Timothy Foggin MA

RURAL LIVELIHOODS ADVISOR

Profile

I have worked in International Development for over 20 years across a variety of multi-disciplinary development related projects across all four corners of Africa. Several years as a consultant to UNDP in Southern and East Africa plus several multilateral and private sector partners but primarily the Third sector.

I have worked and lived in a broad range of cultural contexts where sensitive and diplomatic communication has been required. I consider myself to be flexible, able to self-initiate and various exposures to cultural intelligence with the ability to work on my own and in a team environment.

Core skills include program management, social impact assessments, monitoring and evaluation, development planning, rural livelihoods, managing in-country consultants, project management, partnership and stakeholder engagement. Extensive experience working throughout Africa, Francophone and Anglophone and in Muslim dominated contexts. Including the Middle East across a variety of different cultural contexts where a high level of diplomacy and sensitivity has been essential.

Currently Head of Global Relations for International UK based Charity.

Employment History

Head of Global Relations, British & Foreign BS, London

JANUARY 2017 — APRIL 2023

Oversee the global program, with a focus on monitoring and evaluation, grant system and mentor the diverse team that delivers on all operational elements. Liaise with global colleagues and provide programmatic and strategic support to Bible Societies and our shared projects that support the Church.

- Part of the Solidarity Fund team bring capacity support to Societies.
- Due Diligence is key to all our donor investment and is thus underpinned by robust Monitoring and Evaluations processes.
- Develop operational plans based on global strategy with clear milestones and deliverables.
- Manage a team of program specialists in our focal regions.
- Provide project management, due diligence and monitoring and evaluation for a global budget of £3 million.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships across the global partnership.
- Supporting Fundraising department with various donor engagements and report writing for trusts.
- I joined as an Africa Specialist then became the International Programme Manager then the Head of Global Relations over this six year time frame.

Projects: (Vast number of projects across Africa that I have been a part of that include FCBH – The Good Samaritan – Several Literacy Projects – Sunday School Training and Bible Equipping Projects. Capacity Building)

1. Egypt - Sunday School Training of Trainers. Several Literacy projects for key audiences including Norad projects.
2. eSwatini – Bibles and Soccer project aimed at youth engagement.

Details

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NATIONALITY

UK and RSA

DATE / PLACE OF BIRTH

27 April 1964
South Africa

Links

LinkedIn

Skills

- Rural Livelihoods
- Donor Relations
- Project Management
- Educator/Training
- Socio-Economic Studies
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Diplomacy and Negotiation
- Social Impact Studies

Hobbies

Keen Mountain Biker

Lead Consultant, SocialEcon Consulting, Pietermaritzburg

FEBRUARY 2017 — APRIL 2010

I Led a Consultancy that was focused on supporting development oriented projects with various socio-economic studies and on the ground community liaisons. This extended into various other aspects of work including applying economic values to social benefits and micro enterprise development.

I managed a team of subject specialist consultants. Often consulting into bigger consultancies to bring a strong robust people first component.

Some of which include:

- Nandi Mandela & Associates: Proposed Development on Campsdrift. Socio Economic Assessment. 2009
- Socio-Economic Assesment: Panorama Gardens. Residential Development in Light Industrial Zone. 2010
- WEGwise & Dutch Government: Cost Benefit Analysis of cultural implications associated with household water sanitation. uMgundlovu District Municipality. Applying Economic Values to Social benefits. This project was one of the first of its kind in SA and helped to ensure that water provision to rural households was driven by the needs of women the primary water collectors.

Academic Teacher, University of KwaZulu Natal, Pietermaritzburg

2009 — NOVEMBER 2015

- Educator and Consultant in International Development Studies
- Subjects – Food Security/Participatory Rural Appraisal/Sustainable Development.
- Global subject specialist in pro poor tourism in SS Africa.
- Authored several publications focused on people first approaches and presented in various national and global conferences.

Consultant, Agulhas Somali Larger Marine Ecosystem, Zanzibar

FEBRUARY 2009 — JULY 2010

I was approached by the National Research Foundation in SA to be the focal social scientist in a team of several environmental scientists carrying out an international cross boundary coastal assessment. Involving an analysis of rural livelihoods in the SWIO coastal zones and a strategic action plan to move from unsustainable coastal harvesting to sustainable coastal micro-enterprise development.

Framework created for livelihoods around dolphin watching guides.

