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Programme Specialist

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Biography

Tabitha joined INASP in January 2019 and works as a Programme Specialist. She is part of the AuthorAID team at INASP, focusing on the online learning programme workstream with the goal to provide high quality content to meet the needs of South women and men researchers. Tabitha also leads on INASP's overall programme communications. Previously, her work primarily focused on supporting our university partners in Uganda and Tanzania as part of the FCDO-funded Transforming Employability for Social Change in East Africa (TESCEA) project. She also supported the programme management of Strengthening the Use of Evidence for Development Impact (SEDI), which worked to strengthen evidence use in policy in Ghana, Uganda and Pakistan and in which INASP was the technical lead on capacity development.

Before joining INASP, Tabitha supported a large network of schools across Central America in the design and running of school enterprises. She also trained and guided teachers in Guatemala and Honduras in the participation in a global enterprise challenge. Tabitha has lived and worked in Latin America, Zambia, the USA, Germany, and Australia and holds a Master's degree in Social Policy and Social Development from the University of Manchester.

Languages: German (native speaker), English (excellent), Spanish (excellent)

Main country experience: Tanzania, Uganda, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Ecuador, Zambia, Australia, Germany

Key skills and expertise

- Project and online course management
- Communications
- Online learning design
- Facilitation, online and face to face

Specialist thematic areas

- Online tools for facilitation
- School enterprises in Central America
- Higher education in East Africa
- Researcher and lecturer capacity strengthening

Posts held

Jan 2024 – present	Programme Specialist/Project Manager, INASP (Oxford, UK)
Jan 2019 – Dec 2023	Programme Coordinator, INASP (Oxford, UK)
May 2016 – Oct 2018	Hospitality, administration and customer service roles (Australia)
July 2015 – Mar 2016	Network Support Officer, Teach A Man To Fish (Guatemala)
Jan 2015 – June 2015	Civil Society Participation Programme Intern, German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) (Zambia)
Aug 2011 – June 2013	Student Assistant, Jacobs University Bremen (Germany)
July 2012 – Sept 2012	Communications Intern, ListenIn Pictures (now Awake Storytelling) (USA)
June 2011 – Aug 2011	Programme Development Intern, Yachay Initiative (Ecuador)



Qualifications

- Sept 2013 – Dec 2014 Master of Arts in International Development: Social Policy and Social Development, University of Manchester, UK
- Sept 2010 – June 2013 Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Social Sciences, Jacobs University Bremen, Germany

Project experience

- 2023 – present Research Communication for Policy Engagement online course for Education Sub-Saharan Africa (ESSA), Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, UK. Coordinator. Funded by ESSA.
- 2022 - present Global Platforms for Equitable Knowledge Ecosystems (GPEKE), global with focused work in Uganda, Ethiopia and Cambodia. Programme Coordinator: Community and Communications. Funded by Sida.
- 2020 – 2021 Strengthening the Use of Evidence for Development Impact (SEDI), Ghana, Pakistan, and Uganda. Programme Coordinator. Funded by FCDO.
- 2019 – 2022 Transforming Employability for Social Change in East Africa (TESCEA), Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Programme Coordinator. Funded by FCDO.
- 2014 – 2015 School Enterprise Challenge, Central America (Guatemala, Belize, Honduras). Network Support Officer. Teach A Man To Fish
- 2015 – 2015 Civil Society Participation Programme (CSPP), Zambia. Project Intern. Funded by GIZ/German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development.

