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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Agriculture and food security

Social protection and poverty

Social (rural) development and labour market outcomes

Impact evaluation and applied micro-econometrics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. -Agricultural Economics - University of Bonn (Expected 2021)

MSc. - Agricultural and Food Economics - University of Bonn (2017)

BSc. - Agricultural Economics - University of Buea (2014)

EXPERIENCE

Consultant **07/2020-06/2021**

World Bank Group (WBG)

(Activities: Research assistant in the Lesotho Jobs pilot which centres around youth aspirations, preferences and their career choices and labour market outcomes. Assist in the development of data collection instruments, pilot the data collection instruments, providing feedback and a dataset from this exercise, and assisting the team in improving the data collection instrument. Test the context validity of the instrument, and psychometric reliability of the survey instrument. Develop an operations manual for the survey implementation and data reporting).

Consultant **08/2020-04/2021**

Global Crop Trust, Bonn Germany

(Activities: Genebank impact fellow and consultant charged with evaluating the contribution of the (International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-arid Tropics) ICRISAT genebank to varietal improvement and rural poverty. Extensive literature review and analyzing pedigree and panel household level data on groundnut varieties in Malawi using robust econometric techniques. Drafting working papers, policy briefs and two journal articles).

Consultant	01/2020-07/2020
World Bank Group (WBG)	
(Activities: Research assistant in the Cote d'Ivoire Jobs pilot which centres around economic inclusion into rice value chains to improve labour market outcomes and rural employment. Administrative data analysis and reporting, coordinate and supervise all data collection processes by working with a survey firm, sampling activities, data cleaning and management, pilot baseline data analysis and drafting project reports and manuscripts).	
Survey Coordinator	05/2019-09/2019
Aspirations and Future Rural Africa Baseline Survey in Kenya	
(Activities: Coordinate and supervise all data collection processes, sampling activities, drafting questionnaires on Survey Solutions and SurveyCTO, Data scoping and reshaping, Real time data checks).	
Research Assistant	04/2018 to present
Institute for Food and Resource Economics, Bonn, Germany	
(CAPI programming and questionnaire formulation, Data analysis and scientific publications, MSc term paper supervision, conference attendance, Econometrics tutor).	
Researcher	01.2018-04.2018
Centre for Independent Development Research, Buea, Cameroon	
(Activities: Data collection on issues of Agricultural Production Economics, Rural Development and Agricultural Policy, Training Assistant for workshops on Agricultural Policy and Political Economy Analysis).	
Research Fellow	04.2017 - 10.2017
International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) Nairobi Kenya	
(Activities: CAPI programming, Panel data econometric analysis, Data cleaning, Impact evaluation, Data collection, Project management).	

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020:** Contending with COVID-19 in selected African countries (€25,000).
- 2020:** Genebank impact fellowship with the Crop Trust (€14,000).
- 2020:** World Bank Group Africa Fellowship in Washington D.C. USA and Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (January – June 2020).
- 2019:** Hans H. Ruthenberg Graduate Award for an excellent thesis with a significant contribution to the improvement of farming and reduction of hunger in the world (€2500).
- 2019:** World Bank/GIZ/AERC fellowship on Land Economics and Governance at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa (Jan 7- Feb 8, 2019).
- 2018:** IAAE young research scholar travel grants for participation at the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Vancouver Canada.

2017: Scholarship of the GIZ (BEAF Program, Advisory Group for Development-Oriented Agricultural Research) for a research fellowship at ICRISAT, Nairobi, Kenya.

2014: Most Disciplined undergraduate student at the University of Buea, Cameroon.

2014: Best graduating student in the Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Buea, Cameroon.

2014: Best graduating student in the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, University of Buea, Cameroon.

TRAININGS

2019: PhD Specialization Course on Land Economics and Governance at the University of Cape Town, South Africa organized by AERC/GIZ/WORLD BANK.

2019: World Bank online course on STATA and GIS.

2016: Seminar on 'Field experimentation in Development Economics' organised by the AFEPA consortium at the Catholic university of Louvain, Belgium.

2013: Workshop on Statistical and Econometric Analysis, organised by SOWEDA, SWR, Cameroon.

2012: Trainee at farmer business school organized by GIZ and Ministry of Agriculture in Cameroon.

RESEARCH OUTPUT

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Mausch, K., Woldeyohanes, T., Heckelei, T.(2021) 'Three hurdles towards commercialization: Integrating subsistence chickpea producers in the market economy'. *European Review of Agricultural Economics, forthcoming*.

[2019 Hans H. Ruthenberg Graduate Award](#)

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Heckelei, T., Baylis, K.(2021) 'Aspiration formation and ecological shocks in rural Kenya' *European Journal of Development Research, forthcoming*.

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Molua, E.L., Ngoh, S.B., Beteck, S.E.(2021), "[Production, consumption and market diversification of grain legumes in the humid forest Agroecology of Cameroon](#)", *Sustainable Production and consumption*, Vol 27, pp 193 – 202.

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Molua, E.L., Minkoua, J.R., Fuh, L.G. (2020), "[Production and supply of tomato in Cameroon: Examination of the comparative effect of price and non-price factors](#)", *Scientific African*, Vol 10, (e00574).

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Boakye, A.J., Muliro, M. (2020), “[Mitigating the impacts of floods using adaptive and resilient coping strategies: The role of the Emergency Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty Programme \(LEAP\) in Ghana](#)”, *Journal of Environmental Management*, Vol 270 (110809).

