baseline survey
- Led the establishment and training of 50 urban saving and loan associations, and their linkage with microfinance
- Facilitated and coordinated project targets linkages with formal financial institutions to create access to finance and capital
- Developed innovation fund (business idea competition) implementation guideline
- Led business idea competition that awarded 23,400,000ETB to 156 finalist
- Provided training for project staff in VSLA approaches

Aug 2018- Jan2021: Project Manager for Action Against Hunger, Ethiopia Country office

Managing consortium of Action Against Hunger, Dan Church Aid and Save the Children and implemented multi-year, multi-sector resilience building project in Amhara region

- Managed two European Union-funded resilience building projects: RESET Wag Himra cluster in Amhara region and RESET Borena Cluster in Oromia region with a total budget of 8.67 million EUR over four years
- Monitored and followed-up project implementations as per the outcomes, outputs, activities, budgets, and work plans and to ensure that the anticipated objectives of the project are met within the budget and project period
- Monitored financial and program execution compliance with donor rules and regulations
- Prepared different narrative donor reports (quarter, interim and final)
- Led project midterm and final evaluations

Abomsa Kebede's Curriculum Vitae

- Led the production of visibility and communication materials and documentation of good practices and lessons learned of the project's success in collaboration with implementing partners
- Led the communication with the European Union delegation to Ethiopia: budget amendment, No-cost extension request, etc
- Represent the projects in coordination meetings, cluster meetings, and annual review meetings

Feb 2017- Jun 2018: Deputy Head of Program for Danish Refugee Council, Ethiopia & Djibouti

- Participated in different project proposal development including EHF, BPRM, and EU- Trust fund
- Coordinated the implementations of three EU-Trust fund projects being implemented in Jigjiga, Dollo Ado, and Shire
- Represented the organizations in different forums and coordination meetings including- WASH cluster, Cash working group, steering committees, humanitarian coordination, etc
- Prepared annual report of the organization for the Charities & Societies Agency
- Reviewed different donor reports (quarter, annual, and terminal)
- Provided different operational supports to the field offices including budget management, contract management, procurement
- Improved the organizational relationship with Charity & Society Agency and ARRA

Feb 2016- Dec 2016: Program Manager, Development Food Assistance Program, at Save the Children

- Coordinated various operational aspects of the program and performed tasks such as training staff, monitoring work progress, budgeting, solving conflicts, and producing progress reports.
- Provided overall management and support for the program across the seven-program implementation woredas
- Coordinated program administrations, logistics, and project management
- Applied best practices to ensure projects run consistently and that risks are communicated on time
- Worked with Technical Advisors, Regional Managers, and Woreda Coordinators to develop Program Detail Implementation Plan and regularly reviewed the progress to ensure the program is executed successfully.

Jul 2015 to Jan 2016: Senior Natural Resource Management and Environmental Technical Specialist at Save the Children

- Provided technical leadership in all NRM and rangeland development, Environmental compliance, and resources base conflict management
- Program focal person for DRR & climate change adaptation activities
- Conducted training for program officers and government partners on Participatory NRM
- Participated in NRM technical and learning working group
- Facilitated training for NRM technical and learning working group on climate change and adaptations
- Produced regular donor and government reports
- Mentored and provided technical backstopping for NRM officers
- Facilitated water quality taste and biodiversity assessment

Oct 2012 to Jul 2015: Livelihoods Advisor at Save the Children

- Developed the livelihood component of a five- year CIDA funded 24M USD Program
- Developed a three-year EU and ECHO resilience project for Waghimra Zone, Amhara Regional State
- Participated in the developments of the EU & ECHO funded project for Afar and Somali clusters
- Led the Food Security and Livelihood technical working group of EU/ECHO projects in Waghimira and actively participated in the Afar and Somali clusters

Abomsa Kebede's Curriculum Vitae

- Provided technical supported for OFDA funded resilience project in Gode, and EU and ECHO projects in Amhara, Afar and Somali
- Represented the Organization in the agricultural Task Force

April 2012 to Sep. 2012: Natural Resource Management Technical Advisor at Save the Children

- Led the NRM activities of the Pastoral Livelihood Project (USAID Funded 5-year project)
- Promoted participatory natural resource management approach in pastoral areas
- Facilitated the documentation of the contributions of participatory NRM for climate change adaptations
- Trained staff and government partners on community mapping, community action plan development and community-based early warning
- Led the study of Household Economic Analysis (HEA)
- Mentored and advised officers in three field offices

Sept 2011 to Apr 2012: Program Manager at Save the Children

- Successfully managed the Pastoral Improved Livelihoods and Resilience Project (PILLAR+), an ECHO-funded DRR project implemented in Moyale and Hudet Woredas of Somali region with a total budget of 300,000 euros over 16 months
- Successfully Managed the Save the Children Denmark-funded (USD 275,000) livelihood-based emergency response project in Borena zone of Oromia Region
- Recruited and managed technical staff based in two field offices

Nov 2008 to Sep 2011: Operations Coordinator at Save the Children

- Ensured effective coordination and integration between four different programs in the livelihoods Unit
- Performed operation activities such as reviewing supply requests, purchase orders, and field office cash transfers;
- Provided capacity building for Program Managers and field-based finance staff in budget monitoring and reviewing ;
- Monitored budget utilization rate and made necessary adjustments;
- Monitored Livelihood Unit assets including vehicles regarding appropriate usage, service and maintenance; follow-up with field staff on the proper use of vehicle log sheet;
- Represented the Livelihoods Unit in Program review and Portfolio meeting
- Served as Acting Operations Manager for the Country Office for four months.

Mar 2007 to Oct 2008: Documentation Specialist at Save the Children

- Developed participatory M&E system and tools for collecting data for USAID-funded Pastoral Livelihoods Initiatives and Enhanced Livelihoods in Madhera Triangle Projects
- Developed data collection and reporting formats and collected data for monitoring performance indicators;
- Designed and facilitated the production of promotional materials, including program documentation and case studies
- Produced regular program progress reports and terminal reports for the donor

Oct 2005 to Feb 2007: Water Engineer at Save the Children

- Provided overall technical and management support for the field staff in the area of pastoral livestock water development;
- Promoted proven community-based land use and natural resource management practices;
- Provided technical training for Natural Resource Management Officers on Community Mapping and Community Action Plan development;
- Led the participatory NRM mapping exercise in Somali and Borena;
- Designed different water schemes and supervised the construction works

IV. WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

- TOT Training in Business Development Service (BDS), October 14-18,2022
- TOT Training in Gender (Social Action and Analysis), November 15-18, 2021
- TOT Training in Male Engagement, November 10-12,2021
- TOT Training on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Jan 11-15, 2015
- Rapid Household Economic Analysis Training, October 22-November 3, 2014
- Training on Market and Trade Analysis 11th-15th February 2013
- TOT Training on Participatory Learning and Action (PLA), 7-11 March 2012
- TOT Training on Gender and Disaster Risk Management and Emergencies, 3rd-7th October 2011
- Completed Management Development Program, March 19,2010
- Strengthening working together and effective leadership, from Good to Great in Changing the world, April 8-11, 2008
- Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation Training Workshop, June 5-7, 2007
- Effective Leadership and Team Working Training, November 21-23, 2006
- Five days of Training on Participatory Natural resource Mapping, January 2006
- Environmental Consideration training workshop, June 02-06, 2003

V. LANGUAGES

- Afan Oromo, Amharic and English