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FOR POOP MEDIA FELLOWSHIP
UGANDA, KAMPALA
JOURNALIST BIOGRAPHIES





Kenneth Kavulu

BBS Terefayina, Kampala (Uganda)

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Kenneth is an experienced journalist, with four years working as a producer and a presenter for Buganda Broadcasting Services. He presents a weekly programme (roughly translated as “life in the slums”) which deals with the social issues linked to living in poverty and has won seven awards. Kenneth has recently started a community project to clean up his local community. His efforts caught the eye of the King of Uganda, and now he works with the Kabaka Foundation to bring partnerships to the slums to reduce the unsanitary conditions caused by poverty.

Project: Conduct a project which empowers the community and raises awareness about the health risks of poor sanitation and symptoms of related diseases. He also wants to encourage people to demand landlords to provide better lavatories.



Amani Mounkaila

La Source, Niamey (Niger)

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Amani has written for weekly newspaper La Source since 2007, which he launched with a group of fellow journalists. He also has radio and television experience working at radio station SUDFM and at the TENERE group. In 2004 he joined the editorial team at ‘La Hache Nouvelle’, where he stayed until joining La Source. He is also a member of the Network of Journalists for Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (REJEA), reporting on prevalent social issues in Niamey.

Project: Amani’s project involves two main topics, the management of menstrual hygiene and total community-controlled sanitation. He wants to encourage the community to analyse and take steps to improve its own hygiene and sanitation systems. He also wishes to build latrines, within his local community. Amani would like to start debates with leaders to start having some positive changes, which he would broadcast through community radio stations and publish in La Source.



Likpete Kokou Jesdias

L’Expression, Cotonou (Bénin)

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Having spent four years at Le Municipal newspaper, specialising in de-centralisation and local development in Benin, Likpete went on to write for Le Journal de Notre Epoque for nine months. Likpete is now working as a journalist at the online publication L’Expression.

Project: Produce a series of articles, including at least two investigations into the impact of poor sanitation on the development of children and adolescents in Benin. As part of this, Likpete will create a global work scheme which highlights the risks of poor sanitation to children’s survival, growth and development.



Jessica Ahdor

Freelancer, Accra (Ghana)

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Jessica started her career at GN TV Ghana, where she held the position as senior reporter for 6 years. Currently she works for Pan African Visions and West Africa Democracy Radio and has done so for almost two years. As a broadcast journalist she has hosts and produces a community-based programme, which focuses on health and sanitary conditions in the capital Accra. She also works as a secretary to the congress of chiefs, an established body in Ghana which forms an integral part of the National house of Chiefs.

Project: Conduct a project which sets out to provide schools with toilet blocks and handwashing facilities.



Mouniratou Lougué

Droit Libre TV, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)

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Mouniratou is currently editor-in-chief of the online show Droit Libre TV. Previously, she held the positions of web reporter at Burkina24 and editor-in-chief of Burkina Info television. She also has over two years' experience in online press, having worked at Artistes.bf, and radio at Radio Campus. Passionate about culture, Mouniratou has belonged to the Burkinabé Federation of Film Clubs (FBCC), the UNESCO Friends of UNESCO Club of Ouagadougou (CAU.UO) and was also President of the Script Club.

Project: Work to make toilets more readily available at hospitals, schools, markets, services, train stations, etc. Creating new toilets, maintaining older toilets and unlocking private ones for public use.



Abdullahi Tsanni

Freelancer, Abuja (Nigeria)

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Abdullahi Tsanni is an award-winning freelance science journalist and the communications team lead of Science Communication Hub Nigeria, an online community of scientists and journalists focused on promoting the public understanding of science in Africa. He was most recently inducted as a fellow of the African Science Literacy Network (ASLN) by the University of Sussex, UK, in October 2019 at a ceremony held in Abuja, Nigeria. Earlier in November 2019, he became the 2019 Best Agric Biotech Journalist of the Year for the Open Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology in Africa (OFAB) Nigeria.

Project: Create an action plan for selected areas of Nigeria, to increase accountability and encourage better sanitation in Nigeria. To document his findings, he wants to establish a YouTube channel to create short videos based on sanitation and public health related issues. This would allow him to work with universities and organisations across Nigeria to report on new innovations and tools which are being developed.



Nadege Christelle Bowa Tchantchou Epse Donfack

The Herald, Yaounde (Cameroon)

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Nadège Donfack has worked as a journalist for almost ten years at The Herald newspaper, one of the oldest, most established newspapers in southern Africa. Previously, Nadège worked in radio, reporting for Magic and Urban FM and producing for ArianeTELEVISION.

Project: Raise awareness of the health risks of poor sanitation and the symptoms of diseases linked to poor sanitation by interviewing experts, writing articles about university innovations, and designing advocacy kits.



Jenipher Asiimwe

Uganda Broadcasting Corporation, Kampala (Uganda)

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Jenipher has worked as a presenter, reporter, producer and news anchor for Uganda Broadcasting Corporation for almost seven years. She has also created a media campaign on the topic of family planning.

Project: Create a radio campaign against open defecation called "StopOpenDefecation", a two-and-a-half-month radio campaign characterized by a field visit to talk to people about open defecation. The programme will be produced and aired on UBC Radio News.

About Communications, Advocacy & Policy Opportunities & Outreach for Poop (CAPOOP)

CAPOOP is a voluntary alliance of organizations committed to achieving access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all, and ending open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations by 2030.

CAPOOP aims to celebrate successes, influence policies and practices, consolidate knowledge, use and showcase innovative approaches for sustainable sanitation in Africa.

Current members include:

- AfWA
- AMCOW
- APHRC
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Center for Water Security & Cooperation
- Pan African Sanitation Actors Association
- IPAR
- IRC
- NIYEL
- Sanitation & Water for All
- Senegalese National World Water Forum Committee
- Speak Up Africa
- SPONG
- USAID/Washfin
- WaterAid

Why a media fellowship?

Despite access to adequate sanitation facilities posing a major challenge in Africa and representing an indicator of poverty and poor public health, sanitation is covered by African news outlets relatively infrequently in comparison to other development challenges such as HIV.

In 2019, there was over 50,000 pieces of online coverage relating to sanitation from African news outlets, however:

- Much of this coverage included only minor mentions of sanitation, and offered a limited view on the current issues relating to inadequate sanitation in Africa;
- Approximately 37% of all African coverage was published in South Africa, despite South Africa having one of the highest rates of sanitation access in Africa; and
- Much of this coverage was published on smaller news websites, with few mentions across top tier national outlets.

About the fellowship

Given the low volume of high-quality, in-depth coverage of these issues, in August CAPOOP, led by Speak Up Africa launched a continent-wide sanitation media fellowship. The media fellowship will educate journalists on opportunities and challenges and improve their access to the key news and updates relating to sanitation across Africa. This will therefore increase their interest and capacity to write about these issues in the medium to long-term, improving quality and quantity of sanitation coverage.

To learn more about the CAPOOP media fellowship, please reach out to:
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