

# PAULA OCHIEL

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Berkeley

Master of Development Practice

July 2018 - May 2020

BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (Development Economics & Statistics)

June 2014 - May 2018

## RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

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### ICA, Oakland CA

March 2020 - Present

*Impact Associate*

- Designing data collection surveys, collecting data from client companies, cleaning and analyzing data, and creating dashboards and impact reports.
- Supporting organizational data requests.
- Facilitating research on best practices and technologies to centralize data and manage data flow more effectively across the organization.
- Leading research involving 10 other organizations to promote lending to minority women entrepreneurs.
- Conducting literature reviews, writing case studies, blogs, and developing other research content.

### Chemonics International, Washington D.C.

June 2019 - August 2019

*Business Development Intern*

- Conducted a win-loss analysis of USAID grant proposal reports and identified opportunities to strengthen Chemonics' strategy to win more contracts.
- Wrote blogs and policy briefs on topics related to youth development and education to contribute to the team's knowledge sharing practice.

### Center for Effective Global Action, Berkeley CA

February 2018 - May 2018

*Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences, Intern*

- Reviewed development economics research papers and identified researchers to be recruited for a program to increase transparency in development research.
- Conducted prospective research to facilitate fundraising.

## PROJECTS

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### Research to promote equity in lending: *Wisdom Fund, Oakland CA*

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- Leading efforts to recruit 30 - 50 small business loan providers across the United States in a research project evaluating perceived versus real risk among minority women business owners.
- Hosting online webinars and information sessions for potential partners and managing communications with new partners.
- Creating data sharing agreements, data collection templates, and indicators required for the research analysis.

**Job-Skills Training Curriculum:** *Samasource Inc, San Francisco CA* March 2019 - May 2019

- Designed and presented a curriculum framework for teaching soft skills to entry-level data associates in Kenya.

**Undergraduate thesis:** *UC Berkeley, CA* January 2017 - May 2018

- Performed a meta-analysis of RCTs of workforce development and job training programs in Africa, Latin America, and Asia to assess whether such programs target the least educated participants.

**Emerging Leaders Foundation:** *Kenya* May 2016 - August 2016

- Facilitated workshops to promote youth engagement and participation in the governance, economy, and public affairs of their local communities.

**Equity Group Foundation:** *Kenya* May 2015 - August 2015

- Advised and mentored 10 Kenyan students on applications to US universities.

**Fly Sister Fly Foundation:** *Kenya* August 2015

- Facilitated workshops and community outreach to promote the education of girls in a semi-literate nomadic community in Kenya.

## SOFTWARE, LANGUAGES & GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERIENCE

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**Software & Tools**

Stata, R, R Shiny, Latex, G-Suite, Microsoft Suite

**Languages**

English (fluent), Swahili (native), Luo (native)

**Countries of Work Experience**

USA, Kenya