

# Victoria Essien

TECHNICAL PRODUCT MANAGER

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## PROFILE

Product manager with a full-stack engineering background and a strong eye for design. I define product direction, translate technical constraints into user-facing decisions, and ship features end to end across complex platforms. I am comfortable owning the full lifecycle, from roadmap prioritization and stakeholder alignment to sprint management and production delivery.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

Product Strategy & Roadmapping · Agile / Scrum Facilitation · Stakeholder Management · User Research & UX Thinking · Feature Prioritisation (MoSCoW) · Sprint Planning & Delivery · Cross-functional Team Leadership · API Integrations · Technical Specification Writing · QA Oversight · Figma & Design Systems

## EXPERIENCE

### Baza Analytics

Jan 2026 – Present

**Software Engineer** · Remote (South Africa)

*AI data-infrastructure platform for the African insurance industry.*

- **Core feature delivery:** build and ship user-facing features end to end (database connection wizard, conversation UI, query-history interface), turning product requirements into production code.
- **Internal admin portal:** built from scratch with invite management, role-based access control, and activity tracking.
- **AI Ask Agent reliability:** improved through structured root-cause analysis and prompt iteration, reducing agent-loop failures in production.

### Tison

Aug 2024 – Jan 2026

**Technical Lead** · Remote (UK)

*Product studio; led product and delivery on client and partner builds.*

- **Product lead, Baza v2:** defined scope, designed core workflows (invite management, RBAC, activity tracking, connection wizard, conversation interface), aligned stakeholders, and drove delivery from zero to production.
- **Delivery lead, LegalRescue.ai:** ran sprint planning and release coordination across environments, and conducted design and code reviews to uphold quality, consistency, and UX standards.
- **Client partnership:** served as the primary bridge between clients and the development team, gathering requirements, managing expectations, and translating briefs into actionable delivery plans through iterative feedback loops.
- **Team leadership:** led a cross-functional team of up to 10 (UI/UX, full-stack, and AI engineers), managing workflows and timelines for stable, on-time releases.

### DirectEd Development

Aug 2023 – Jan 2026

**UI Engineer & Product Contributor** · Remote (UK)

*Education nonprofit that has placed 70+ students in remote internships across 20+ partner organizations.*

- **Product & UX research:** contributed to product decisions through user interviews and personas, applying insights to prioritize features and improve usability.
- **Design & build:** designed and built key pages and UI components, then led the engineering team that shipped the redesigned public platform.
- **Workflow coordination:** coordinated tasks and team workflows, keeping delivery running smoothly across releases.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Platforms & Frameworks:** Next.js, React, TypeScript, FastAPI, Python, PostgreSQL

**Tooling:** Figma, GitHub, Google Cloud Platform, Jira-style sprint tools, REST APIs

## EDUCATION

### Bingham University

Sep 2019 – Jul 2023

BSc. Computer Science