

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. PERSONAL DATA

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NATIONALITY : Kenyan
DATE OF BIRTH : 2nd July 1959
PLACE OF BIRTH : Narok, Kenya.
MARITAL STATUS: Married with two children born in 1987 and 1997 respectively.
LANGUAGE : English, Kiswahili, Somali, Maasai, Samburu.

2. EDUCATION

- (a) Ph.D Study program is on Nomadic pastoralism- the study area being:- The effects of rapid Socio-economic changes on Nomadic Pastoralists of North and North Eastern Kenya - with a specific focus on the changing roles and status of women within this communities.
- (b) MA (Sociology)- University of Nairobi, 1985. The MA study program was done by course work, exams and thesis. The broad area of study was on sociology of deviant behavior with a specific focus on Alcoholic and Drug Use and Abuse Problems. The thesis topic was titled - "The use and abuse of Khat (Miraa) in Kenya- A Case Study of Garissa District"
- (c) BA - Hon's (Social Work) University of Nairobi 1981. The three year Course entitled both class work and extensive field practice amounting to approximately 32 weeks.
- (d) Basic education was undertaken as follows
- 1965 -1971 Ololulunga Primary School Narok: C.P.E 1971.
1972 -1975 Narok Secondary School: E.A.C.E 1975.
1976 -1977 Kipsigis Girls High School, Kericho: E.A.A.C.E 1977.

3. WORK EXPERIENCE

- (a) October 1987 to date University of Nairobi.

Department of Sociology - Social Work and Social Development Sub- Program.

Positions held:

- (I). October 1987 to November 1990 - Tutorial Fellow and Social Work Field Placements Coordinator.
- (II). November 1990 - Promoted to a Lecturer.

- (III). October 1991 Appointed as Coordinator of Social Work Training Program. This is an academically independent degree awarding entity within the Department of Sociology. It has been recently upgraded to a full chair position.
- (b). January 1985 - October 1987: Ministry of Culture and Social Services, Government of Kenya.
Position held: Social Development Officer.
- (c). January to August 1984: Teachers' Service Commission.
Position held: Temporary School Teacher at N.E.P Girls Secondary School in Garissa.
- (d). January 1982 - October 1983: United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) and the University of Nairobi.
Position held: Research Coordinator in a Pilot Research Project undertaken by the two institutions.
- NB: This task was done concurrently with my MA studies, and was in fact a precondition for funding of my studies.
- (e). October - December 1981: Foster parents plan International.
Position held: Research Assistant.
- (f). January - September 1978: Teachers' Service Commission.
Position held: Primary School Teacher in Narok.

4. CONSULTANCIES FELLOWSHIPS AND PROJECT.

- (a). July to September 1987 - Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA).
Task: Review of new organizational set-ups and Management Procedures in a DANIDA sponsored Irrigation Rehabilitation Project for displaced former Nomadic Pastoralists, along the Tana River banks of Garissa District.
- (b). July 1989 - March 1990 - Awarded a nine months Fellowship by the Social Science Research Council and American Council of Learned Societies. Fellowship funds were used to carry out a study titled Nomadic Pastoralism in Transition: The case of North-Eastern Kenya.
- (c). August - October 1991 - UNICEF/Government of Kenya.
Task: To incorporate an expanded dimension on women for Unicef/Government of Kenya Public Health Care Pilot Project in Wajir District.
- (d). November 1991: UNSO - United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office.
Task: Project Document Formulation for Proposed Mandera Integrated Range Management Project.

