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Summary

I have M.Sc. Soil Science, B.Sc. Hons Soil Science and Certificate in Agriculture General with over 9 years of experience working with International and National Non-governmental organizations in different capacities. This has earned me experience in working on development and agricultural projects across the country and in the sub region. Additionally, this has built my capacity in land governance, working with Government Ministries, Department and Agencies, training facilitation skills, working in Pujehun, Kenema and Kailahun districts with farmers' groups, women capacity/empowerment activities, training module development, multi-stakeholder engagement meetings, livelihood project implementation strategies, activity planning and budget, working with project partners, colleagues to develop data collection and monitoring tools. I demonstrated the ability to work in team and as individual with little supervision; the ability and willingness to learn on new jobs.

Have established very good working relationship with Njala University and other line ministries in my previous job capacities.

Professional Trainings

- Certificate in Implementing Responsible Governance of Tenure by UNFAO. **Feb 27- 12th May 2017**
- Certificate in System of Rice Intensification **April 29- May 1 2013**
- West Africa Network for Organic Agriculture Research and Training, regional conference held in Sierra Leone from the 18th-22nd March 2013 at the Njala University campus.
- Internship training at Addax Bioenergy (SL) Limited 56 Magburaka Highway, Makambo, Makeni, attached to the Department of Agronomy under the supervision of the Agronomist-Dr. Karlo Wong of the Lungi site. **3rd Jan - April 3rd 2012.**

Academic Publications

1. Effects of land use on Soil Organic Carbon fractions in soils of Njala Landscape in Sierra Leone. International Journal of Environment, Agriculture and Biotechnology (IJEAB). <http://dx.doi.org/10.22161/ijeab/1.4.5>
2. Assessment of soil fertility status using nutrient index approach. Academia Journal of Agricultural Research 5(2): 028-038, February 2017.

3. Studies on Land Resource Inventory for Agricultural Land Use Planning in Northern Transition Zone of India through Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques. **Journal of Geographic Information System**, 2021, 13, 710-728. <https://www.scirp.org/journal/jgis>
4. Studies on the Genesis of Soils in River Jong Basin in the Northern Province of Sierra Leone. Open Journal of Geology. Vo. 12 No.3. March 2022.
5. 5. Effect of Land Uses on Soil Erodibility in the Njala Area of Southern Sierra Leone. Open Journal of Soil Science, 2022, 12, 475-489 <https://www.scirp.org/journal/ojss>

Skills/Competences

- Strong mobilization, training and facilitation skills
- Good working relationship with private, government and district stakeholders in Bo, Pujehun, Kenema and Kailahun districts
- Experienced strategic and Technical innovator in project implementation
- Experienced in project activity planning in line with deliverables/Key Performance Indicators
- Experience in Village Savings and Loan Association scheme
- Fluent in written and spoken English
- Skilled in implementing consortium/partnership projects
- Experienced in tailor made training module development
- Experienced facilitator, skilled in awareness raising campaigns, workshop budget preparation and facilitation skills.
- Experienced and strategic leadership in implementing development programmes with vast knowledge in livelihood programmes.
- Good project report writing ability
- Proficient in Microsoft packages like MS word, Excel and Power point
- Monitoring and evaluation skills

Professional History

Project Manager, Agriculture Food Security and Livelihoods.

June –Dec 2021

BRAC Sierra Leone

Key Responsibilities:

- Network and update donors (EU), National Authorizing Office (NAO), MAF and other relevant government line ministries, departments and agencies on project implementation activities and achievements
- Support in the assessment of the major value chain (cassava value chain) intervention needs in the various localities and how these needs and gaps are covered by interventions of the Project.

- Coordinate with various stakeholder for the dissemination of study findings for advocacy with government and private sector through meetings, seminars, round tables on creating business- and sustainability- friendly policy.
- Prepare and share with other BRAC and Consortium partners the annual project implementation plan and Project implementation guidelines. Submit quarterly, semi-annual and annual reports in line with EU reporting standards. This will be submitted to the Programme for review in a timely manner.
- Ensure proper coordination of all partners, ensure effective implementation of all activities as per the agreed log frame and Detailed implementation
- Scan for capacity gaps and needs and establish strategies for capacity development of small & medium-scale farmers; input sellers and output market actors (agro-aggregators, processors, manufacturers, distributors, retailers) on technical and business skills at district level.
- Ensure the coordination of all project activities through active participation in coordination meetings and working groups, which includes food security coordination, MAF/NGO meetings.
- The Project Manager will also be responsible for maintaining working relationships internally and externally with EU, NAO, MAFFS and other relevant government departments
- Coordinate market assessment and the Mapping exercise of the cassava Value chain in the four targeted districts, and train market actor groups on value addition.
- Monitor monthly management accounts to ensure that expenditure is being accurately recorded, and to avoid/ address any under- or over-spends, and provide monthly reports on expenditure verify budget to the Programme Manager and sometimes Country Management Team
- Develop and submit quarterly, semi-annual and annual report in a timely manner.

