




Curriculum Vitae (February 2009)

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Pharmacist with master's degree in business management and over 15 years experience in pharmaceutical procurement and supply consultancy for developing countries.

Key areas of expertise

- Pharmaceutical needs identification, forecasting and quantification
- Procurement of pharmaceuticals
- HIV/AIDS and TB supply management
- Vaccine supply
- Warehouse management and inventory control
- Performance monitoring and evaluation
- Training and Education

Qualifications

- 2001 - 2003 **Bradford University, United Kingdom**
Master of Business Administration MBA (Merit), specialised in Advanced Strategic Management, Risk and Crisis Management and Supply Chain Management.
- 1985 - 1993 **Utrecht University, the Netherlands**
MSc. Degree in Pharmacy and Postgraduate Pharmacist Degree

Professional experience

Since July 2004: Phasuma Consultancy & Training, Amsterdam

Phasuma (www.phasuma.com) offers consultancy and training in aspects related to Pharmaceutical Supply Management (PSM) in low- and middle income countries.

Position held at Phasuma: Owner/Managing Director, Senior Consultant

Relevant projects included:

- ▶ Feb-March 2009: Technical Support mission to improve HIV supply management capacity in Laos. (for WHO)
- ▶ December 2008 - present: Global Fund LFA PSM expert for various countries (for CHD/PriceWaterhouseCoopers)
- ▶ May-December 2008, Tanzania: Series of technical support missions to MSD Tanzania, amongst others to introduce stock volume tracking in order to improve warehouse planning and ensure transparent cost-recovery from vertical programs. (For Danida)

- ▶ March-April 2008, Indonesia: Technical Support mission on procurement and distribution of TB medicines. (For GDF/WHO)
- ▶ January-February and April 2008, Nepal: Technical support mission to establish warehousing procedures, stock control system, install mSupply software and provide pharmaceutical supply training to the Nepal National TB centre. Contributed to PSM plan for GFATM proposal (For GDF/WHO)
- ▶ January 2008, France: Tender evaluation (Antiretrovirals, laboratory diagnostic materials). For International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease IUATLD.
- ▶ December 2007 – June 2008, Kenya: Multi-country study on stock control software for 13 African faith based drug supply organizations. For Episcopal Pharmaceutical Network
- ▶ September/October 2007, Nepal: Team leader direct procurement evaluation mission. For WHO Global Drug Facility.
- ▶ August 2007 – July 2008, Tanzania: Supply logistics advisor to MSD Tanzania. For Danida
- ▶ May-June 2007, Zambia: Team leader Review mission to assess Medical Stores Ltd's operations (warehousing, inventory management, quality assurance, distribution) including operating costs and management fee. For MoH Zambia
- ▶ March 2007, Cambodia: Pre-delivery country mission for WHO Global Drug Facility
- ▶ December 2006 – May 2007, Kenya: Multi-country feasibility study on distribution models for 13 African faith based drug supply organizations. For Episcopal Pharmaceutical Network
- ▶ August - September 2006 and August 2007, Tanzania: Advisor to MSD Tanzania on stock control and forecasting pharmaceutical needs. For WHO.
- ▶ June – December 2006, multiple countries: Team leader multi country evaluation mission to document the life cycle of miconazole muco-adhesive tablets for TIBOTEC (Belgium).
- ▶ June 2006 – September 2007, Pakistan: Series of missions to design a national Vaccine Logistics Management Information System for each of the health care levels in the 4 provinces of Pakistan. DFID funded project, for LATH.
- ▶ May – June 2006, Viet Nam: Follow up mission to provide training and prepare implementation of harmonised HIV/AIDS supply management system. Drafting of ARV procurement and distribution plan for Round 6 GFATM proposal. For WHO, in collaboration with MSH, PEPFAR, GFATM and CDC.
- ▶ February 2006, Ukraine: Mission to assess and improve forecasting, procurement procedures and quality assurance of the Procurement and Supply Management Team. For the International HIV/AIDS Alliance.
- ▶ October – December 2005, Viet Nam: Developing work plan to establish a national HIV/AIDS supply management system linked to Patient Monitoring system. For WHO, in collaboration with MSH, PEPFAR and GFATM.
- ▶ May - July 2005, Cambodia: Team leader for assessment of the various (parallel) programs involved with the procurement and distribution of antiretrovirals. Development of both strategy and implementation work plan towards harmonising the various supply systems. For WHO in collaboration with Clinton Foundation.
- ▶ October 2004 - January 2005, Ukraine: Design and presentation of capacity building workshops on ARV procurement, needs forecasting, stock control and quality assurance to MoH and HIV/AIDS alliance staff. For International HIV/AIDS Alliance.
- ▶ August/September 2004, Tajikistan: Assessment of the current national pharmaceutical programs and writing of a medicine procurement and distribution strategy for Ministry of Health Tajikistan. For Asian Development Bank through Pharmaciens Sans Frontieres.

January 2001 – June 2004: IDA Foundation, Amsterdam

IDA is the world's largest not-for-profit supplier of essential drugs and medical supplies.

Position held at IDA Foundation: Pharmacist Sales & Marketing

- Rationalized IDA's portfolio to be in line with WHO Essential Medicines List.
- Determined lead time, monthly consumption, safety stock levels, reorder points.

- Key member of implementation team for the NAVISION ERP system.
- Coordinated IDA's 24HR emergency response team

November 1997 – December 2000: Joint Medical Store (JMS), Kampala, Uganda

The Revolving Drug Fund JMS procures and supplies essential medicines and medical supplies to hospitals and NGOs in Uganda and surrounding countries.

Pharmacist with key roles in the following areas:

- Sourced and purchased the majority of medicines and medical supplies.
- Designed and implemented standard operating procedures for the newly built warehouse and coordinated transfer of store operations to the new warehouse
- Introduced appropriate stock levels for internal replenishing and for timely reordering,
- Customized the newly introduced NAVISION ERP software

October 1993 – October 1997: Evelyn Hone College, Lusaka, Zambia

Head of Pharmacy Department/ Senior Lecturer Pharmacy

- Supervised 6 academic and 2 support staff.
- Revised the Pharmacy Technologist's Curriculum

Additional professional activities

Since 2001 Guest lecturer in topics related to pharmaceutical supply management for:

- Ifakara Training centre, Tanzania
- Management Sciences for Health (MSH), USA
- Hoge School Leiden, the Netherlands
- Netherlands School of Public Health, the Netherlands
- Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- Ruprecht Karls University, Heidelberg, Germany
- Swiss Tropical Institute, Basel, Switzerland
- Utrecht University, The Netherlands
- Erasmus University, The Netherlands

Professional memberships

1993 - Present Royal Netherlands Pharmaceutical Society (KNMP)

Languages

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| Dutch: | Native speaker |
| English: | Excellent |
| German: | Good |
| French: | Basic with good reading skills |
| Nepali | Basic (currently learning) |

Computer skills

Advanced and regular user of Mac and Microsoft applications.

Experienced with ERP like Navision, Focamed, mSupply, INVEC, ORION, FUCHIA.

Professional country experience

Zambia, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Cambodia, Viet Nam, Laos, Nepal, Pakistan, Indonesia, Germany, The Netherlands