**Lieketseng Phooko**

**Curriculum Vitae**

**PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

Responsible and proactive farm lady, with an ethical and social commitment to environment and sustainable development. I have been trained in leadership, transformation and sustainable agricultural practices which are tools for community development work and youth empowerment. Over the past years I have gained vast experience in different parts of the world working with people of different age, sharing and helping them understand and solve issues related to food security and climate change. I am a team player with good listening skills, self- confident to work with variety of situations and diverse people. I value other people and their cultures. I am willing to share and exchange knowledge and making a difference in other people’s lives.

**Contact Details**

**Home Address Personal details**

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Mohale’s Hoek 800

Lesotho of birth 09-01-88

NationaSex Female

**Education**

Diploma in Forestry and Natural Resource Management- 2007-2010 - Lesotho Agricultural College

**Trainings - (Lesotho) 2010-2011**

***Growing Nations Trust- Resident Student (volunteer)***

* **1 year training program** on Leadership skills, Transformational Development and Conservation Agriculture

***Duties***

* Overall responsibility & management of demonstration farm, including; pest control, harvesting, planting, weed control, etc)
* Stock control of farm inputs and chemicals
* Post harvest produce threshing and storage
* Overseeing employment of casual labourers for specific tasks, including weeding, harvesting, planting, threshing, etc )
* Overseeing agricultural research projects
* Overseeing other farm related activities like composting
* Overall responsibility of farmers training and awareness
* Facilitating extension work and farmer visits and study tours

**International Work Experience – 2016-2019**

***Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)***

***Southern Africa Seed Exchange Program Co-facilitator (Based in Zimbabwe, Bulawayo) – 2016-2019***

* Working with MCC Representatives to define appropriate placements and partners for Seed participants with an agriculture focus or a logical connection to agriculture
* Recruiting, interviewing and selecting participants then finalizing Seed placements
* Supervising Seed participants & accompanying them during their term and facilitating healthy inter-cultural group dynamics
* Planning, monitoring and evaluating the progress of Seed in coordination with MCC Representative
* Developing and coordinating in-country orientation and on-going learning curriculum with Seed cohorts
* Planning and facilitating orientations and mid-year gathering activities
* Participating in planning, discussion and report writing
* Visiting Seeders in location for discussion
* With Country programs, coordinating visa processes and visa requirements
* Motivating and Encouraging participants during their services

**International Volunteer Experience – 2011-2012**

**Canadian Food Grains Bank (CFGB) through MCC, Mennonite Central Committee**

**Youth Engagement Officer**

* Preparing presentations for different age groups
* Travelling across Canada doing storytelling, presentations and educational events in local churches, schools & farmer’s events
* Learning and sharing with Canadians about causes of and response to global hunger
* Helping young people understand the connection between food, agriculture and nature
* Encouraging young people to take action in activities that end hunger

**Local Work Experience -2013- 2015**

***Growing Nations Trust -Lesotho 2013-2015***

**Extension Co-coordinator**

* Designing and implementing programs related to conservation agriculture
* Overall responsibility of farmers training and awareness
* Training and equipping farmers on conservation Agriculture and other sustainable practices
* Organizing farmer groups, encouraging lead farmers and facilitating farmer group discussions
* Facilitating extension work and farmer visits and study tours
* Coaching upcoming students (Youth) into community group facilitators
* Regular data collection, reporting, monitoring and evaluating
* Monthly reporting to Growing Nations staff on the work and progress of extension team
* Interpreting English to Sesotho & vice versa

**Short Course**

* Project Management – Monitoring & Evaluation

**Languages**

**Fluent Average Good**

* English x

* Sesotho x

* Ndebele x

**Additional skills**

***Computer Skills***

***Presentation & facilitation skills***

***Public Speaker & Youth Engagement motivator***

**Driving license(s)**

* **Code B**

**Interests**

* Travelling, Farming, Playing tennis, listening to music, socializing and learning different languages & cultures

**References**

1. Gopar and Monica Tapkida - MCC Zimbabwe Representatives

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1. James Kornelsen - Public Engagement Coordinator

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