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Nutrition and agri-food system, PhD

With more than 8 years of professional experience in supporting and managing agriculture, food security and entrepreneurship projects and programs in sub Saharan Africa, I have a strong ability to lead teams and support organizations to sustainably improve food systems with a focus on youth and women entrepreneurship, partnership and private sector engagement, agribusiness and market development and R&D in nutritious food development, food environment, food policy and human nutrition.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Associate, Technical Assistance & Impact Mar 2024- In progress
[Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition \(GAIN\)](#), Benin

As Senior Associate on Nutritious foods financing facility (N3F) Programme, my responsibilities include:

Lead on SMEs pipeline development in West and Central Africa

- Develop and maintain communication with a network of Enterprise Support Organizations and events in agriculture, nutrition and innovative financing.
- Prospect and identify SMEs in nutritious food value chains
- Validate the nutritional profile of SMEs using a nutritional scoring tool

Manage the technical Assistance (TA) provision to investees SMEs

- Assessment of the technical assistance needs the SMEs across the food value chain in Sub-Saharan African
- Define the Technical assistance project scope, activities and deliverables associate
- Lead the recruitment of senior consultants to provide technical Assistance in 10 domains for N3F investee SMEs
- Coordinate and ensure the quality the technical assistance delivery to investee SMEs across food value chain in Sub Saharan Africa
- Manage the monitoring of technical assistance project impact on nutritious foods access to low, lower- and middle-income population.

Monitoring, evaluation, learning and impact Manager

- Design the monitoring and impact framework, tools and dashboards for the programme
- Implement the monitoring, evaluation and learnings plan for the programme (Tools and dashboard development, continuous data collection and analysis, training, dashboard management, reports)
- Lead impact assessment studies on investees SMEs (baseline, progress and outcomes)
- Share program learnings to guide Program Manager decisions.
- Develop success stories and case studies on the impact of technical assistance and financing on access to and availability of nutritious food for low-income populations.
- Communicate at events on the impact of the blended financing of nutritious food on nutrition in sub-Saharan Africa.

Deputy Head of Mission for national strategic and operational plan for SUN Business Network development in Benin (SBN) 2024-2030

Dec 2023- Mars 2024

[Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition \(GAIN\)](#), Benin

- Project design, planning, Budget management and operational coordinator
- Lead on conducting a literature review on the private sector environment and nutrition policies involving the private sector in Benin
- Lead on SMEs and private sector engagement in SUN Business Network Benin
- Training and field supervision of 5 data collectors
- Lead on the development of online database of potential SBN Benin members, including membership criteria and the network charter.
- Lead on the mapping of potential donors to SBN Benin, enterprise support organizations (ESOs) and private service providers for national nutrition policy
- Co-facilitation of national pre-validation and validation workshops for the Benin SBN national strategy and its three-year operational implementation plan
- Ensure the project deliverables and reports

Consultant in Entrepreneurship

Nov – Dec 2023

[OneHope](#)

- Development of an Entrepreneurial path for the benefit of the program's student interns.
- Facilitate group training sessions in various thematic: entrepreneurial culture, introduction to entrepreneurship, innovative agribusiness, ideation workshops, market sizing, prototyping and testing, pricing, business canva, business plan, leadership, etc.

Consultant for Enterprise Support Organization need assessment Aug 2023

[Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition \(GAIN\)](#), Benin

- Review of the need's assessment tool
- Evaluation of the needs of 4 ESOs and Incubators in Benin to support the development of entrepreneurial programs focused on nutrition.
- Needs analysis for ESO and Incubator in nutrition-focused agribusiness in Benin
- Mission report

Entrepreneurship Program Manager

Aug 2022- Aug 2023

[ABED NGO](#), Benin

- Lead of ABED's intervention in youth and women entrepreneurship
- Provide strategic leadership in the design, planning and implementation of the entrepreneurship projects
 - Strengthening the role of young people in innovative and inclusive agribusiness in Benin Project (JFAII)
 - Digital inclusion and entrepreneurial development of women involved in small income-generating activities Project (Women in Small Business -WiBIZ-)
- Monitor the context dynamics and adapt the project activities and implementation modalities accordingly
- Monitor risks and develop contingency plans to respond to emergencies
- Ensure that implementation of project activities is in line with the policies and best practice and donors' business plans and standards

