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Background

I am an international development professional specialized in Monitoring & Evaluation with deep experience working with USAID, EU, African Development Bank, World Bank, UN Agencies (WFP, FAO, UNICEF). Worked extensively in Africa including managing and conducting Emergency and No-Emergency M&E activities for complex, multisectoral programmes and projects and managing the interests of multiple stakeholders throughout research process.

Hold a PhD in Agriculture Soil Science and Crop production from the National Agronomy Institute of Paris-Grignon (AgroParisTech) - France and Advanced Diploma in Environment from the University of Tunis El Manir II. I speak both French and English.

Skills & Competencies

- Agriculture/ Environment (Integrated Soil & Water Management, Livestock, Irrigation); - Climate Change & Resilience, - Agroforestry; - Projects/Programmes management; - Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning; - Program Design & Research Methodologies; - Emergency and Non-Emergency Third-Party Monitoring; - Environmental Impact Assessment.

Country Experience: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Kenya, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia.

Professional experience

Evaluation Manager (05/2023-Present)	Joint WFP-FAO-UNICEF Resilience Programme: Strengthening the socio-economic resilience of smallholder farmers and vulnerable populations in DRC- BMZ/KFW
UN WFP Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Country Office (CO)	<p>Led the decentralized Evaluation process including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing the ToR in line with WFP Evaluation Quality assurance requirements.• Selection of the Evaluation Committee (EC) comprising Key staff from the three UN agencies and the Evaluation Reference Group (ERG) members.• Organized the recruitment of the independent evaluation firm (in collaboration with the Procurement Unit)• Coordinate the Documents review process to ensure the Quality of the deliverables (ToR, Inception Report, Draft Evaluation Report, final Evaluation Report) by WFP Data Quality support services, EC, and ERG members.• Ensure adherence to schedule, key milestones, and budget throughout the evaluation process.• Manage the day-to-day supports to the Evaluation firm.• Prepare and organize the field work for data collection together with the evaluation firm.• Communicate effectively with all co-workers, government officials, and any other stakeholders/collaborators.• Keep routinely updated the EC members, the RBs, the OEVs of the three Agencies.• implementation team on activities, concerns, and decisions that need to be made.
Director M&E and Economic Analysis (11/2022-04/2023)	MCA Niger -437 \$ Million Community Resilience and Climate change- Agriculture- Infrastructure development
Millennium Challenge Account- Niger (MCA-COMPACT. Niger)	<p>Led the MCA-Niger M&E Strategy and its implementation of the 12,000 US\$K planned budgets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinated all M&E-related capacity trainings activities.• Managed one international Contract services of US\$600K and verify the quality of deliverables.• Ensured the technical Quality Assurance of quarterly Programme Indicator Tracking Table (ITT) and the reporting.• Responded to management requests on monitoring results as requested.• Provided M&E-related comments on the technical documents (e.g., work plans, ToR, and implementing entity agreements)• Closely communicated on a regular basis with the MCC M&E Department, and other branches of the responsible entity.
Deputy Chief of Party Third Party Monitoring (DCOP) (11/2020-11/2021)	Central Africa Regional (CART) Third-Party Monitoring (TPM)- 23 \$ Million
	<p>Led CART's TPM activities and relationships with USAID Implementing Partners (IPs) (WFP, UNICEF, CRS, Save The Children, Concern, Food for Hungry, ACF, ACTED, Mercy Corps, etc.).</p>

