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**QUALIFICATIONS**

2011	PhD, Soil Science, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
2004	PGDip, Public Administration & Civil Service Management, Galilee College, Israel and University of Malawi (UoM)
1997	MSc, Agronomy, Bunda College of Agriculture-UoM
1993	Postgraduate Soil Science courses, North Carolina State University, USA.
1989	BSc Agriculture, Bunda College of Agriculture-UoM
1981	Diploma in Agriculture, Bunda College of Agriculture-UoM

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**EMPLOYMENT**

2017- Present:	Managing Director of Agriso Consultants
2016-2017:	Senior Deputy Director of Agricultural Research Services responsible for Technology Development in the Department of Research.
2008-2016:	Senior Deputy Director of Agricultural Research Services (P3) and heading Lunyangwa Agricultural Research Station.
2012-2014:	Appointed Supervisor for a PhD student, University of Nottingham, UK.
2012-2013:	Appointed supervisor for MSc student at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
2000-2008	National Research Coordinator for Soils and Agricultural Engineering Commodity Group, responsible for leading research in soils and providing soils advisory services to farming communities.
2005-2008	Acting Deputy Director of Agricultural Research Services (P3), heading Chitedze Agricultural Research Station, Lilongwe.
2004-2005	Acting Assistant Director of Agricultural Research Services (P4), worked as Deputy Station Manager for Chitedze Agricultural Research Station.
2000-2004	Chief Soil Scientist (P5) and Commodity Team Leader for Soils Commodity Team, Malawi.
1995-1999	Principal Soil Scientist (P7) and Commodity Team Leader for Soils Commodity Team in Malawi.
1989-1994	Soil Scientist (PO), Bvumbwe Agricultural Research Station

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**EXPERTISE SUMMARY**

From 2016 to 2017 was Senior Deputy Director of Agricultural Research Services responsible for Technology Development in the Department of Research Services in Malawi to ensure that the Department was conducting relevant research that addresses farmers' problems and that Research Scientists were publishing papers from their research work. From 2004 to 2017 has been in management positions in the Department of Agricultural Research Services. I was the Head of Chitedze Agricultural Research Station for three years then headed Lunyangwa Agricultural Research Station for 8 years. In addition, I have been Senior Government Soil Scientist with over 20 years experience in soil fertility and plant

nutrition, integrated soil fertility management, soil survey, soil and water conservation and fertilizer use research in Malawi, have generated several technologies and introduced the use of universal soil extractants in Malawi soils laboratories, provided expertise to government in fertilizer use in Malawi and was among government officials who provided technical expertise on the supply and the implementation of fertilizer subsidy in Malawi. National Research Coordinator for Soils and Agricultural Engineering Commodity Group, responsible for providing leadership in soils research and provision of analytical and advisory services to farming communities. In recent years, have been involved with several projects with the University of Nottingham and APPSA.

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## **FEW EXAMPLES OF ACHIEVEMENTS WHILE AT LUNYANGWA AS HEAD OF STATION**

- (a) Established Soils laboratory at the station which has greatly improved delivery of advisory services such fertilizer recommendation, testing of *Canabis sativa* (Indian hemp) and fertilizer quality control
- (b) Completed Tissue Culture Laboratory at the station which enable enable farmers' access clean planting materials such as banana, coffee, cassava and many more crops
- (c) Compost manure making Demonstration Farm established under the assistance of JICA Project and proper management of the same, has helped many farmers to learn how to make compost manure in their fields.
- (d) Human capacity building at the station has seen many officers acquiring their Diplomas, first degrees and post graduate qualifications and this development has uplifted the status of the station.
- (e) Maintenance of infrastructures at the station has seen station manager's house rehabilitated which was not habitable for many years, station manager office renovated, septic tank for the station constructed, landscaping of the station ground, construction of executive toilet,
- (f) Managed to purchase a new pick up using ORT, and a new engine for one of the old vehicles
- (g) The station was able to implement all the research programmes and provide regulatory services to the farming communities.

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