- Support and monitor stakeholder engagement in project implementation, review and evaluation
- Support the recruitment of Project Managers and their senior teams
- Provide support to the project Managers in defining the project scope, activities and objectives
- Manage innovations, learnings and lessons learned from project implementation to support the development of entrepreneurial project proposals
- Manager of the Project of Training and skills development for supporting innovative agricultural entrepreneurship (PCEI-EA)
 - Manage the Project Budget in accordance with procedures
 - Prepare Project narrative and financial reports in accordance with donor recommendations and procedures
 - Coordinate the development of a training curriculum for agricultural professionals in entrepreneurship support.
 - Support the recruitment and management of experts in various fields of the program
 - Coordinate the development of an e-learning platform
 - Engage other players in the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Benin and French-speaking Africa in advocacy and lobbying with governments to support the development of the coaching market.
 - Work closely with the Federation of innovative entrepreneurship support structures in Benin to establish national standards for the support profession.
- Develop with the ABED Program Manager the Project Learning Notes in support of entrepreneurship
- Coordinate evaluations and updates of the various entrepreneurial programs (Initiation, Ideation, Incubation, Acceleration).

Food supply and Monitoring & Evaluation Manager |Track 3 BeniBiz Oct 2021 - Jun 2022
[BoPinc](#), Benin

- Strategic development of the last-mile distribution supply chain for nutritious foods for the network of 150 sales women.
- Nutritious Product Basket analysis and follow-up of the Global Nutrition Score
- Support for Business Advisors in each region to empower the supply and distribution system and make it sustainable.
- Digitalization of the supply chain and management of NutriBiz women sales
- Identify and implement complementary service innovations (mobile money point service, solar phone recharging) for NutriBiz women.
- Improving the M&E framework of the Project
- Coordination of continuous data collection and analysis
- Indicators dashboard management
- Monitoring the adoption of good business practices by NutriBiz women,
- Analysis of NutriBiz women's individual performance and implementation of an incentive program.
- Preparation of monthly information sheets on project performance in relation to objectives and indicators, and guidance notes for new decisions.
- Project reports and knowledge and innovation management.

Food supply Business Advisor and M&E Support |Track 3 BeniBiz Dec 2020 - Oct 2021
[BoPinc](#), Benin

- Monitoring and ongoing support for the local implementation of a logistic distribution plan for a network of 150 sales women selling nutritious products;
- Empowerment of the supply chain and development of partnerships
- Capacity-building for actors in the distribution logistics chain

- Lead the development of Marketing strategy and last-mile distribution plan for the network
- Implementation of a financial and marketing support plan to the Hubs and NutriBiz
- Monitor repayment of financing received by distribution hubs
- Support the monthly data collection
- Monthly data analysis and report
- Management of indicator dashboard,
- Monitoring the project progress and support the semi-annual and annual project reports,
- Organization of Project data workshop and monitoring the recommendations.

Food supply and technical Business Advisor |Track 3 BeniBiz Mar 2020 - Dec 2020
[BoPinc](#), Benin

- Organize a last-mile distribution network for local nutritious products in **#3 Departments of Benin** in support of the **network of 150** women NutriBiz (Nutrition and Business).
- Identify, analyze the profile (affordability, desirability, accessibility, efficacy) and select nutritious products for the network basket
- Provide leadership to Network Hubs to engage and develop partnerships with SMEs suppliers of nutritional products
- Co-design a last-mile supply strategy specific to local constraints (good margins, affordable prices for low-income people, preservation of nutritious food quality).
- Assess the needs of network players (SME, Hubs and NutriBiz),
- Development of a support plan to the network players including financial, material, marketing and management dimensions
- Provide ongoing support to Hubs in quality control and traceability management of nutritional products
- Provide advisory support to colleagues, partners, beneficiaries and internal and external customers.
- Carry out the proper collection of information from the field to the M&E team.
- Document the various activities carried out and draw up regular reports
- Technical support the development of new nutritious foods on the [BeninCaju Project](#).

Associate consultant in Technical assistance, training in technology, quality and market access for agri-food SME | BeniBiz Project Apr 2019 - Dec 2019

[Firme Reponse and TechnoServe Inc.](#) Benin, Cotonou, Benin

- I contributed to the development of a technical evaluation tool for agri-food SMEs according to international normative and regulatory references.
- I conducted the technical diagnosis of **25 Agri-foods SME**,
- I co-developed training in quality and food technology, marketing and Business development of Agri-food SMEs,
- I co-facilitate the theoretical group training for Agrifoods SMEs in quality management, food technology and product development.
- Technical Assistance to **17 agri-food SME** for implementation of technical action plans and market access.

Associate Consultant Agri-food Trainer| PAEFE Program Sep 2018 - Sep 2018
[CERPADEC NGO, HELVETAS Benin and SOLIDAR SUISSE](#), Parakou

- I co designed and led practical training in the development of agri-food products for the benefit of the **#35 beneficiaries** of the PAEFE Program.