<p>USAID Contractor, Central Africa Regional Third-Party Monitoring Project (CART), Kinshasa, DR Congo.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintained active relationships with IPs staffs, DRC Government officials and local Authorities. • Closely communicated on regular basis with the USAID/BHA Agreement Officer Representative (AOR). • In collaboration with Technical Director and the Senior M&E, Coordinated the design of Research Methodologies and Data collection instruments (Data collection purposes and approaches, Sampling approach, Do-No-Harm protocols, Informed consent Form, etc.) both for Emergency and Non-emergency activities. • Supervised subcontractors in Data Collection to ensure Quality Assurance of deliverables. • Led and managed field works to ensure data quality are consistent with the technical design requirements. • Drafted reports and presentations for USAID/BHA and stakeholders.
<p>Senior MEAL Head Knowledge Management Unit (11/2018-11/2020)</p> <p>West and Central African agricultural Research for Development (CORAF/WECARD)</p> <p>Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo</p>	<p>West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF)-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) EU- IFAD DeSiRA: Science-Led and Climate-Relevant Agricultural Transformation in Africa (CAADP- XP4) (Euro 5.4 million). (2) EU- DeSiRA- African Breeding Extension and Empowering Project (EU-ABEE) (Euro 8 million); EU- DeSiRA-West African Virus Epidemiology (WAVE) Project (Euro 5 million). (3) USAID- Partnership for Agricultural Research and Education Development (PAIRED (USAID-Cooperative Agreement AID-624-A- 17-00002) (\$15 Million). (4) The World Bank 41 \$million-funded Project- Climate Resilient Agriculture and Productivity Enhancement in Chad. (5) WB- West African Agriculture Productivity Program (WAAPP) - Regional integration in bridging Food and Income Gaps. <p>Led the design and implementation of CORAF's M&E programming components for its \$100+ million project portfolio spanning 23 countries; programs cover agriculture, food security, climate resilience and natural resource management for donors, including USAID, EU, WB and AfDB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed eight M&E officers to coordinate country-level activities. • Managed external independent evaluation firm to conduct Impact evaluations studies (WAAPP). • Set the Automated online CORAF M&E and knowledge Management Platform. • Developed tools and instruments for data collection across Projects and countries. • Led quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis and conduct Data quality assessment across the six countries in West Africa for the USAID/PAIRED program. • Coordinated baseline studies for the EU-funded Portfolio (18.4million Euro) across Africa, including recruitment and supervision of subcontractors. • Trained Projects staff and partners including capacity development needs assessment in 23 countries in West and Central Africa. • Developed project reports and periodic bulletins, newsletters and success stories and support the Dissemination through the Knowledge Management Platform.
<p>Senior MEL Specialist (01/2013-01/2018)</p> <p>International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)- Ibadan HQ Ibadan, Nigeria,</p> <p>Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe</p>	<p>AfDB-Multinational – CGIAR: “Support to Agricultural Research for Development of Strategic Crops in Africa (SARD-SC)” – AfDB- funded Project (\$63 Million);</p> <p>Led M&E activities to Support the Agricultural Research for Development of Strategic Crops in Africa implemented by Four Centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR: IITA, AfricaRice, IFPRI, ICARDA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed Result-based M&E framework including -Theory of Changes -Impact Pathway and Gender- sensitive/mainstreaming framework. • Managed three CGIAR-Centers M&E activities to implement the M&E plan. • Prepared tools to assess impact and adoption/diffusion of key agricultural innovation. • Organized data collection in Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Congo Democratic, Tanzania and Zambia. • Conducted community's analysis, to implement Maize and Cassava Value Chain Innovation Platforms • Ensured Quality Assurance of the deliverables and consistency of data collection tools and instruments. • Managed external independent consultant to conduct the mid-and-end terms reviews. • Supported the Design of AfDB-Multinational “Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation” • Trained SARD-SC Program Staffs in all MCE matters.
<p>Senior MEL Consultant (01/2012-12/2012)</p> <p>World Agroforestry Centre- ANAFE Nairobi (Kenya)</p> <p>Benin, Burkina, Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, Kenya, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia</p>	<p>World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF): African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE), Nairobi (Kenya).</p> <p>Facilitated Programme planning process and its implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed M&E Framework and reviewed the project Logframe. • Prepared Protocol for Baseline data collection in target Pilot institutions. • Support the development of training Curricula to be included in African Universities teaching Programmes. • Trained Staffs from the African Universities Tertiary Education within the Regional Agricultural Fora for Trainings (RAFTs) to plan Agroforestry and Agribusiness Curricula development and other agroforestry activities. • Participate in relevant local and international meetings and events on evaluation matters and

Networking.

M&E Officer
(11/2010-12/2011)

**African Inter-African bureau
for Animal Resources (AU-
IBAR)**

Botswana, Burkina,
Burundi, Cameroon,
Djibouti, DR Congo,
Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana,
Kenya, Mali, Mauritania,
Niger, Nigeria, Senegal,
Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania,
Togo, Uganda.

