



# Benard O. Nyachieo

**Social Enterprise Mentor** with a background in **Technology , Entrepreneurship and Mentorship(TEM)**

Dedicated **Social Enterprise Mentor** with 7+ years of experience in **mentoring entrepreneurs** who want to **do good** (make impact ) and **do well** (make profit ).

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## Expertise

- Digital transformation
- Business Mentoring
- Innovation management
- Project Management
- Resource Mobilization
- Leadership Development

## Benard's Career in Brief

### **University Chapters**

- Pioneered the founding and establishing of LEAP Chapters for Medicine and Surgery, Pharmacy , Engineering , and IT Students at USIU-Africa, Kenyatta University , JKUAT, Strathmore and the University of Nairobi.

### **University Summits**

- Collaboratively co-founded Hoja Youth Network at USIU -Africa and successful youth summits in Kenya and other African Counties including Zimbabwe.

### **Entrepreneurship in Colleges and Universities**

- All together empowered over 400 college and University students in entrepreneurship through the USAID Empowered Youth as a Results one of the mentees won the MKU entrepreneurship Student of the Year award in 2022

### **Technology , Entrepreneurship and Mentorship (TEM)**

- Supported hundreds of youth and women to adopt technology in their businesses through the Mastercard Foundation funded YAW-K program under Equity Group Foundation ,BUSET Africa, Start Your Social Enterprise, Builders of Africa's Future , GAME Center , and Kujia Kenya Programs .
- Active in community benefiting projects-Former President of Rotary Community Corps(RCC) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nairobi and Currently Community Coordinator of the same RCC - and other community service engagements initiatives including founder of [www.kujia.org](http://www.kujia.org).

## Education

### **Technology**

*United States International University -Africa*

- Graduated with Bsc. Applied Computer Technology - Software Engineering -2019
- Started a Master of Science information Systems and Technology -On Semesters break

### **Entrepreneurship**

*Kenya School of Government -Aayden*

- Business Mentoring and Coaching -Business Development Experts- Consultants Training -2023.

*International Labour Organization -SIYB*

- Start and Improve Your Business -
- Institute of Certified SIYB Trainers -2023

### **Mentorship**

*African Diaspora Network USA and African Management Institute , .*

- Start Your Social Enterprise 2023 Mentorship - Mentoring Catholic Sisters leading transformative businesses in Africa
- Builder of Africa's Future 2023 Mentorship - Mentoring Mentoring Grassroots African Entrepreneurs.

## **Benard's work experience**

**Social Enterprise, Entrepreneurship, Innovation, mentoring, Consultancy, Research , Training , and Youth in Agribusiness .**

- **Social Enterprise Mentor 2023:** Collaborated as as Social mentor on an initiative that helps accelerate the entrepreneurial skills of Catholic Sisters leading transformative businesses connected to underserved communities facing poverty and other challenges in Africa and upon successful completion identified by the management of the Programme to talk about the impact of the program on behalf of all the Mentors at the Graduation ceremony.
- **Early-Stage African Entrepreneurs Mentor 2023:** Engaged as an Early-Stage African Entrepreneurs Mentor for the Builders of Africa Future (BAF) an initiative that celebrates innovation and impact in early-stage African enterprises. An Annual program that identifies African entrepreneurs running early-stage nonprofits or for-profit businesses that address key community needs through technology or differentiated business models with the goal to help scale their ventures and impact in the areas of health, education, energy, agriculture, financial inclusion, gender inclusion, nutrition, commerce, industrial development, and other socioeconomic goods. Humbled to attend the Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development (GFRID) Summit 2023 at UN Nairobi Kenya.
- **Member of the Taskforce -Kingdom Entrepreneur Initiative 2023**-Deployed corporate experience in impact investing and collaborated with other members of the taskforce in the development of a concept note, stakeholders engagements , the budgets and the MoU development and signing of an entrepreneurship initiative that targets youth in prisons to receive entrepreneurial skills Level 1 (while in Prison) and Entrepreneurial level 2 while out of prison ,integrated counselling , home visits , creation of a self help group for transformed former youth inmates that starts with a total loan facility of about KES 1Million whereby members (all former inmates-youth ) get a loan of KES 60,000 to start their own business and return the loan in 24 months with a fixed interest of less than 10%.
- **Associate Business Development Services Experts Consultant 2023** :-Engaged collaboratively with stakeholders as a Business Development Services expert for a MasterCard Foundation funded project under the Equity Group Foundation-Young Africa Works – where I supported Kenyan MSMEs accessed and closed business gaps, created tens of new jobs for the youth, linked MSMES to hundreds of market linkages, and supported MSMEs to reach thousands if not hundreds of thousands of customers by adoption of technologies.
- **USAID Empowered Youth -ToT Entrepreneurship Trainer 2022** :- Facilitated ToT Entrepreneurship that benefited over 400 college and university students on entrepreneurship and facilitated linkages to over 200 out of college/University youth to educational, employment, and entrepreneurial opportunities through the USAID Empowered Youth Programme.
- **County Level Consultant for the USAID Empowered Youth 2022**:- Worked tirelessly in providing county level support services including data collection, analysis, and reporting to the USAID Empowered Youth National office. Part of the team to complete their task first and later called back by USIU Research Office to support other teams with their work to meet project deadlines.
- **Research Assistant -USIU Research Office and The Global Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship (GAME) Center – Engaged in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023:** Actively engaged in multiple research projects since 2018 to date by USIU Research Office and The Global Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship (GAME) Center . Notable projects engaged include; the USIU-A Strategic Plan 2021- 2025 Project where we worked on qualitative data, the Agribusiness project where we worked on the Agent Network Apprenticeship Model (ANAM)-aims at boosting decent employment entrepreneurship for Africa's Youth and the RBA Project where I was among the most achieving Research Assistant in data collection. Currently working with The Global Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship (GAME) Center on a study supported by the University of New England in Australia as a Research Assistant on conducting research on youth resilience in agribusiness -a research focus on improving digital, market, and financial access for young people- a project where i have been contracted as a Youth Agribusiness Resilience Trainer - with a special focus on digital Marketing for youth in Agribusiness. Did training in October 2023 with plans to do the last training in January or February 2024 .