Technical assistant in Food processing | BeniCaju Project Feb - Jul 2018
[TechnoServe Inc.](#) Benin, Parakou, Benin

- I contributed to the need's assessment of **10 agri-food SME**,
- Provide technical assistance and training in Cashew apple Juice processing

- I have contributed to the development of technical documents in cashew apple processing
- Implemented quality management tools, and supported the development of new cashew food products
- I support the market development for cashew apple products for the benefit of 10 agri-food SMEs
- Support communication and marketing of cashew products
- Monitor repayment plans for campaign financing received by SMEs
- Collection and compilation of monthly data of SMEs

Associate junior consultant / [Climate Smart Agriculture](#) Feb 2017 - Apr 2017
[Hydromode Lab and Food and Agricultural Organization \(FAO\) Benin](#), Parakou

- I contributed to the identification of climate smart agriculture solutions, practices and technologies (SPT) for the development of agricultural value chains,
- I lead the evaluation of SPTs for the development of agricultural value chains by experts,
- I conducted a literature review and participated in the reporting of the mission.

Junior Project Associate | [MicroVeg R&D Project](#) Jul 2016 - Dec 2017
[Faculty of Agronomy, University of Parakou](#), Parakou

- I participated in the development of technologies for creating value added to traditional leafy vegetables (Food to food fortification)
- Testing associated innovative business models as well as their incubation at the enterprise level.
- In charge of vegetable fortified food production
- Development of technical sheets and training of Non Governmental Organization partners.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Associate Investigator, PhD Student in Nutrition and Food system Oct 2020 – Dec 2023
[Collaborative research project \[NaviNut \\(Enhancing women's agency in navigating changing food environments to improve child nutrition in African drylands\\)\]\(#\)](#), Benin

- Analyze the literature (bibliometric and interpretative) to assess the state of research on (i) Food environments and on (ii) the contribution of traditional food products to improving the nutrition of children aged 6-59 months in African drylands.
- Lead the Implementation of a **collaborative and transdisciplinary approach** (qualitative and objective methods) to conduct in Northern Benin:
 - A characterization of the food environments of children aged 6 to 59 months
 - Analyze the nutritional potential of traditional food products currently used in the child feeding;
 - Co-developing with societal actors new nutritious foods based on locally available products;
 - Evaluate the acceptability and purchase intent of the new foods developed.
- Provide strategic leadership to build a dynamic work environment to the research team and Supervision of the research team (Research assistant, Master Student and Bachelor's student)
- Support skill development and capacity building of the research team
- Coordinate the development of Guide to good hygienic and manufacturing practices for foods co-developed by the NaviNut Project
- Lead the group training of trainers on the Guide of manufacturing of nutritious foods
- Project deliverables reports writing

- Communication on international conferences

Junior Investigator, Master degree thesis

Aug -Dec 2019

Human Nutrition Laboratory – Research topic on knowledge, attitudes and practices relating to undernutrition and iron deficiency anemia among women of reproductive age in northern Benin.

Under the supervision of my thesis Director, I:

- Drafting a research proposal
- Adaptation of the FAO KAP questionnaire to the local context and to the study.
- Lead the translation of the questionnaire into the local language
- Digitization of questionnaire with KoboCollect
- Recruitment and training of interviewers
- Field deployment and supervision of interviewers
- Data processing
- Data analysis using R and SPSS software
- Master's thesis writing

SKILLS

- **MS Office, internet and google applications**
- **Management and Data collection** : ONA, Kobocollect, CommCare
- **Data analysis** : Power BI, SPSS, R, Statistica, XL stat, Eye tracking
- **Plateforme** : ASANA, Smartsheets, Google, Microsoft, slack
- **Design and video**: Canva, Microsoft Clipchamp, Inshot
- **Research**: Scientific Data base, Vos viewer, Cadima, R Biblioshiny, literature review
- **Language**: French, English, Yoruba (only speaking)

EDUCATION

PhD in Nutrition and Food system

Oct 2020 – Dec 2023

Doctoral Sch. Of Agronomic and water Sc., University of Parakou, Benin

MSc. in Human nutrition and Food security

Oct 2018 - Jun 2019

University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin

Master 1, Human nutrition and Foods sciences and Technology

Oct 2017 - Jun 2018

University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) - Nutrition and foods sciences

Oct 2013 - Jun 2016

University of Parakou Benin, Parakou

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

1. **Certificate on food system**
Wageningen Center for Development Innovation (WCDI)
2. **Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture: AGORA**
Research4life
3. **Risk Management on the project implementation**
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
4. **Project Management certificate**
DisasterReady
5. **Training on Entrepreneurship Program design**
Enabel in Benin / Ovation.Eco

