

CHIZOBA EZENWA

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Key Qualifications

- Experience with project management, administrative assistance, grant and report writing, research and analysis
- Strong interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to be innovative and to excel on teams and independently
- Willing to relocate for work

Leadership + Service Experience

Event Director

African Student Union
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
May 2016 - April 2017

Managed an \$8,000 budget, solicited funds from former and new sponsors, finalized contracts with venue, and oversaw programming for the 45th Annual African Student Union Showcase, increasing event turnout by 33% from 2016

President

Circle-K International
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
March 2015 - April 2016

Led and supported a team of 22 board members in project development and policy-making actions to effectively guide 150+ dues paid members in community-wide projects

Seasonal Student Volunteer

Anawim Home Rehabilitation Center
Gwagwalada, Nigeria
June 2010 - July 2012

Provided technical assistance through data collection of HIV/AIDS weekly service delivery to 20-30 women visiting local Anawim clinic for testing in conjunction with the Institute of Human Virology; assisted with administrative services and trained two new staff members on computer literacy

Skills

- **Languages:** French (Advanced Proficiency), Spanish, (Elementary), Igbo (Elementary), Yoruba (Elementary)
- **Project Management:** Monitoring and Evaluation, Survey Design, Intercultural Facilitation, Training and Curriculum Development, Grant Writing, Event Planning
- **Computer Literacy:** Microsoft Suite, Website Design, and SocialMedia Engagement

Professional Experience

U.S. Peace Corps

Republic of Benin, West Africa

Food Security Extension Agent

Sept 2017 - Nov 2019

- Advised and trained two savings and loans associations of 18 and 19 women, respectively, increasing cumulative revenues by 32%
- Utilizing Google Sheets, collected and analyzed data of group savings
- Trained and built the capacity of 112 local producers and community leaders on food security techniques and feasibility studies
- Identified and mobilized two youth via a professional internship program to target issues of gender inequity locally through after-school lessons on reproductive health and entrepreneurship; subsequently reached 113 youth and reduced the school dropout rate due to pregnancies to zero
- Co-authored and secured a \$7,000 Let Girls Learn-funded grant as a Program Coordinator for a girls' empowerment camp with 48 participants in 2018
- Evaluated 2018 camp outcomes to improve operations, resulting in a more efficient \$4,000 budget and improved programming as a Director in 2019
- Co-facilitated 144 hours of technical and cross-culture training for 40 new volunteers alongside senior staff
- Researched and analyzed 100 volunteer responses to surveys to advocate for mental health structures and measure effectiveness of initiatives as President of the Peer Support Network Committee
- Awarded Outstanding Blog in the 2017 Peace Corps Blog It Home Contest: cezenwa1.wixsite.com/bnblog

Sahel Research Group (SRG)

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Program Assistant

Aug 2016 - Aug 2017

- Prepared and published 52 weekly electronic newsletters sent to 200+ subscribers about contemporary news in the West African Sahel, requiring thorough consultation of French and English news sources
- Formatted and maintained the Sahel Research Group website, communications, data and working research papers of SRG affiliates
- Worked with university IT staff to integrate the SRG website to meet university site standards and optimize speeds, enhancing user accessibility
- Assisted in programming of the first SRG Conference in February 2017 by contacting attendees, coordinating travel and board, developing evaluative feedback methods, and keeping records
- Composed a thorough guide on duties, operations, and suggestions for successive assistants

Education

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

May 2017

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

GPA: 3.78, Honors

- Specialization: Africa
- Minor: International Development and Humanitarian Assistance
- Awards: International Scholars Medallion, Peace Corps Prep Certificate
- Professional Portfolio: cezenwa1.wixsite.com/portfolio