Molua, E.L., **Tabe-Ojong, M. P.**, Meliko, M.O., Fotabong, M.N., Akamin, A. (2020), “[Efficiency Differentials in Resource-use Among Smallholder Cassava Farmers in Southwestern Cameroon](#)”, *Development in practice*, 30 (3), pp 262-273.

Habiyaremye, N., **Tabe-Ojong, M. P.**, Ochieng, J., Chagomoka, Takemore. (2019), “[New insights on efficiency and productivity analysis: Evidence from vegetable-poultry integration in rural Tanzania](#)”, *Scientific African* 6(1): e00190.

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Habiyaremye, N. (2017), “[Economic Evaluation of Bioenergy Production from Bio-Based plants in Germany: Implications for the bioeconomy](#)”, *Journal of Sustainable development*, 10 (6): 262-273.

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Molua, E.L (2017), “[Technical Efficiency of Smallholder Tomato Production in Semi-Urban Farms in Cameroon: A Stochastic Frontier Production Approach](#)”, *Journal of Management and Sustainability*, 7(4): 27-35.

Working Papers

Does agricultural commercialization increase asset and livestock accumulation on smallholder farms in Ethiopia? (with [Michael Hauser](#) and [Kai Mausch](#)); *Under Review*.

Contending with COVID-19 shock in rural Africa: Household-level strategies in the midst of COVID-19 related food disruptions (with [Emmanuel N. Rukundo](#) and [Bisrat H. Gebrekidan](#)); *Under Review*

Oil palm expansion and smallholder farm households in Cameroon (with [Elsa Ordway](#), [Raymond N. Nkongho](#) and [Ernest L. Molua](#)); *Under Review*

Cooperative membership and investments in organic soil amendments in Cameroon; *Under Review*

Spatial price flows in domestic markets: Panel evidence from the soybean market in Benin (with [Akem Nina Fabinin](#)); *Under Review*

By what difference: Price transmission in the palm oil value chain in Cameroon (with [Akem Nina Fabinin](#)); *Under Review*

Religiosity and parental educational aspirations for children in Kenya (with [Emmanuel N. Rukundo](#)); *Under Review*

Control strategies of *Parthenium hysterophorus L.* on smallholder farms in Kenya (with [Miguel Alvarez](#), [Hanna Ihli](#), [Mathias Becker](#) and [Thomas Heckelei](#)); *Under Review*

Awareness and participation in staple food value chains: Evidence from Cote d'Ivoire (with [Joachim Vandecasteele](#) and [Luc Christiaensen](#)).

Collective action and smallholder rural households: Implications for income and asset aspirations (with [Thomas Heckelei](#) and [Kathy Baylis](#)).

The contribution of ICRISAT genebank to varietal improvement and rural poverty in Malawi (with [Melinda Smale](#) and [Nelissa Jamora](#)).

Work in Progress

Agricultural Cooperatives and Food Security: Overview and Empirical Analysis (with [Jules Rene Minkoua](#), [Akem Nina Fabinin](#), [Ernest L. Molua](#), and [Eltson Fonkeng](#))

Willingness to pay for a prospective COVID-19 vaccine in developing countries: Evidence from six sub-Saharan African countries (with [Emmanuel N. Rukundo](#) and [Bisrat H. Gebrekidan](#)).

Aspiration failure framework: Testing the inverted U-shaped relationship between aspirations and household investments. (with [Sebastian Rasch](#))

Conference Contributions

Tabe-Ojong, M.P. (2021), "Cooperative membership and investments in organic soil amendments in Cameroon", Invited presentation at the LICOS seminar series, 3 March 2021, Leuven (Belgium).

Tabe-Ojong, M.P., Smale, M., Jamora, N. (2021), "The contribution of ICRISAT genebank to varietal improvement and rural poverty in Malawi", contributed paper presented at the Australian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society, 08-12 February 2021, Sydney (Australia).

Tabe-Ojong, M.P., Heckelei, T., Baylis, K. (2020), "Aspiration formation and ecological shocks in rural Kenya", contributed paper presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, 26-28 July 2020, Kansas (USA).

Tabe-Ojong, M.P., Heckelei, T., Baylis, K. (2020), "Collective action and smallholder rural households: Implications for income and asset aspirations", contributed paper presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, 26-28 July 2020, Kansas (USA).

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Mausch, K. (2019), "Impacts of improved chickpea adoption on smallholder production and commercialization in Ethiopia" [Hans H. Ruthenberg Graduate Award](#) presentation at the Tropentag, 18-20 September 2019, Kassel (Germany).

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Mausch, K., Woldeyohanes, T., Heckelei, T. (2018), "A triple hurdle model of the impacts of improved chickpea adoption on smallholder production and commercialization in Ethiopia," contributed paper presented at the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, 28-02 August 2018, Vancouver (Canada).

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Mausch, K., Woldeyohanes, T., Heckelei, T. (2018), "A triple hurdle model of the impacts of improved chickpea adoption on smallholder production and commercialization in Ethiopia," contributed paper presented at the 92nd AES Conference, 16-18 April 2018, Warwick (United Kingdom).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Reviewer** for Climate Risk Management, Development in practice, Environmental Research Letters, European Journal of Development Research, Malaysian Economic Journal, World Development Perspectives
- **Member**, International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE), American Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE), Agricultural Economics Society (AES), German Association of Agricultural Economists (GAAE)

SKILLS

- **Language:** Native: English and French. Advanced: German
- **Econometric Software:** STATA, R, SPSS, FRONTIER, E views
- **Programming:** CAPI (Survey Solutions and Survey CTO), GAMS
- **Microsoft office:** Excel, Powerpoint, Word.
- **Maps:** QGIS

REFERENCES

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