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**PROFILE**

**Date of birth**: 29 April 1983

**Sex**: Female

**Marital status**: Married

**Language**: English

**Summary of experience and skills**

An agricultural specialist with over six years in consultancy, research, training and capacity building. Main projects include value chain analysis, livelihoods and food security surveys (baseline, mid-term and end of project evaluations), rural development, climate change (mitigation and adaptation) and public health. Good record of finishing project assignments within the specified period. Excellent use of data analysis software such as SPSS and STATA. Good command of English with an overall IETLS score of eight.

**Education**

 **From** August 2015 **To** August 2018 **Doctor of Philosophy in Food Security**

University of KwaZulu Natal, Pietermaritzburg,

South Africa

**From** October2011 **To** October 2012 **Masters in Management of Development** *specializing**in* **Rural Development and food Security**

Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences, Wageningen, Netherlands

**From** August 2002 **To** August 2005 **Bachelor of Agricultural Science Honors in Agricultural Economics and Management**

Bindura University of Science Education, Zimbabwe

**Professional Experience**

**Researcher: Pork Value Chain Analysis in Gauteng Province, South Africa: April 2019 to March 2020. University of South Africa, Science Campus Johannesburg**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Participation in active research on promoting resilience in the smallholder agricultural sector

Producing articles for publishing in academic journals and books

Present research findings and participate at national and international academic conferences.

Supervision of masters students and core supervision of doctoral students

Presenting seminars and workshops on research design for masters and doctoral students

**Consultant August 2016 to February 2019: Blapau Management consulting, Johannesburg**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Programme/project scoping, design and implementation support.

Economic impact assessments

Primary research design

Questionnaire design and primary data collection

Carrying out key informant interviews

Desktop research and documenting research results in form of reports

**Team leader / Researcher July 2015 - September 2015 - Coffey – Baseline survey on Livelihoods and Food Security Programme in Mashonaland Central province Zimbabwe.**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Review of project documents

Leading a team of researchers on livelihoods and food security research

Liaison with community leaders as regards to permission and sensitization of local farmers

Ensuring the proper sampling procedure is done and screening respondents according to the required information.

Designing, administering questionnaire and uploading data on the server for analysis.

**Researcher April 2013-September 2013, Target (IRC) - Midterm evaluation on leadership capacity building in Mutare rural district.**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Mapping the enumerator areas and sensitizing of the local leadership

Recruitment of eligible study participants and questionnaire administration

Designing and administering data collection instrument (questionnaire)

Observing the research ethics according to the regulations of social science researchers

**Educator (Social Sciences) June 2011- September 2011 Scibono, Johannesburg**

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Teaching the subjects specified and in accordance with the timetable issued

Carrying out assessment, monitoring and evaluation of examinations work and providing an academic and Consultative support to students in their learning activities.

Providing academic input on existing and new courses and course development as appropriate.

Participating in committees appropriate to courses and meetings convened by management as appropriate.

Maintaining appropriate records and making available information as required by management.

Preparing lessons in the subject area

**Agricultural Advisor January 2008 –August 2009 Cotton Company of Zimbabwe**

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

Training smallholder farmers on plant production

Assessing farmers’ production trends

Offering farmers expert knowledge in agricultural and entrepreneurship skills

Cost benefits analysis of agro projects

Compilation of reports on various projects

Using participatory approaches in farmer trainings for plant production

**Farm and Agribusiness management lecturer October 2005- February 2008**

**Chibero Agricultural College, Ministry of Agriculture, Zimbabwe**

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

Preparing and presenting lectures on Agribusiness management, crop and animal science, economics and statistics

Facilitating training of farmers on agribusiness and entrepreneurial skills

Assessing students through practical and theoretical tests and examinations

Determine agricultural marketing trends of various enterprises for the college farm

Attending farmers’ field days and trainings

**Highlights of training and consultancies offered**

**Organization Qualification / Assignment**

Southern African Institute of Learning Local Economic development

 Counselor development programme

KYM Small to Medium Enterprise Development, Research methodology

Hlumelelisa Crop production, Horticulture

Blapau Management Consultancy Beef value chain analysis in South Africa

Mid-term evaluation of Technological Innovation in SMEs in Gauteng

Mid-term evaluation of Primary care health systems in South Africa

**Research outputs**

**Rubhara T.T. and Mudhara, M** 2019. Commercialization and its determinants among smallholder farmers in Zimbabwe. A case of Shamva District, Mashonaland Central Province**.** *African Journal of Science, Technology, Innovation and Development*. 11(6), 711-718

**Rubhara T.T., Oduniyi, O.S., Mudhara, M. and Antwi M.A**..2020. Analysis of household food expenditure patterns. A case of Shamva district Zimbabwe. *Future of Food: Journal on Food, Agriculture and Society*

8 (1). doi:10.17170/kobra-202003241099

**Odunyi O.S, Rubhara T.T and Antwi , M.A**. 2020. Sustainability of Livestock Farming in South Africa.

Outlook on Production Constraints, Climate-Related Events and Upshot on Adaptive Capacity. *Sustainability*. 12(2582); doi:10.3390/su12072582

**Rubhara T.T. Mudhara, M**. **and Oduniyi O.S.** Impact of cash cropping on smallholder farmers’ household food security (*under review: Food Security*)

**Mazibuko N.V.E., Antwi M.A. and Rubhara T.T.** Agricultural infrastructure as drivers of emerging farmers’ income in South Africa; a stochastic frontier approach (*Accepted 26 January 2020 Agronomia Columbiana*)

**Joseph, O. S.1  – Rubhara, T.T.2- Antwi, M.A.** Challenges to Climate Change Adaptation Strategies Among Citrus Farmers in Limpopo Province, South Africa. (*Accepted 06 December 2019: Climate change Impact and responses)*

**Referees**

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