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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, Germany (2018 - 2021)

MSc. - Agricultural and Food Economics - University of Bonn, Germany (2015 - 2017)

BSc. - Agricultural Economics - University of Buea, Cameroon (2010 - 2014)

EXPERIENCE

Associate Research Fellow **12/2021 - present**

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Egypt

(Activities: Conducting innovative research on agriculture and social protection using cutting edge econometric techniques, leading country case studies and contributing to impact evaluations on agricultural development, representing IFPRI on various occasions and supervise junior research staff, support the IFPRI Egypt research agenda and help in developing new research projects).

Visiting Researcher **06/2020-12/2021**

Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT, Colombia

(Activities: Visiting researcher in the Foresight and Applied Economics Department. Collaborate in the study of cassava value chains. Manage, clean, and harmonize diverse community and household datasets for analysis in the framework of the Agriculture and Food Security Program. Report writing, presentation and journal paper).

Consultant **08/2020-11/2021**

World Fish, Myanmar

(Activities: Consultant with the USAID funded project, Fish for Livelihood. Improving and maintaining the data collection instrument and drafting a research agenda to understand the links between aquaculture expansion and income, commercialization, food and nutrition security and changing gender roles. Data analysis and drafting success stories).

Consultant	07/2020-06/2021
World Bank Group (WBG), USA	
(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), USA	
(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

2021: Economics and Governance of Global Value Chains in Africa (€7,000).

2021: Oil palm Expansion, food security and welfare in Cameroon (€5,000).

2021: AAEA Travel Grant for participation at the 2021 AAEA & WAEA meeting in Austin, TX

2021: IAAE grant for participation in the ICAE meeting in New Delhi, India

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 (€3000).

2017: Scholarship of the GIZ (BEAF Program, Advisory Group for Development-Oriented Agricultural Research) for a research fellowship at ICRISAT, Nairobi, Kenya. (€18000).

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.

TRAINING

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., Hauser, M., Mausch, K. (2021) 'Does agricultural commercialization increase asset and livestock accumulation on smallholder farms in Ethiopia?' *Journal of Development Studies*, Accepted

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Alvarez, M., Ihli, H., Becker, M., Heckelei, T. (2021) 'Control strategies of *Parthenium hysterophorus L.* on smallholder farms in Kenya', *Environmental Management*, Accepted

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Ordway, E., Nkongho, R., Molua, E.L. (2021) "[Oil palm expansion among non-industrial producers in Cameroon: Potentials for Synergy between Agro-economic Gains and Ecological Safeguards](#)" , *Forest Policy and Economics*, forthcoming

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Rukundo, E. (2021) [Religiosity and parental educational aspirations for children in Kenya](#), *World Development Perspectives*, online first

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*, advance article
[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*, online first

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.

Working Papers

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](#)); *Revise and Resubmit*

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

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

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

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

Work in Progress

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](#)).

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

Conference Contributions

2021: AAEA, AARES, AES, EAAE, IAAE, EAERE, LICOS seminar series

2020: AAEA AES

2019: Tropentag

2018: AES, IAAE

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

Prof. Dr. Thomas Heckelei

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Prof. Melinda Smale

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