- (e). February - March 1993: FARM (A) - Food and Agriculture Research Management Africa. UK Registered N.G.O Pastoralists Development Project.
Task: Consultancy on the Integration of Women into Project Activities in Samburu and Marsabit District.
- (f). July - October 1993: NMK - National Museums of Kenya and Pan-African Consultants Ltd.
Task: Community Development Advisor on a gesp women community participation component in an ongoing conservation project by the NMK in the historical town of Lamu.
- (g). January - February 1994; ARTES - African Refugees Training and Employment Services - A locally registered N.G.O, mostly engaged in looking for job placements for legally registered refugees.
Task: Evaluation of the Employment Advisory Services offered by the N.G.O.
- (h). April - May 1994 Arid Lands Project (ALP) A Government of Kenya Implemented and Coordinated Project, with World Bank Financial Banking.
Task: Environmental Impact Assesment of a Proposed Development Project in the eight most Arid Districts of Kenya, namely Isiolo, Marsabit, Garissa, Mandera, Wajir, Turkana, Tana River and Samburu.
- (i). June 1996 - December 1997: Arid Lands Project (ALP) - Government of Kenya and Word Bank.
Task: A study on Pastoral Land Tenure and Resource Management in the most Arid Lands of Kenya.
- (j). Jan 1998 - Unesco University of Nairobi. Pre school situational Assessment and analysis in North Eastern Kenya.

5. SPECIAL ASSIGMENTS.

- (a). February 1994 - Appointed by Kenya's attorney General to A Special Task Force (of The Law Reform Commission) Reviewing Laws Relating to Women.
- (b). July 1985 - Chosen as Kenyan Youth Representative to the UN End of Decade Women's Conference.
- (c). March 1986 - March 1987 Appointed by the Commissioner for Social Services as Country Coordinator to a one year Youth Exchange Program between Kenyan and Canadian Youth. The Educational exchange was co-sponsored by The Canadian International Development Agency (C.I.D.A) and the Kenyan Government.
- (d). April - August 1995 Visiting Scholar at Indiana University USA on a faculty staff exchange program between the University of Nairobi and Indiana University.
- (e). Aug. 1999 - Oct. 1999 - Main contact for Horn of (Somali) African N.G.O applying for USAID/US Government Clinton's Initiative Dev. Grants For The Greater Horn of Africa Region.

6. AFFILIATIONS.

- (a). FAWE: Forum of African Women Educationists.
- (b). SECRETARY: To Gender violence studies N.G.O, Locally Registered
- (c). KULMIYE WOMEN GROUP: A Kenyan Somali Women's group currently with a membership of 30 mostly professionals. Besides self support the group looks into welfare issues, and other problem areas, like community sensitization on F.G.M, Girls education, Rights of Muslim Women in a secularized but mostly Christian Country.

7. PUBLICATIONS.

- (a). HAJI, ARA The Use and Abuse of Khat/9cathaedulis Forsk) in Garissa - Kenya MA, University of Nairobi, 1985.
- (b). HAJI,A.R.J International Youth Year: Challenge and Opportunity. In Wajibu Journal of Religious and Social Concern Vol. 1 No. 2 December 1985, Nairobi.
- (c). FARAH.K.O HAJI, A.R.J. African Nomadic-Pastoralism in Transition: The case of North-Eastern Kenya, 1990 SSRC New York.
- (d). HAJI, A.R.J Drug Use and Abuse Problems and the Emerging Drug Trafficking menace in Kenya U.S.I.S, Nairobi 1990.
- (e). HAJI, A.R.J Non-Government Organizations in Africa: Present conditions and future prospects. In Mikono Vol. 2 Journal of the African Education Fund (A.E.F) FUKUOKA JAPAN 1991.
- (f). HAJI, A.R.J (ed.Nigel Hall) Social Costs of the Economic Structural Adjustments Programs (SAPS) in Kenya, Harare, Zimbabwe, 1992.
- (g). HAJI A.R.J Challenges of Social Work Training in Kenya. The Social Focus Vol. One Litho Press, Nairobi, 1993.
- (h). HAJI A.R.J Strategies for countering F.G.M Amongst Kenyan North. North Eastern Cash, fees (Somalies, Borans, Gabbras, Oromas, Northern Aid, Nairobi July 1995.
- (i). HAJI A.R.J A new Dawn For A Vital Profession, The Social Focus Vol. Two Litho Press, Nairobi 1996.
- (j). HAJI A.R.J S.A.P.S and The Irony of the Revitalization of Social Work Practice and Education in Kenya. I.A.S.S.W/A.F.S.W - 1999

Signature

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