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James King'ori, a professional nutritionist and humanitarian worker with bias on emergency nutrition field, humanitarian programme designing/ strategy development, planning, implementation and programme management and emergency response coordination. Since 2000, James has actively been involved in nutrition surveillance, emergency & non-programme designing, planning and implementation, monitoring and evaluation and nutrition response coordination, (including fund raising) having worked in various capacities in the field of nutrition in Kenya (including Kakuma refugee camp), Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti, State of Palestine (West Bank and Gaza), Pakistan and in the Middle East and Northern African (MENA) countries¹. James is one of the Global Nutrition Cluster resource persons in emergency coordination and strategy development.

Since April 2011, James has been the UNICEF Regional Nutrition Specialist responsible for strategic and technical guidance to nutrition programmes and offering of advisory services to 20 countries in MENA Region. The responsibility also involves addressing issues on policy and nutrition programme implementation in low income, middle income and high income countries. James' past hands-on-experience in surveys and assessments, setting up and management of community based management of acute malnutrition programmes in emergencies, micronutrient interventions, infant and young child feeding and in designing and implementation of integrated nutrition, food security, health and water and sanitation plays a crucial role in assisting and guiding countries faced with diverse nutrition challenges.

He has worked with International Rescue Committee (NGO), United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and currently with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). He has worked closely with other UN agencies and NGOs as well as governments and local authorities. James holds Bachelors of Arts degree (Sociology) from Kenyatta University (1995) and Masters of Science in Applied Human Nutrition from University of Nairobi (2000).

¹ MENA countries include Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, Egypt, Djibouti, Palestine, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait United Arab Emirates and Yemen.