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Education & Training

PhD Agricultural Economics

Kansas State University ~ Aug 2020 - Present

MSc Agricultural and Applied Economics (MAAE)

University of Zimbabwe ~ Sept 2015 - Dec 2017

Merit degree class

BSc(Hons) Agricultural Economics and Extension

University of Zimbabwe ~ 2011 – 2014

First class degree

Work Experience

Agricultural Policy Research In Africa (APRA), University of Zimbabwe

Research Assistant ~ May 2018 – July 2020

My roles and responsibilities include;

- ⊕ In-Field data review
- ⊕ Facilitation of field work including accommodation, transport and coordinating with important stakeholders including Agritex Officers, Local leaders etc.
- ⊕ Data cleaning and analysis using Stata and SPSS.
- ⊕ Contribute to writing project reports, discussion papers, scientific manuscripts, and other communication materials related to the collected data sets.

Centre for Impact Evaluation & Research Design

Research Associate ~ October 2018 to July 2020

Some of the selected assignments include;

- ⊕ World Vision International & Higherlife Zimbabwe (Dec 2019- February 2020): Evaluating the hybrid model on improving the quality of education in Nkayi and Hwange
- ⊕ United Nations Development Program (May to June 2019): Livelihoods and Community engagement expert for the Global Environment Facility (GEF) 6 components 2&3 Baseline survey in Muzarabani, Mbire & Hurungwe
- ⊕ Apiculture Trust of Zimbabwe (Sept 2018-March 2019): Applied Propensity Score Matching to assess the impact of beekeeping on Sustainable Forestry Management (SFM) in Hurungwe.
- ⊕ Environment Africa (Sept 2018-Feb 2019): Assessing the impact of biogas digesters adoption on Sustainable Forestry Management (SFM) in Mudzi and Mutoko.
- ⊕ WWF (Aug 2018-Dec 2018): Baseline - Conservation agriculture practices of communities around Chizarira national park, Binga.
- ⊕ Agricultural Policy Research in Africa (April 2017): Commercialization pathways and their impacts on individual/household outcome indicators, including income poverty, food security, employment benefits and women's empowerment.

- ⊕ Peace Parks Foundation, Mozambique (Aug-Sep 2016): Assistant Livelihoods and Community engagement specialist
- ⊕ Zimbabwe Agricultural Development Trust (Dec2016): Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of the CREATE Fund to Smallholder Farmers

University of Zimbabwe

Teaching and Research Assistant ~ January 2017 to December 2017

I assisted academic staff with teaching and research by performing the following duties;

- ⊕ Tutoring/Mentoring~ assisting students with guidance and technical support on course materials, study skills and referring them to appropriate support for pastoral care.
- ⊕ Supervision ~ providing technical support to undergraduate students' research projects.
- ⊕ Marking~ marking of quizzes and assignments
- ⊕ Feedback ~ providing feedback on the progress of students. Assisting in the collation of assessment and other programme data/information for review by the academic team, including monitoring of attendance.
- ⊕ Demonstrating ~ undertaking laboratory demonstration and support activities during practical sessions.
- ⊕ Research backstopping ~ assisting the academic staff with field work facilitation and supervision, data enumeration, capturing, cleaning, analysis and report writing.

Agricultural Partnerships Trust (APT)

Learning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Intern ~ July 2014 – August 2015

My roles and responsibilities were to help the Project Manager of the Sustainable Intensification of Market-Based Agriculture (SIMBA) European Union funded project with the following;

- ⊕ Developing and strengthening M&E procedures and tools and supporting the project personnel in their use
- ⊕ Monitoring of all project activities, expenditures, and progress towards achieving project outputs
- ⊕ Monitoring and evaluating overall progress on achievement and sustainability of project results
- ⊕ Providing feedback on project strategies and activities
- ⊕ Suggesting strategies for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the project by identifying bottlenecks in completing project activities and developing plans to minimize or eliminate such bottlenecks
- ⊕ Providing inputs, information, and statistics for quarterly time frames to the Project Manager
- ⊕ Participate in quarterly project reviews and assist the Project Manager in preparing relevant reports
- ⊕ Networking with relevant stakeholders, community mobilization and coordination
- ⊕ Coordinating stakeholder meetings

References

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