

# MAURINE MURENGA

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## SUMMARY

Maurine Murenga is a passionate advocate for the health, development and human rights of women and children. With a background on Program Management and Community Development, She is a two-time award winner namely "The Unsung Hero Award" from US Embassy and from East Africa Community Service Award for her work with women and children. Maurine's passion for advocacy is driven by her lived experience, and the inequality and vulnerability that young women and adolescent girls experience in her community. In response to these challenges – she founded the *Lean on Me Foundation and TB Women Global* -organizations that support access to health services for women and children. Maurine is currently a constituency focal point for communities delegation to the board of the Global Fund, Board Member Friends of the Global Fight US and EGPAF Kenya. She is a former board member of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria; She is also a member of WHO's Global Accelerator for Pediatric Formulations Advisory and Union Working Group Gender Equity in TB. In Kenya – Maurine is a member of the Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism and Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV Committee of Experts.

## EXPERIENCE

06/2023 to Current

**Focal Point**

### **Communities Delegation to Global Fund Board**

- Assists the Board member and Alternate Board member in carrying out their functions and mandates;
- Leads the logistical arrangements and agenda for delegations participating in the board, annual delegation retreats and participation in other exceptional events;
- Provides secretariat support to the Delegation's work during and between Board and Committee meetings ;
- Ensures timely dissemination of information and documentation related to the Board and Committee meetings and other Global Fund related business to the Delegation and the broader constituency;
- Provides administrative support and day-to-day operations of the Delegation;
- Liaises on regular basis with the delegation fiscal agent and provides all the information and documentation for the administration, finance and report back to the delegation and donors;
- Supports the recruitment and/or renewal process for new delegation /constituency members; Lead the Communications work of the Delegation;
- Support the resource mobilization efforts of the Delegation;
- Keeps records of files and expenditures of the Delegation and other key documents.

01/2020 to Current

**Coordinator**

### **TB Women Global**

- Overseeing all internal and external communications for and advocacy agenda for TB Women Global, ensuring advocacy agenda is consistent and engaging.
- Developing and implementing effective communication strategies that ensured Gender Transformative TB response, engagement of TB women regional and country chapters.
- Planning and managing the design, content, and production of all advocacy materials
- Leading the movement into an all-inclusive, diverse network of women TB advocates globally.
- Providing and managing competent staff (paid and unpaid) that meets the needs of the organization.
- Supervising and providing leadership during the development and implementation of all campaigns and advocacy work.
- Overseeing financial management of TB Women Global to ensure resources for quality impact.
- Leading team of staff and volunteers to plan, develop and submit proposals for grants.
- Developing a strategic operational plan of the organization with measurable goals in areas of programmatic, administrative and personnel development.
- Representing TB Women in community networking and collaboration.
- Working with staff to ensure a well-managed congenial atmosphere.
- Maintaining positive relationships with governance and providing staffing support.

**04/2012 to 05/2023**

### **Executive Director**

#### **Lean on Me Foundation - Kenya**

- Coordinated the designing, development, and implementation of Lean on Me Foundation's Strategic Plan through coordination of stakeholders and beneficiaries and providing leadership in implementation.
- Increased the human resource capacity for Lean on Me by hiring, managing, training and retaining Staff and Volunteers and ensuring Lean on Me Foundation has people with the right skills, expertise and interest to deliver on our objectives.
- Tripled Lean on Me's funding base through resource mobilization and strengthened partnerships.
- Worked with a Board of Directors through providing leadership and accountability. Organizing and documenting meetings and implementing governance decisions that have been made by the board of directors.
- Efficiently managed Lean on Me's resources - determining how Lean on Me spends its money and ensuring that resources are invested with impact.
- Strengthened the capacity of Lean on Me staff through annual identification of capacity needs and resourcing for trainings and other forms of capacity strengthening initiatives that enable us to achieve our goal.
- Forged advocacy and service delivery partnerships with other like-minded organizations locally, regionally and globally in relation to health financing and community engagement.
- Initiated a coordinated leadership and mentorship program that led to strengthening participation of adolescent girls and young women in advocacy.

## SKILLS

- Problem-Solving
- Attention to Detail
- Good Communication
- Commitment
- Public Relations
- Conflict Management

## EDUCATION

- 2023**      **Executive Education.:** Enhancing Leadership Innovation for Africa's Health Sector  
**John F. K. Sch of Govt at Harvard University** - Nairobi
- 2022**      **Executive Education :** Transformative Leadership in Global Health  
**WomenLift Health**
- 2017**      **Diploma of Higher Education:** Community Development and Project Management  
**Kenya School of Social Work and Community Dev.** - Nairobi Kenya
- 1998**      **Diploma of Higher Education:** Program Management  
**Reeswood College** - Nairobi

## PUBLICATIONS

### SAVE OUR YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/blog/>

### IF WE FAIL TO ACT, COVID-19 WILL UNDERMINE THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD.

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/>

## REFERENCE

**Mrs. Linda Mafu**  
Head of Civil Society and Political Advocacy, Global Fund

**Mrs. Lesley Odendal**  
Vice Chair, Women 4 Global Fund

**Rosemary Mburu**  
WACI Health Executive Director