Technical Officer, Agriculture Food Security and Livelihood Project. March 2020 - Date

BRAC Sierra Leone

Key Responsibilities:

- Work with SLARI/Njala University to develop very good manuals for field staff.
- Ensure proper coordination of all partners, making sure the requisite beneficiaries are selected and programme quality is ensured.
- Oversee programme quality in accordance with BRAC, EU, MAF and GoSL's policies and best practices.
- Support the assessment of cassava value chain and intervention needs in the various localities and how these needs and gains are covered by intervention of the project.
- Provide support in project report writing both quarterly and annual reporting.
- Provide support for district and community engagements in project locations whilst fostering collaboration among partners for quality deliverable of project activities

Key Achievements:

- Developed training modules on Cassava Value Chain and Business Development plan that is currently used by the Sustainable Cassava Commercialization through Entrepreneurs Strengthening Support (SuCCESS) project funded by European Union under the Boosting Agriculture and Food Security (BAFS).
- Trained 890 smallholder farmers who are project beneficiaries in Improved cassava production
- Trained eight Agriculture Extension staff from Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Supported the consultant in the conduct of Cassava Value Chain in ten (10) chiefdoms from four districts in Southern and Eastern regions of Sierra Leone for the BAFS project.

Consultant.

June - October 2019

Solidaridad Sierra Leone

Training and Sensitization of Traditional authorities and communities on the draft Agribusiness Investment Approval Process in Sierra Leone.

Key Achievements

- Provided support to the project Lead to conduct training sessions and awareness raising programmes for Chiefdom Councils, chiefdom Development Committees and the existing local Community Land Based Committee members.
- Supported project lead to produce training modules for the training sessions and awareness raising programmes for Chiefdom Councils, chiefdom Development Committees and the existing local Community Land Based Committee member.
- Provided support for the production, circulation, dissemination, pasting of IEC materials at strategic locations in project operational chiefdoms for two categories of audience.
- Helped in the writing of final donor reports for the contract.
- Trained community and chiefdom stakeholder on Agricultural Investment Approval Process as piloted by the government of Sierra Leone with technical and financial support by UNFAO.
- Developed Information Communication and Education materials on Agricultural Investment Approval Process in Sierra Leone

Consultant.

Feb- May 2019

Solidaridad Sierra Leone

Land Use Right Title Documentation

Key Achievements

- Planned, managed and/or lead contributions to Legend's project activities relating to Land right and title documentation activities in Bo and Tonkolili districts.
- Implemented and monitored field programme development including participating in the identification, formulation, implementation, backstopping and review of projects on land tenure and land administration.

- Collaborated in a multidisciplinary team in work on voluntary guidelines of the responsible governance of tenure.
- Worked with chiefdom/community stakeholders in Tonkolili district to ensure that women have access to land for agricultural production

Assistant project Manager and Community Development Officer. **Feb 2017-Aug 2018**
Solidaridad Sierra Leone

Key Achievements

- In the absence of the Program Manager, took appropriate actions to facilitate continued operation of the Land Enhancing for Governance and Economic Development (LEGEND) program in Makpele chiefdom Pujehun district.
- Prepared budget for key events and related financial documentation, including planning, coordination and documentation of meetings, workshops, seminars among others.
- Co-operated with and ensured regular contacts and dialogues: does PR work and cooperates with local communities, relevant organizations, non-governmental bodies and persons within the project / programme environment as well as with other projects in order to enhance and maintain good working relationships.

Assistant District Coordinator Kenema District **Jan 2015-Oct 2016**

Welthungerhilfe Sierra Leone

Key Achievements

- Ensured the DiPAT implementation principles in the field (e.g. strictly community led, participatory).
- Established community seed bank for 15 communities in the five chiefdom as post Ebola recovery of agricultural activities in that part of the country.
- Represented Welthungerhilfe DIPAT project at all level to line ministries and administration as well as on the level of the direct beneficiaries in targeted communities.

