

LGT Impact Fellowship

Profiles of the 2024 cohort





LGT Impact Fellows of the 2024 cohort:



Aakriti Tomar 8 years experience Marketing & Branding Specialist ARMMAN, India



Chidinma Okoli
11+ years experience
Sn. Corporate Finance Fellow
Moniepoint (Lightrock), Nigeria



Joshua Kibirige 11 years experience Public Policy Analyst Harambee, South Africa



Aarushi Gupta 2 years experience LGT VP Associate Fellow LGT Venture Philanthropy, India



Fatouma Sokona
6+ years experience
Country Support Coordinator
AMP Health, Senegal



Martha Angel Namuli 6 years experience Project Manager 4G Capital (Lightrock), Uganda



Akshat Saxena 8 years experience Program Management Fellow Common Ground, India



Gita Osei-Bonsu
3 years experience
Grants and Compliance Fellow
mothers2mothers, Ghana



Pete Ngugi 15 years experience Partnerships Fellow mothers2mothers, Kenya



Benjamin Mukasa 16 years experience Deputy Country Manager 4G Capital (Lightrock), Uganda





Aakriti Tomar

Fellowship organization: ARMMAN, India

Organization's mission:

ARMMAN leverages technology to enable healthy pregnancy and safe childhood by:

- Addressing systemic gaps in health service delivery by strengthening health systems
- Promoting healthcare seeking practices by the community
- Creating evidence-based, cost-effective, scalable solutions using equity based and gender transformative approaches

Nationality: Indian

Number of years of work experience: 8 years

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I found out about the program through...

... LinkedIn

My Fellowship role:

Marketing & Branding Specialist

My background:

I have worked as a marketing professional for over 8 years. I have had the opportunity to play different roles in Client servicing / Comms Lead where my core was in producing branded content and ensuring efficient execution of the campaigns, whether Digital/ATL/BTL. I have been serving as a Client Servicing and Strategy Director for Friday & Theo as communication Advisor to the Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because...

At my previous organization, I had the opportunity to work on behavioral change campaigns & develop IEC Materials for prominent programs under various departments of the Health Ministry. During my tenure, I leveraged communication activities to promote Maternal and Child Health initiatives, including Kilkari and Mobile Academy. The LGT Fellowship rightly provides me with a platform where I can closely work with the development team on such initiatives in areas of health in India. It allows me to develop my skills further and leverage my professional experience to benefit the host organization.

In my Fellowship role I will...

In my fellowship role, I look forward to working on programs that reach the last mile and ensure healthcare deliveries in the best possible way. I aim to create impactful content strategies for the organization ensuring that they align with ARMMAN's vision, mission, values, and brand positioning.

I am very excited about

Being a part of LGT Impact fellowship, my role in general, working with ARMMAN at the grassroot level as I'll get to be the part of actual development team and learn many other skills that are required for a deeper understanding and impactful execution of programmes.





Aarushi Gupta

Fellowship organization: LGT Venture Philanthropy, India

Organization's mission:

LGT Venture Philanthropy deploys philanthropic growth capital to organizations and companies with effective, innovative and scalable solutions to social and environmental challenges.

Nationality: Indian

Number of years of work experience: 2 years

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My Fellowship role: Associate Fellow

My background:

My past experience is in strategy consulting, having worked on several projects in the development and impact sector. These projects involved organizational strategy, fundraising, communications, and other functions for clients such as NGOs, multilaterals, and government organisations.

I completed my undergraduate education at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because...

... of the opportunity to shape the strategy behind LGT's investment portfolio and work, learn more about fundraising strategies, and see through the final execution with various stakeholder groups.

In my Fellowship role I will...

... join the LGT regional investment team in India as an associate, working across various functions and projects, including fundraising, knowledge management, marketing and communications, and portfolio management.

I am very excited about...

... driving lasting, positive change at an investment level, connecting to individuals with similar motivations from diverse backgrounds, and learning from experienced mentors.





Akshat Saxena

Fellowship organization: Common Ground (Living Landscapes), India

Organization's mission:

To bring system shifts by enabling grassroots coalitions to work towards

- Ecologically healthy Commons rooted in inclusive governance
- Equitable and durable livelihood gains reflected as 30-50% increases in income, especially for women
- Enhanced community resilience to economic and environmental shocks and stresses

Nationality: Indian

Number of years of work experience: 8 years

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I found out about the program through LinkedIn. I was aware about some of the work driven by their portfolio organizations and stumbled across this opportunity.

My Fellowship role: Program Management Fellow

My background: I worked about 8 years to consult private and public sector organizations across various programs to improve the quality of life for the marginalized communities by managing a portfolio of projects on sustainability, climate change adaptation, rural development, livelihoods, education & health. By education, I am a civil engineer with a post graduation in Environmental Management.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because I wanted to work towards catalyzing systemic shifts aiming to create long-term sustainability and large-scale impact. This platform would enable me to learn, innovate and create solutions in synergy with responsible and talented peers working to make a positive difference in the world. I am committed to supporting efforts on healthy socio-ecological ecosystems.