## Community Development , Public Engagements, and Awards

- **Resource Mobilizer and Strategic Adviser -Bishop Luigi Locati Children's Home. 2018-Date :** Strategically supporting the Children's home to initiate projects that will move them from well-wishers to social enterprise as their source of income to achieve sustainability.
- **President and University Students Support 2018-19.** Coordinated and help founded and established the first student chapter association at USIU-Africa and later hired by the financiers of the Programme to establish similar chapters at Kenyatta University, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology , Strathmore University, and University of Nairobi.
- **President and Community Coordinator, at a Rotary Community Corps sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nairobi. 2015 to date:** A member of a Rotary Community Corps sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nairobi since 2015 to date, elected in 2018 to be the President, 2020 recognized as a silent Hero by the Rotary Emergency Response Team after helping distribute relief to hundreds of hurting families – during COVID-19 pandemic and this year got elected to serve as the Community Coordinator for the Rotary community Corps.
- **University Library Assistant, USIU-A Library 2016-2019,** Recognized as the longest-serving work-study male student in USIU-A Library history. USIU-A Library. Returned in 2019 to offer voluntary services, mentored interns and new work-study students joining the course text section.
- **Prisons and Chaplaincy Ministry** - Recognized and Awarded on 16th December 2023 for demonstrating exemplary leadership and competence in Prisons and Chaplaincy Ministry leadership -as chairperson of the ministry committee , at Ridgeways Baptist Church -my local church , throughout 2022-23.
- **University of Turin ,Italy Postgraduate Scholarship Award** - Awarded a postgraduate scholarship to study ICT for Development and Social Good at the University of Turin in 2024 which i could not accept due to ongoing commitments.
- **IT Youth engagement** - Approached by an International NGO working in more than 10 African countries to work help develop with them some programs to engage their Youth..
- **Team Leader of an Israeli Institution in Kenya 2023:** Engaging collaboratively with the team in Tel Aviv Israel and Nairobi , Kenya to see the establishment of Developers Institute Kenya. Developers.Institute is a selective & intensive coding bootcamp, dedicated to educating the next generation of tech talent in Israel. Passionate about this to enable Kenyan students do courses that cost up to \$8000 USD in Israel at USD 300 or less from Kenya.
- **Kujia Kenya Founder and Chairman since 2019:** - Founder of an ICT for Development NGO that exists to promote ICT for Development in Kenya in a manner which empowers the youth -majority young women and marginalized youth with specialized ICT Skills , Decent ICT Jobs, and technopreneurship .An upcoming Kenyan NGO with a vision to be the best ICT for Development NGO in Kenya currently partnering with KEPSA and other local and international organizations to implement its programs .

### Benard's Referees

#### United States International University -Africa

Prof . Amos Njuguna - Deputy Vice Chancellor - Email : amnjuguna@usiu.ac.ke

Mr. Carol Yogo - Senior Research Officer -Email : coyogo@usiu.ac.ke

#### County Creative Arts, Residence and Empowerment (CO-CARE) Program

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#### International Labour Organization -Start and Improve Your Business

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