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Agricultural Economist experienced in irrigation development, agriculture, adaptive research, market linkages, rural development for food & nutrition security and livelihoods.

Area of Expertise:

- Agricultural Economics; Monitoring & Evaluation; Marketing; Gender; Environment; Climate & Livelihoods
- Capacity Building; Social Learning; Training; Food & Nutrition Security Programming; Research & Project Management

Professional Qualifications:

1. Master of Philosophy Degree in Agriculture (University of Zimbabwe, 2014)- Social Learning and Technology Uptake: Nine publications in internationally reviewed journals and/or presented at international conferences and theses
2. Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Agricultural Economics, 2.1 (University of Zimbabwe, 2003).
Courses taken include: Rural sociology; Micro- and macro-economics for agriculture; Farm business management; Principles of agricultural marketing; Agribusiness management; Research methods; Econometrics; Cost-benefit analysis; Principles of crop and animal production; Agricultural production economics; Agricultural policy; Agricultural finance; Agricultural extension; Agricultural development

Professional Trainings:

1. Certificate of Competence in Public Service Regulations (Rowa Institute of Manpower Planning and Development, 2015)
2. Certificate of Competence in Gender-Responsive Economic Policy Management (African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), 2013): The course reinforced my understanding on the need for gender-responsive program and policy designs for widespread impact
3. Certificate in Project Management (2005): This course gave me insight into project concepts, life cycle, controlling and coordination, leadership and motivation, monitoring and evaluation, financial management and monitoring, public relations and procurement management

Available for:

Job opportunities

Consultancy

Research & Knowledge contribution

Highest Qualification:
Master of Philosophy

Years of Experience:
More than 13 years

Languages:
English, Shona, SiNdebele.

Nationality: Zimbabwean

Date of Birth:
02 August 1980

Sex: Male

Driver's License
Class 4: Light Motor vehicle

Key Competencies

- Experience in coordinating and implementing Agricultural & Food Security projects in developmental and emergency contexts.
- Excellent research skills accompanied by advocacy ability to lobby for research outputs to inform country strategies for food security and policy formulation.
- Have ability to work both independently and as a member of multi-disciplinary and multicultural international teams.
- Ability to work under pressure and to meet deadlines
- Computer proficiency in word processing, database, spreadsheet and graphics presentation using Microsoft Office; Outlook; SPSS; Internet
- Knowledge and experience on HIV, AIDS, Gender and Environmental mainstreaming in programming.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. October 2010 to date **Principal Agricultural Economist**
Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanisation & Irrigation Development; Zimbabwe

Key responsibilities

- Serve as an Agri-business focal point to coordinate, train farmers and personnel and facilitate collaboration on agriculture and rural development aspects between smallholder farmers and public-private partnerships along livelihood value chains like crop production, livestock, and market linkages.
- Conduct farmer training needs assessment, design, organise and deliver farmer training programmes
- Development and implementation of agricultural extension and advisory services related to farming as a business and agribusiness literacy.
- Work with farmer groups across irrigation schemes to seek opportunities and support efforts to develop and expand farm to market linkages through contract farming.
- Identify and support opportunities to reduce post-harvest food losses and waste and value addition of food products at the farm/household level.
- Key trainer on agricultural business planning and development and support development and implementation of production and marketing schedules
- Spearhead the identification and analysis of new cropping enterprises for any new proposed irrigation
- Provide technical advice and guidance to Agricultural Officers & Technicians in the following fields; Agriculture supply chain management and Agriculture value chain development.
- Feasibility studies & socio-economic analysis of agriculture development projects.
- Research work and publication to contribute knowledge on best practices of food security and livelihood restoration through the agricultural sector.

Achievements

- Built and maintained effective working relationships with relevant stakeholders involved in livelihoods, food & nutrition security and agriculture for effectual resilience programming
- Developed and ensured implementation of project monitoring, evaluation and learning systems to assess performance against expected results aimed at improving efficiency, effectiveness and impact.

2. November 2003 to September 2010

Position: **Senior Agricultural Economist** – Head of District
Agricultural Engineering and Mechanisation, Zimbabwe

Duties and Responsibility

- Developed monitoring and evaluation systems for engineering projects
- Developed computer-based databases on agricultural engineering projects and programmes
- Organised and conducted baseline studies on major proposed agricultural engineering projects
- Analysed and established costs of operating agricultural equipment for cost optimisation
- Undertook cost-benefit analysis of engineering technologies and projects to establish projects worthiness

Achievements

- Coordinated and supervised technical teams, responsible for Post-harvest and Produce Handling technologies; Soil and Water Conservation; Farm Structures and Environmental Engineering; Farm Power and Machinery.
- Piloted improved granaries, rodent proof cribs, solar driers in Makoni District
- Piloted adaptive research using the Learning Centre approach under the auspices of the Soil Fertility Consortium for Southern Africa (SOFECSA) to promote uptake of improved soil fertility management practices in Makoni and Wedza districts

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