In my Fellowship role I will

- Co-develop an operational framework for collaborative execution across various Indian states, assist in operationalisation including setting clear project goals, timelines, deliverables, progress towards outcomes and effective risk mitigation strategies.
- Establish performance indicators, track progress, and conduct periodic assessments to contribute to the Learning Measurement and Evaluation (LME) of the Common Ground initiative
- Assist in the execution of all the four Common Ground pathways enabling collaborative efforts at local landscape levels to district and state levels involving multiple stakeholders.
- Assist in designing and innovating on approaches that integrate field action, data and technology, strategic communication to replication at scale

I am very excited about collaborating with like-minded individuals who are passionate about empowering people and organizations to create social and environmental impact. I am eager to add value to the Common Ground's Initiatives leveraging my expertise and to learn from the diverse perspectives and experiences within the fellowship.





Benjamin Mukasa

Nationality: Ugandan

Number of years of work experience:

16 years

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I found out about the program through... LinkedIn and through my extensive network in the development finance sector, where LGT's reputation for impactful philanthropy is well known.

My Fellowship role:

Deputy Country Manager, Uganda.

Fellowship organization: 4G Capital Limited, Uganda

Organization's mission:

To grow business with capital and knowledge, unlocking human potential for good and being the first choice for MSME growth in Africa.

My background:

I have over 16 years of experience in development finance, focusing on financial inclusion and sustainable development. My career has spanned roles such as Country Manager - Malawi at JBJ Foundation, Management Partner at AMP Health in Namibia, and Chief Executive Officer at SteadFin Uganda SACCO Ltd. I hold a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Makerere University and an MBA from Heriot-Watt University. My professional journey is driven by a mission to bridge the gap between potential and opportunity through strategic financial initiatives.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because...

In a world where the gap between potential and opportunity often seems insurmountable, my professional journey has been driven by a mission to bridge this divide through the power of financial inclusion and sustainable development. The LGT Impact Fellowship represents a beacon of hope in this regard, as I get to work with 4G Capital in Uganda. I will be able to serve entrepreneurs similar to my late father that are constrained by the stringent requirements of secured commercial bank lending; a gap that 4G Capital is ably closing in East Africa.

In my Fellowship role I will...

...support the Country Manager in leading and coordinating all business lines of operations at 4G Capital in Uganda. This includes managing the operating budget, overseeing training pipelines, developing people, and maintaining high portfolio quality. I will also engage with external stakeholders and ensure the effective delivery of our financial inclusion products and services.

I am very excited about...

... the opportunity to contribute to 4G Capital's mission of empowering micro and small businesses through innovative financial solutions. Being part of an organization recognized as Africa's highest-scoring fintech B Corp aligns with my commitment to ethical and sustainable business practices. I look forward to leveraging my expertise to drive positive social outcomes and foster economic growth within underserved communities.





Chidinma Okoli

Fellowship organization: Moniepoint, Nigeria

Organization's mission:

Moniepoint is a global payments and banking platform, and is the second-fastest-growing company in Africa. Our mission is to provide financial happiness for everyone through making financial services accessible to the underbanked and underserved.

Nationality: Nigerian

Number of years of work experience: 6 years

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I found out about the program through a Venture Capital industry WhatsApp group I'm a part of.

My Fellowship role:

Senior Corporate Finance Associate, focusing on Mergers & Acquisition (M&A), Corporate Development, and Investor Relations

My background:

I've worked in the venture capital and private equity industry for the last 6 years, investing in early to growth stage companies across Africa, focusing on a broad range of sectors and impact areas including gender-lens and climate.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because...

I'm passionate about making an impact with my career in Africa, and love that the Fellowship allows me work directly with an organization, supporting their continuous growth and development.

In my Fellowship role I will...

Work with the Mergers & Acquisition, Corporate Development, and Investor Relations team, supporting them with executing M&A deals across the continent, and developing new products that will contribute to the growth and expansion of the business.

I am very excited about...

Immersing myself in the startup ecosystem from an operator point of view (versus an investor), and deepening my knowledge of the payments and banking landscape across Africa.





Fatouma Sokona

Nationality: Senegalese & Malian

Number of years of work experience: 6+ years

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I found out about the program through... LinkedIn

My Fellowship role: Country Support Coordinator

Fellowship organization: AMP Health, Senegal

Organization's mission:

AMP Health partners with governments in low- and middle-income countries to strengthen community health systems. They provide strategic support, technical assistance, and leadership development to improve health outcomes and build sustainable healthcare infrastructure. Through collaborative efforts, AMP Health aims to empower local health leaders and ensure equitable access to quality health services.

My background:

I hold a Master of Science in African Development from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences and a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Georgia State University. Over the past six years, I have worked extensively in project management, capacity building, and stakeholder engagement within international development and the private sector. My passion lies in helping Africa move forward, I'm fully committed to playing a key role in creating positive changes for both society and organizations, shaping the continent's future.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because...

I am passionate about contributing to sustainable development and positive societal change in Africa. This fellowship offers a unique opportunity to enhance my skills, be exposed to innovative approaches, and collaborate with experts from diverse backgrounds. I am particularly excited about the focus on leadership development, which aligns with my aspiration to drive impactful change across the continent.