Regional Coordinator East & Southern Africa, UNWTO, Addis Ababa

FEBRUARY 2005 — DECEMBER 2007

I coordinated the first ever UN ST-EP (Sustainable Eliminating Tourism Poverty Programme) in Africa. Partnership development and government adviser to create a more pro poor form of sustainable tourism involving private sector public partnerships with local community groups. The focus was on using our pioneering concept of pro poor tourism business linkages with the business sector and community micro enterprises.

- Technical Adviser to Local Governments and CBO's.
- Initiated and implemented guidelines for the Ministry of Tourism and National Parks (ORTPN) in Rwanda.
- Initiated and implemented a Code of Conduct for Tanzanian Government Tourism Board.

- Created fist partnership between VSO (UK-DFID) and Ethiopian Tourism providers. (Bale Mountains and Lalibela - Ethiopia)

Projects: (some)

1. Rwanda – Genocide Widows Association. Support to alternative livelihoods in Parc du Vulcan.
2. Rwanda/Burundi Batwa Community Village empowering local livelihoods with Nyungwe Forest as tourist guides.
3. Ethiopia – Lalibela, Village Infrastructure development to host tourism this was a multi stakeholder project with local municipalities.
4. Bale Mountains. Community engagement included environmental training and hosting guests.

Academic Coordinator, Centre for Environment & Development,

FEBRUARY 1998 — DECEMBER 2004

Taught and created the first educational program on Tourism, Development and the Environment at the University of KwaZulu Natal.

- Developed an experiential training program focused on practical delivery in the workplace with professionals working in local government and NGO's.
- This was the first of its kind as a field based learning program that involved real life content and best practice case studies in the sector with a focus on the triple bottom line/sustainability.

Advocacy Advisor, Voluntary Services Overseas, London

1995 — 1997

- Assisted VSO/DFID's Advocacy Department with tourism policy development for developing countries in Africa.
- Together we pioneered global behavioural change in developmental thinking in relationship to pro poor tourism.
- Responsibilities also included developing funding proposals for indigenous tourism operators.
- In 1997 I was part of a team sent to The Gambia to address the exclusion of mainstream Gambians from their tourism industry.

Academic Coordinator, Durban Institute of Technology

1998 — 2002

- Appointed to transform the Institute's Sustainable Tourism programme into a more holistic African-appropriate development program.
- In 2001 I initiated South Africa's first tourism research journal *Tourism Forum–Southern Africa*. To fill the vacuum of Africa based tourism knowledge and provide a forum for informally educated tourism professionals.

Rural Tourism Support Group

1993 — 1995

During my studies I lived in rural communities who had tourism potential and helped them to find ways of better linking into the already formalized tourism economy. This involved writing funding proposals to source income for carrying out this work but also the assistance that was needed for product development and training was a large component of the skill gap.

Projects:

1. Zimbabwe – Supporting Communities living adjacent to the buffer zone affected by wildlife conflict using CBNRM tools.
2. Uganda –Community Tourism Association helping link communities to tourism product and training.

Education

Human Geography, University of KwaZulu-Natal,

1992 — 1995

B.Soc. Science (Hons)

Masters Degree, University of Surrey, London

1995 — 1996

M.A. International Development

Publications & Conferences

I have published and presented several policy and working documents across a variety of subject areas that have involved multidisciplinary activities with people at the heart. Some of which are below.

References

Prof. Jeff McCarthy Principal Institute for Socio-Economic Research SA

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Publications

1. Foggin, T. Community Oriented Tourism: Failed local economic development strategy or failed development approach? Africa Development Journal. Vol 45. 2015.

2. Foggin, T. Munster, D. Enhancing linkages between rural communities and protected areas in KwaZulu Natal through nature tourism -'Abantu Bayasizana' (People Helping People). Journal of Tourism Studies. Vol. 11 No.1 . James Cook University, Australia, 2000.

3. Foggin, T. Munster, D. Finding the Middle Ground between Communities and Tourism. Tourism and Development in Africa. Africa Insight Vol. 33 2000.

Who am I?

- I believe in applying triple bottom line principles in all that I am involved in, so understanding sustainability in a systemic holistic way.
- I have participated in various Inter Cultural Intelligence courses including with UBSA in the UK.
- I have worked with a number of partners across a variety of different cultural groups where understanding diversity is key.
- I am a practicing Christian and believe lives cand be significantly changed by working with the church to bring about community dignity and wellbeing.
- At this stage of my career I only take on work i believe in and have a track record of working in a remote and hybrid context effectively.