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Her professional history includes roles such as Gender and Communications Specialist, Regional Communications Officer, Communications Manager, Program Officer and Communications Analyst, as well as Communications, Programs and Advocacy person in at least four emergency responses - natural disasters or man-made conflicts - in the regions of West, Central and Southern Africa in the following countries: Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad, Central African Republic, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Joelma is married, mother of three children and recently a grandmother. In her free time, Mrs. Joelma likes to exercise, read, meditate, travel and above all spend time with her family.