In my Fellowship role I will...

As a Country Support Coordinator at AMP Health, I will play a key role in developing and implementing effective project management systems and processes. Additionally, I will provide guidance and support to team members, and assist in nurturing partnerships with key stakeholders. This role will significantly contribute to the overall effectiveness and success of AMP Health's mission to strengthen community health systems across Africa.

I am very excited about...

The opportunity to work with a dynamic team dedicated to improving healthcare systems and making a tangible impact on the lives of people in Africa. I look forward to learning from experienced professionals, sharing my knowledge, and contributing to the mission of AMP Health.





Gita Osei-Bonsu Fellowship organization: mothers2mothers, Ghana

Organization's mission:

Health Care For Families Who Need It Most, Delivered by Women Who Know Them Best

Nationality: British

Number of years of work experience:

3 years

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I found out about the program while...

Searching for a role where I can make a positive impact, driven by my desire to contribute meaningfully in everything I do.

My Fellowship role:

Grants and Compliance. I am excited about diving more into ethical compliance within a different industry.

My background:

I have a background in both sustainable supply chain within the fashion industry and as a programme and DEI manager in a non-profit. These roles equipped me with project management, community engagement, and advocacy skills which I am excited to develop at mothers2mothers.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because...

LGT have offered a fantastic opportunity to work in abroad and learn from a leading impact-driven organisation. The fellowship allows me to apply my skills in a global context and contribute to meaningful social change.

In my Fellowship role I will...

I will focus on grants compliance, ensuring all activities meet donor requirements and organisational policies to secure financial sustainability.

I am very excited about...

Entering a new industry, learning more about public health and meeting the amazing Mentor Mothers who are the backbone of the organisation.





Joshua Kibirige

Fellowship organization: Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, South Africa

Organization's mission:

Harambee's vision is to enable a growing economy and a society that works, powered by the potential of young people.

Nationality: South African

Number of years of work experience:

11 years

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I found out about the program through... LinkedIn

My Fellowship role:

Public Policy Analyst

My background:

I have worked as a Researcher and Political Risk Analyst at Gaboon Protection, Crisis24, Save the Children International, and other organizations,

I hold a Master of Arts in African Studies from Dalarna University, Sweden and a B.A from the University of Johannesburg where he majored in Psychology and Communication Studies.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because...

I am at a juncture in my career trajectory where I desire to have an impact on pressing societal issues. The LGT Impact Fellowship and my new home, Harambee, have been the perfect fit in pursuing my career goals and helping to address youth unemployment at scale.

In my Fellowship role I will...

I will be responsible for conducting research and analysis on public policy issues that affects Harambee's work, and providing insights and recommendations to inform Harambee's advocacy and communication strategies.

I am very excited about...

What the future holds and the possibilities that can be explored through the LGT Impact Fellowship and Harambee.





Martha Angel Namuli

Fellowship organization: 4G Capital Limited, Uganda

Organization's mission:

To grow business with capital and knowledge, unlocking human potential for good and being the first choice for MSME growth in Africa.

Nationality: Ugandan

Number of years of work experience: 6 years

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I found out about the program through... LinkedIn

My Fellowship role: Project Manager

My background:

Software Engineering, project management and system analysis.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because...

I wish to leverage my software development and project management skills to foster inclusion through technology. My career has been driven by a passion for innovation and a commitment to delivering exceptional results. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to projects that promote social good, ensuring that technological advancements benefit all communities and create a more inclusive world.

In my Fellowship role I will...

I will collaborate with cross functional teams to create technological solutions that address the needs of diverse communities, ensuring that the benefits of our projects are accessible to all.

I am very excited about...

The opportunity to learn and make a difference one project at a time.





Pete Ngugi

Nationality: Kenyan

Number of years of work experience: 15 years

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I found out about the program through...
A referral

My Fellowship role: Partnerships Fellow Fellowship organization: mothers2mothers

Organization's mission:

Health Care For Families Who Need It Most, Delivered by Women Who Know Them Best

My background:

I have over 6 years of experience in the nonprofit sector both in wildlife conservation and the agricultural livelihoods sector. Moreover, I had the benefit of contributing to the success of both finance and fundraising teams at two NGOs. Before joining the impact sector, I worked for several corporates in marketing, and administration. In addition to this I have been fortunate enough to go on an entrepreneurial journey, venturing into the Logistics sector among others.

I joined the LGT Impact Fellowship because...

... over and beyond a regular role, LGT Impact Fellows are assigned to specific areas where LGT's beneficiary organizations have identified a gap and thus filling this gap would result in a multiplied effect on the generation of impact for both the organization and the communities it serves.

In my Fellowship role I will...

... join mothers2mothers as a Partnerships Fellow working with the larger Business Development team to develop and implement strategies for the identification, pursuit, and securing of grant opportunities that will see the organization fulfill its mission.

I am very excited about...

... generating impact for mothers2mothers and the families served by the organization, the learning opportunities this fellowship will provide, and the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, both at mothers2mothers and as part of the LGT Fellowship group.



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