Field Coordinator Forest Edge Communities. **June17 2013-May 2014**
Welthungerhilfe Sierra Leone

Key Achievements

- Represented Welthungerhilfe FoSED on the level of line ministries and administration as well as on the level of the direct beneficiaries in project communities in Kenema and Pujehun districts.
- Conducted and supervised Farmer Field Schools in vegetable and ground nut production in all 34 communities in the Forest Edge Communities in the Kenema and Pujehun Districts in partnership with Gola Rainforest National Park (GRNP/FoSED).
- Revised of technical documents and reports and adapting these for project activities.
- Represented Welthungerhilfe at Kenema district Agriculture and council coordination meetings and joint Monitoring and Evaluation in the field with partners/donors missions from Germany and European Union.

Agronomist. and Field Technical Manager
West Africa Rice Company Ltd.

June 2012-May 2013

Key Achievements

- Initiated System of Rice Intensification Programme and led to the training of Peace Corps Volunteers from six West African Countries in Benin and Togo- a Climate –Smart Rice Production methodology
- Designed cultivation, planting and crop agronomic management schedules for 1000ha of low land rice varieties.
- Visited the different rice fields on daily basis for crop inspection and proposed pest and diseased management recommendations to the company. From these visits, pest and disease management strategies were put in place.

Agriculture Technician
GTZ-IS/PACE-SL

June 2003-June 2004

Key Achievements

- Carried out assessment and conducted practical demonstration of Inland swamp development to farmers in Penguia chiefdom, Kailahun district.
- Established community seed banks for crops like Lowland rice and groundnut in Penguia chiefdom.
- Trained farmers hands on in improved farming practices, swamp development and cultivation of lowland rice.
- Guided farmers in improved planting methods to maximize yields through climate-smart agriculture.

Agriculture Technician
GTZ-IS/ CORD-SL

April 2002- March 2003

Key Achievements

- Carried assessment for farming input needs for farmers in Bureh Chiefdom, Port Loko district, compiled and submitted reports.
- Distributed, made demonstration plots for Good Agricultural Practices for rice and groundnut production.
- Ensured inputs were planted by farmers through constant community and farmer engagements and farm visits.
- Worked chiefdom and community stakeholders for the overall success of the project

Food Distribution Supervisor
2005

September 2004-october

Key Achievements:

- Prepared monthly food distribution list and forward to World Food Programme(WFP) for food shipment to the camp
- Write post food distribution report to camp manager and WFP
- Ensure that refugees get their correction food rations as quoted by United Nations High Commission for Refugees(UNHCR) and WFP
- Coordinated the distribution and see that omitted names on the distribution manifest were taken up with WFP and UNHCR for distribution to such refugees whose names were left out.
- Constantly updated food distribution manifest
- Represent my organizations at meetings with UNHCR and WFP

Academic Background

Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates Obtained	Institution (Date from-Date to)
M.Sc. Soil Science	Njala University – Oct 2016- June 2018
B. Sc. Hons Soil Sciences	Njala University Oct 2007- June 2011
Certificate in Agriculture General	Njala University College Sept 1999-June 2001

Trainings/Seminars/Workshops Attended

- **22 Sep 2020.** European Union project management and implementation training
- **Feb 20-27 2017.** Training on Best Management practice for Sustainable Oil Palm and Cocoa Rehabilitation and Intensive Productivity in West Africa, Kumasi, Ghana
- **Dec 10-17 2017.** Solidaridad CORIP/ SWAPP Project Implementation Planning in Accra Ghana
- **UNFAO Feb 27-12th May 2017.** Training course on Implementing Responsible Governance of Tenure offered by Food and Agricultural Organization of United Nations.
- **28th April-1st May 2013,** Co-Trainer. West Africa System of Rice Intensification Training of Trainers in Kakanitchoe, Oueme Region- Benin for Peace Corp Volunteers from The Gambia, Senegal, Nigeria and Benin, Togo and Mali.
- **17th-19th December 2013,** Co-Trainer/ Facilitator. Launching and training of Trainers on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in Kakatah, Margibi County Liberia.
- **February 17th-19th 2014** Participant, West Africa Regional planning workshop on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in Benin for 2014-2015.
- **June 2 & 3rd, 2014**-Co-Trainer, Training of Trainers on the System of Rice Intensification. Trained Frontline Extension Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Scientists/Researchers in Sierra Leone on the SRI methodology of rice production.
- **February 17th-19th 2014** Participant, West Africa Regional planning workshop on System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in Benin for 2014-2015.

Referees

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