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Shane Smith's journey to becoming an Infrastructure Project Assessment Officer is a testament to his dedication and passion for helping developing nations access growth capital. Growing up in the 70s, he was fascinated by how investment drove economic growth. This led him to study Commerce and Economics.

Shane joined a venture capital group, honing his skills in project financial modelling and valuation analysis.

His talent for identifying winning infrastructure investments caught the attention of recruiters, and he landed a role with a leading project investment consulting company operating in West Africa.

In this role Shane assessed and recommended investment in infrastructure projects for clients in Africa and South-East Asia. He's led financial planning and analysis for African operations, developed cost optimisation strategies, and worked directly with clients.

Shane also pursued a Master of Applied Finance, combining academic knowledge with hands-on experience. His career's marked by achievements and growth, driven by his analytical mind and passion for infrastructure investment to grow developing economies across Africa.

Shane's work in West Africa wasn't without its challenges. He navigated complex regulatory environments, managed currency fluctuations, and worked with diverse organisations to bring projects to life. His ability to distil complex financial data into actionable insights earned him a reputation as a trusted advisor with government and industry.

A normal month would see him involved advising government and project investors on a large-scale renewable energy initiative in West Africa or a port development in Cambodia. Shane's financial modelling and risk analysis helped secure funding for many infrastructure projects in developing economies. These deals were successful and cemented his position as a leading expert in infrastructure investment.

In his current role, Shane continues to apply his skills, assessing projects across the Asia-Pacific region and Africa. He's passionate about leveraging investment to drive economic growth and improve lives in developing nations. His expertise has taken him to remote regions, where he works with local communities and governments to identify viable projects.

Looking ahead, Shane sees opportunities for innovative financing models and sustainable infrastructure investments in emerging markets. He's excited to contribute to projects that balance economic growth with environmental and social responsibility, ultimately shaping the future of these regions

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