

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC TRAINING

1. UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST, CAPE COAST, GHANA **2010 – ONGOING**  
QUALIFICATION: Working towards a **PhD in Development Studies** on the topic-  
“Food produce marketing and agricultural growth in the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana”
2. INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL STUDIES, THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS **1997 – 1998**  
QUALIFICATION: **M. A. AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**
3. UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, KUMASI **1984 – 1988**  
QUALIFICATION: **B.SC. (HONS) AGRIC (AGRIC. ECONOMICS MAJOR)**
4. GHANA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, ACCRA **2002**  
QUALIFICATION: **POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

#### **A. MINISTERIAL**

1. AKROFI-CHRISTALLER INSTITUTE, AKROPONG -AKUAPEM

**COURSE: MINISTERIAL PROBATIONARY STUDIES - 2011-2013**

2. RAMSEYER TRAINING CENTRE, ABETIFI

**COURSE: SPECIAL MINISTERIAL TRAINING - 2009-2011**

#### **B. OTHERS**

1. GHANA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, ACCRA  
**COURSE: COACHING AND MENTORING - 2012 (3 DAYS)**

2. ACTIONAID INTERNATIONAL

**COURSE: GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY TRAINING IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA – 2011 (2 WEEKS)**

3. ACTIONAID GHANA

COURSE: **EC FUNDRAISING TRAINING – 2010 (4 DAYS)**

4. GHANA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, ACCRA

COURSE: **WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT - 2009 (2 WEEKS)**

5. ACTIONAID INTERNATIONAL

COURSE: **FACILITATOR TRAINING (IMMERSIONS) IN FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE  
2006 (2 WEEKS)**

6. GHANA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, ACCRA

COURSE: **STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT - 2003 (2 WEEKS)**

**KEY COMPETENCIES**

- Excellent expertise in project management including project design, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- Excellent experience in rights-based programming
- Good policy analysis skills
- Deep knowledge in agriculture and food security issues (trained as an Agricultural Economist)
- Good gender analysis skills
- Substantial experience in research
- Significant experience in facilitation
- Advocacy and networking skills
- Well developed leadership skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Good team player
- Computer literate (Microsoft Office, Internet)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**I. PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GHANA**

- a. Working as a lecturer in the Rural and Community Development Department since July 2017
- b. Serving as the Assistant Chaplain for the Akuapem Campus since July 2017

**II. ACTIONAID GHANA (AAG):**

**A. International development work experience**

- a. Represented Ghana to work with ActionAid UK on women's rights work in its strategic plan in June 2017
- b. Represented Ghana on a Speaker Tour in the UK to campaign against gender-based violence in October 2015
- c. Part of a two-member team that conducted a baseline survey for ActionAid Somaliland April/May 2012
- d. Co-facilitated a two-week training in Governance Accountability for ActionAid The Gambia in October 2011

- e. Represented ActionAid Ghana in its work as the Regional Coordinating Organisation for West Africa on the Views from the Frontline project which was implemented by Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction from October 2008 to October 2009. I led five National Coordinating Organisations in Benin, Nigeria, Liberia, Senegal and The Gambia in West Africa to complete and report on the action research of the project.
- f. Part of a team that undertook a peer review of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) project in ActionAid Nepal in July/August 2008
- g. Facilitated human rights-based approach to development (HRBA) training for ActionAid staff and partners in Somaliland in July 2007
- h. Actively participated in preparing both the Global NGO and ActionAid Position Papers at the First Session of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva in June 2007, as a member of ActionAid delegation
- i. Worked as a Field Consultant for General Programming and Gender in the country programme review of ActionAid Liberia in 2005

