

At a Glance

Sarah Driver-Jowitt has more than 25 years' experience in NGO and Social Enterprise design, growth and leadership. Coupled with extensive project management, stakeholder engagement and facilitation expertise, Sarah has designed and led both organisations and programs across Southern Africa, UK, and Vietnam. She brings innovative strategic thinking to partnership and programme development with a focus on sustainability, scalability and developing positive, empowering relationships for all stakeholders. Her academic background includes a Masters in Public Administrative Management where her research included (at the time) the largest case study of social enterprises in Africa and low resourced countries.

Relevant Experience

2021-date: Independent Consultant & Partner in Consortium

Working with a range of partners from INGOs to local civic society organisations on strategy, research, fundraising and project design. This includes working on the global UNICEF SBC Toolkit to address stigma and barriers to inclusion for children with disabilities and their families.

2015-2021 Shonaquip Social Enterprise (Uhambo Foundation & Shonaquip Pty Ltd)

Across numerous leadership roles within this hybrid social enterprise, I was involved in leading the organisation and stakeholder management needed to deliver, and scale, disability inclusion and SBC programmatic work across Southern Africa. This included the design of the hybrid social enterprise and the development of a holistic cross programme cycle involving numerous funders, investors and government partnerships. Raised in excess of R50 million in 5 years including multi year programmes.

2012-2014 Regional Director: Southern Africa Operation Smile

As Regional Director I was responsible for the development, management, operations across Southern Africa. This role included extensive stakeholder engagement and project facilitation. During this period, I initiated Operation Smile activities in Mozambique and Malawi including liaison with governments, NGOs and other stakeholders, and facilitated program roll out across Southern Africa.

2001-2012 Chief Executive: Facing the World (based in the United Kingdom)

As part of the founding team, I was responsible for the development, management, operations and growth into an international charity and initiated and managed the programme to train and capacitate multidisciplinary craniofacial units in Vietnam. I was also responsible for stakeholder engagements and the facilitation of numerous documentaries and media campaigns.

Skills

- Research, writing and modelling of theory and strategy.
- Stakeholder engagement, facilitation and mediation.
- Strategy development and design.
- Marketing and fundraising.
- Project Design and Management.
- Material Development and campaigns.
- Extensive, and in-depth, understanding of both NGO, Social Enterprise and SME sectors.

Qualifications

BA, Hons B in Public Administration, MPA

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