Animal health- Animal Production-Policies regulation and Standards settings – Eu -Supports Projects

- (1) Participation of African Nations in Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standard-setting Organizations (€3.85 million)
- (2) Integrated Regional Coordination Mechanisms for the Control of TADs in Africa (€20 million)
- (3) "Integrated National Action Plans for Avian and Human Influenza" (€21.5 million)
- (4) Vaccines for the Control of Neglected Animal Diseases in Africa (VACNADA) (20€ million)
- (5) Livestock for Livelihoods Project (L4LP-Euro 8 million) in Niokolo Complex (Guinea, Senegal)- W-Arly-Pendjari (WAP) Park Complex (Benin, Burkina, Niger)- Lake Chad (Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria) - Karamojong Cluster (Kenya, South-Sudan, Uganda).

Coordinated M&E activities across the organization's €87 million portfolio of EU-funded projects covering natural resource management in fragile and conflicts areas, animal husbandry, food security, animal health and zoonoses, and emergency relief during health crises across over 20 countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

- Designed the four years Strategic Plan 2010-2014's M&E strategy and contributed to implementing its
- Reviewed and maintained project logframe, conducted field monitoring visits and wrote all donor reports across the portfolio.
- Led quantitative and qualitative research for animal health and animal production projects across Africa.
- Trained and provided M&E capacity building to Regional Economic Communities of African Union (regional groupings of African states: ECOWAS, SADC, ECCAS, IGAD) and managed evaluation and performance of subcontracted MCE consultants.
- Supported proposal efforts by designing results frameworks, indicators, MCE plans, etc.
- Oversight of subcontractors' consultancy services, including developing terms of reference, selecting consultants.

**Regional M&E and
Environmental Impact
Assessment (EIA) Expert**
(03/2005-11- 2010)

**Niger Basin Authority
(NBA) Niamey – NIGER.**
www.abn.ne

Benin, Burkina, Guinea
Conakry, Cameroon, Chad,
Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger,
Nigeria

AfDB Multinational -Siltng Control Programme SCP (\$3G Million); Reversing Trends in Land and Water Degradation (RTLWD) in Niger River Basin

Led M&E activities across nine countries for the \$39 million AfDB-funded Silting Control Program and the \$6 million Reversing Trends in Land and Water Degradation in the Niger River Basin (funded by the Global Environment Facility, UNDP, UNOPS, World Bank).

- Developed Programs M&E Manuals and organized the regional validation process.
- Managed four M&E staff and oversaw field monitoring activities in Burkina Faso and northern areas of Mali and Niger for a food security and cash-for-work project.
- Co-coordinated the Environmental Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis process and the Niger Basin Strategic Action Program. Defined programming priorities.
- Collected qualitative and quantitative data. Designed M&E training, manuals and tools and developed annual work plans and budgets.
- Oversaw baseline and end-line surveys for both projects and coordinated the mid-term review of the Silting Control Program.
- Kept update the Regional Steering Committee (organized the dates and venues, invitation letters, preparation of all the documents and their submission on time to the steering Committee members, support in the reporting, etc.

**Lecturer, Head of Soil
Science Department and
Projects Coordinator**
(07/1994- 03/2005)

**Faculty of Agronomy -
University Abdou
Moumouni Niamey – Niger**

Department of Soil Science

Full time Lecturer, Soil Science – Integrated Soil and Water Management, Agroforestry

- Focal Point of African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE) in Africa: Coordination of Agroforestry curriculum development in the Sahel region (Niger, Mali, Burkina, Senegal)
- Coordinated the "Natural Resources, Water and Soil Management" Project funded by WWF Fresh-water West Africa.
- Designed Research Projects on Erosion and Land Degradation.
- Coordinated young agronomists Programme (funded by the France Government Bilateral Cooperation) and liaise with Private sector, NGOs, and Development Projects to ensure young are mainstreamed into their development activities.
- Worked with local and International Research Centres (ICRISAT, IRD, Agrhyment, and INRAN) within interdisciplinary Scientific Research Groups on Soil Degradation and Land Management.