### **B. National Level Experience**

- a. Worked as Acting Head of Programmes for ActionAid Ghana from March to June 2017
- b. The lead for Governance theme work for ActionAid Ghana (January 2010 to June 2017), coordinating the Governance mainstreaming work in the country and leading in national advocacy on Governance issues
- c. Coordinated DRR project at national level in 2007/2008 and led the campaign for the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action (2005 – 2015) in Ghana and for the curriculum integration of DRR for basic schools
- d. Worked as Acting Policy Coordinator for three months at the national level in 2005

### **C. Regional Level Experience**

#### **REGIONAL PROGRAMME MANAGER (in Brong Ahafo Region from December 2008 to June 2017 and in Upper East Region from March 2006 to November 2008)**

- a. Led my team to write proposals, e.g. played a leading role in preparing a proposal for a Food Security and Agricultural Recovery Management (FARM) project for Upper East and West regions that attracted nearly 400,000 pounds funding from DfID in April 2008
- b. Facilitated training for farmer, youth and women's groups in value chain, advocacy and leadership
- d. Provided strategic direction to the regional programme
- e. Ensured the regional programme engaged and contributed to policy issues mainly in Food Rights and Climate Change, Education and Women's Rights as they relate to the region and the nation as a whole
- f. Built the capacity of strategic partners in human rights-based approach (HRBA), gender, programme management and report writing to generate the needed synergy for improved programme performance
- g. Improved effectiveness and efficiency in the use of financial and other resources
- h. Improved relationships and accountability to donors through quality and timely donor reporting
- i. Enhanced staff competences and motivation to work for the organization
- j. Ensured effective team development at the regional programme level

## **2. DRR NATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR – 2006 -2008**

- a. Successfully led the implementation of ActionAid’s DFID funded Disaster Risk Reduction through Schools (DRR) multi-country project from inception in 2006 until end of 2008 in Upper East Region of Ghana. Through the project, ActionAid won the UN Sasakawa Certificate of Distinction on DRR in 2007
- b. Carried out budget management and overall reporting responsibility successfully
- c. Effectively managed the monitoring and evaluation of the DRR project including coordinating the peer review of the project in Ghana in October/November 2008

## **3. ACTIONAID GHANA (AAG) in Northern Region of Ghana - 2001 TO 2006**

### **SENIOR PROGRAMME OFFICER (AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY)**

- a. Led in the formation of Urbanet in 2003, a network of farmer groups (vegetable and poultry farmers), researchers, Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA), NGOs and other institutions working to improve urban agriculture in the Tamale metropolis
- b. Coordinated the planning, implementation and monitoring of agriculture and food security programmes in Northern Region Development Programme of ActionAid
- c. Worked with civil society groups and government agencies such as the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and District Assemblies to advocate for the rights of affected person(s), especially in food rights
- d. Wrote proposals for fundraising as well as reports (including reports to sponsors)

### **III. MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE in Eastern Region of Ghana:**

- a. Management Information System/Monitoring & Evaluation Officer **1999 – 2001**
- b. Regional Head of Credit and Marketing Section, Policy Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Department (PPMED) **1994 – 1997**
- c. Deputy Regional Head of Credit and Marketing Section, PPMED **1990 – 1994**

### **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

I served on the Boards of some institutions as a member such as Presbyterian Secondary School, Tamale; Presbyterian Lay Training Centre, Tamale; and Presbyterian Health Services, Bolgatanga

### **PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH**

1. Food produce marketing and agricultural growth in the Brong Ahafo Region of Ghana (a PhD thesis work in progress)
2. Farmer Response to urban pressures on land – The Tamale experience (Published in Urban Agriculture Magazine, Issue Number 15, December 2005)
3. Co-edited report on research “Where are we now? – Ghana’s realization of the GPRS and MDGs: The voices of Ghanaians” commissioned and published by ActionAid in 2005
4. Agricultural growth in the era of Structural Adjustment – A comparative study of cocoa and food crop subsectors in Eastern Region, Ghana. (A Master of Arts dissertation in 1998)
5. Food Security in Ghana – A marketing assessment approach (An unpublished Bachelor of Science dissertation in 1988)