6. **Training on Leadership, Lobbying and Advocacy**
Enabel in Benin
7. **Training on Outcomes Haversting and Impact measurement**
Bopinc
8. **Training in Business and Entrepreneurship, YALI Program**
African Center of studies in Management (CESAG Dakar)
9. **Training on Inclusive Business Development Toolkit**
Bopinc
10. **Certificate of Inclusive Innovator**
Bopinc

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Adrien Dogo**, Franck Hongbete, Ina Cramer, Iris Schröter and Marcus Mergenthaler. (2023). **Quality Attributes in Child Food Packaging Design: Photovoice Study with Beninese Mothers.** *Int. J. Food System Dynamics* 14 (3), 2023, 302-312 <https://dx.doi.org/10.18461/ijfsd.v14i3.G4>
2. **Dogo A**, Hongbete F, Edja H, Amoussa Hounkpatin W. **Characterization and challenges of food environments of children-under-five in north Benin drylands** (2023). *Journal of Agriculture and Food Research* 14 (2023) 100682; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jafr.2023.100682>
3. **Adrien Dogo**, Franck Hongbete, Ina Cramer, Iris Schröter, Marcus Mergenthaler, 2023. **The Influence from Packaging Design Elements of Child Food on Quality Perceptions of Beninese Consumers.** *Proceedings in System Dynamics and Innovation in Food Networks 2023.*74-86 <http://dx.doi.org/10.18461/pfsd.2023.2306>
4. Cramer Ina, Iris Schröter, Franck Hongbete, **Adrien Dogo** and Marcus Mergenthalera. 2022. **Evaluation of the attractiveness of different packaging designs for child food products by Beninese customers.** **Conference paper**, [International Conference on Research on Food Security, Natural Ressource Management and Rural Development \(Tropentag\)](#).
5. Djohy, G., Zinho E., **Dogo, A.**, Hongbété, F., Kaufmann, B., Waters-Bayer, A. (2022). **Catalog and preparation steps for traditional foods prioritized by the NaviNut project in the communes of Nikki and Banikoara in northern Benin..** *Parakou NaviNut / Université de Parakou, Bénin* 38p.
6. **Adrien Dogo**. 2019. **Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices related to Undernutrition and Iron Deficiency Anemia among Women in reproductive Age in Northern Benin.** Master's thesis, UAC Bénin. 72p.

POSTER

1. [Visual Perception And Evaluation Of Child Food Packaging Design By Customers In Northern Benin.](#)
2. [Co-developing nutritious foods with societal actors to improve child nutrition in north Benin drylands.](#)
3. [Food environment on children under five in north Benin drylands](#)
4. [Nutritional Potential of Traditional Food Products for the Nutrition of young children of dryland zones.](#)
5. Design of a solar dryer for drying traditional leafy vegetables

COMMUNICATION

1. 2023: Participation and oral communication in the third Africa food environment research Network ([FERN](#))
2. 2023: Participation and poster communication in [International Conference on Research on Food Security, Natural Ressource Management and Rural Development \(Tropentag\)](#) 2023, Berlin, Germany.
3. 2023 : Participation and oral communication in [17th International European Forum on System Dynamics and Innovation in Food Networks \(Iqis-Forum\)](#), Garmisch-P, Germany.
4. **2022**: Participation and oral communication on 6th International Scientific Symposium of the University of Parakou, Parakou, Benin

5. **2022:** Participation and poster communication in International conference in [International Conference on Research on Food Security, Natural Ressource Management and Rural Development \(Tropentag\)](#) 2022, Prague, Czech Republic.
6. **2021:** Participation and oral communication on 4th International Scientific Colloquium of the University of Kara on "Local consumption and the valorization of endogenous knowledge: what contributions can African universities make to strengthen the resilience of populations in the face of global crises?", Kara, Togo.
7. **2021:** Participation and poster communication in International conference in [International Conference on Research on Food Security, Natural Ressource Management and Rural Development \(Tropentag\)](#) 2021.

VOLUNTEER

Mentor

Mar 2022 - Mar 2023

MasterCard Foundation at the University of Abomey Calavi

#Professional and entrepreneurial advice and guidance #Career and project follow up
#03 mentees

REFERENCES

- **Marine BUISSON** : Project Manager at BoPinc Netherlands; Phone: +33 6 35188653; buisson@bopinc.org
- **Valentin ATCHAOUÉ** : Regional cashew Business Manager at TechnoServe Ivory Cost; Phone: +225 0545840119; satchoue@tns.org
- **Evariste MITCHIKPE** : Associate-Professor of Human Nutrition at UAC-Benin
Chair of Nutrition Society of Benin
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