**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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6. **Education Background:**

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| **Institution:****[Date from – Date to]** | **Qualification Obtained:** |
| University of Free State | MSc, Consumer Sci. (Foods) |
| University of Swaziland | BSc. Home Economics |
| Lesotho Agricultural College | BSc. Home Economics |

1. **Language Skills:** (1 – Excellent: 5 – Basic)

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| **Language** | **Reading** | **Speaking** | **Writing** |
| English | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sesotho | 1 | 1 | 1 |

1. **Membership of Professional Body:**

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| 1, Food, Nutrition and Dietetics Society of Lesotho – Treasurer. Served the association since 2016 as an ordinary member, the voted into executive position of being a treasurer from 2019 to-date. |
| 2. Member of Micro-nutrients national task team – a team directly coordinated by Food and Nutrition Coordinating Office (FNCO). |
| 3. Participate in the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement national team – engage in compilation of country report on nutrition sensitive indicators, |
| 5. Member of Agricultural Productivity Programme for Southern Africa (APPSA) Research Technical Committee (RTC)- as Secretariat: coordinate all technical activities within APPSA |

1. **Specialization:** Food Composition Database; Food Product Development; Food Nutrient Analysis; Food Processing
2. **Present Position:** Food and Nutrition Chief Research Officer – Also assigned to coordinate APPSA Regional Centre of Leadership (RCoL) in Horticulture for six years.
3. **Key Skills:** Embrace team work; managerial skills; writing and presentation skills; good communication skills
4. **Publications and Presented Papers/Posters**
5. Country South Africa

Publisher University of Free State

Publication date April, 2004

Publication Thesis, UOFS Library

Title *Uses and nutritional value of indigenous vegetables consumed as traditional foods in*

 *Lesotho.*

A paper on ‘*perception of Basotho people on indigenous vegetables*” was presented at the University of Free State during Indigenous Plant Use Forum (IPUF) congress, 2004. Abstract published in IPUF 2004 proceedings.

1. Country Lesotho

Publisher Lesotho Government and FAO

Publication date November, 2006

Title *Lesotho Food Composition Table and Database*

1. A paper on ‘*Nutritional value of frequently used indigenous green leafy vegetables in different areas of Lesotho’* was presented during South African Association of Family Ecology and Consumer Science (SAAFECS) 10th International Conference held in Pretoria, 2010.
2. Presented a Posters on ‘**Development, Sensory and Nutrient Analysis of Pickled Amaranth (Theepe)’** and **‘Standardization and sensory evaluation of mushroom recipes’** at the 1st and 2nd Annual Science and Technology summit 2015 and 2016 respectively, organized by National University of Lesotho.
3. Presented a scientific paper on **‘Nutrient analysis, standardization and sensory evaluation of mushroom recipes’** at the AfroSense 2016 conference. Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa. Date: November, 2015.
4. **Other Significant Professional Experiences**

1994: Took part in the collection of data on HIV and STD’s issues countrywide, as enumerator under the auspices of Ministry of Health.

1999-2001: Took part in Food and Nutrition Co-ordinating Office study (data collection and data analysis) on rapid assessment of *Nutritional status of children under five years of age in Lesotho.*

2005-2006: Nominated as a local consultant for a project on *development of Lesotho food composition table* (indigenous vegetables); funded by FAO. **The food composition table was launched on 8th November, 2006.**

2006: Volunteered as a lecturer at Lesotho Agricultural College (Home Economic Department – Food Science module) for three (3) months.

2011 – 2017: Member of National University of Lesotho selection panel, responsible for engagement of food catering companies (for day-to-day students and staff catering and special events such as graduation ceremony).

2016 - 2019: Took part in the development of Food and Nutrition Policy and Strategy (activity led by FNCO) as well as Strategy development and validation, which involved conducting buying-in of communities.

2019: Took part in the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement – Lesotho report compilation spearheaded by FNCO.

2018 – to-date: Developed bean-based food products booklet for children under five years of age as way of promoting NUA45, a variety biofortified with Iron and Zinc.

2017 – to-date: Member of Food, Nutrition and Dietetics Society of Lesotho (Treasurer).

2019: Developed APPSA (World Bank funded agricultural project) pre-requisite documentation (PIM; PAD; ESMF and IPMP) as well as facilitating consultative meetings with stakeholders.

**REFEREES**

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