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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (in view). University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State; Agricultural Extension
Jan 2021 to Date

Research thesis: *“Agricultural Extension Professionals’ Perceptions of Process Skills and Competency Gaps in the Undergraduate Agricultural Extension Curriculum in Nigeria Universities”*

Supervisor: Professor Agwu E. Agwu
Major in Agricultural Communication

MSc. University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State; Agricultural Extension Feb 2020

Research thesis: *“Farmers’ Willingness to Pay for Video-Mediated Extension Learning Approaches a Choice Experiment Approach”*

Supervisor: Professor Agwu E. Agwu
Majored in Agricultural Communication (CGPA 4.91/5.0)

B. Agric. University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State, Agricultural Extension July 2015

Research project: *“Challenges and Health Management Practices in Small Scale Fish Farms in Lagos, Nigeria”*

Supervisor: Professor Mabel U. Dimelu
Second Class Honors, Upper Division (CGPA 4.33/5.0)

SSCE Proper Arsenal College, Ojota, Lagos 2010

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS/ WORKSHOPS

1. Nigeria National Workshop on Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction by The United Nations Environment Programme on the 23rd of May, 2022.
2. Training on Statistical Data Analysis for Post-Graduate Students and Staff using R Programming Language organized by The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity in Agriculture (RUFORUM), from 7th - 19th February 2022.
3. Training on Discrete Choice Analysis by The Resource and Environmental Policy Research Centre (REPRC), University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State, from 29th November – 3rd December, 2021.

4. Workshop on Incorporating and Mainstreaming Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services Accounting into National Accounting and Development Plan anchored by The Resource and Environmental Policy Research Centre (REPRC), University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State in collaboration with West Africa Platform on Natural Capital, December 2nd– 3rd 2020 at Top Rank Hotels Abuja.
5. Online training on Impact Evaluation and Causal Inference for Environment and Development Interventions organized by The Resource and Environmental Policy Research Centre (REPRC), University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State, from 14th– 22nd September 2020
6. Training on Research Methodology and Application of ICT in Research by School of Postgraduate Studies, University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State on the 18th of March 2020
7. Article writing and publication workshop organized by Michigan State University, at The Resource and Environmental Policy Research Centre (REPRC), University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu State, May 7th– 10th May 2019
8. GFRAS-DLEC-NIFAAS Workshop on Strengthening Local Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Capacity in Nigeria from 22nd-25th May 2018, at the National Agricultural Extension and Research Liaison Services, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria
9. Training on Global Open Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) GODAN Action online course on Open Data Management in Agriculture and Nutrition, facilitated by FAO from the 13th November- 8th December 2017
10. Training on the New Extensionist and Professionalization of Rural Advisory Services / Sensitization of the Nigeria Agricultural Advisory Services Network from the 2nd – 4th November 2016, at the National Agricultural Extension and Research Liaison Services, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria
11. Skills Edge Consulting Limited, Abuja, 1st - 4th April 2017
 - Project Management Certification
 - Human Resource Management Certification

SKILL SETS AND COMPETENCIES

- Soft skills: self-motivated, great work ethics, effective writing and verbal communication skills, ability to work in a team with good understanding of group dynamics, problem solving skill, critical thinker, effective time manager and highly creative.
- Analytical skills: data collection, data coding, data entry, data analysis using SPSS and STATA, data interpretation and result presentation.
- Presentation skills: excellent use of Microsoft power points for slideshows
- Project Management skills: project planning and budgeting

- Writing skills: Academic research writing, proposal writing and report writing
- Computer skills: Microsoft Office, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft PowerPoint.
- Platforms: SPSS, STATA, NGENE, KoBo Toolbox

RESEARCH GRANTS

Strengthening the capacity of agricultural extension lecturers in teaching competency-based undergraduate curriculum in Nigerian Universities”. Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TetFund) National Research Fund grant 2022

Investigating Food Safety and Hygiene Practices and the Food Safety Status in Nigeria. University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) Research Center for Global Development (C4Globe) Grant 2022

“Strengthening agricultural extension training in MSU-Alliance for African Partnership Consortium”. The Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) 2021 Partnerships for Innovative Research in Africa (PIRA) Grant 2021

Research Grant for MSc. Studies in Video-Mediated Learning in Agriculture under the “Videos for Farmers” Project by Access Agriculture (3,000.00 Euros) 2019

RESEARCH/WORK EXPERIENCE

**Resource and Environmental Policy Research Centre (REPRC),
Environment for Development (Efd), University of Nigeria Nsukka** 2019 to Date
Research Assistant on

- Coping with Water Scarcity, Preference and Willingness to Pay for Water Supply in Enugu, Nigeria. Major activities include collection of socioeconomic studies and quantitative field data and report writing
- Sustainable Management of Marine Resources Research Project. Major activities include collection of socioeconomic studies and quantitative field data and report writing on Fisheries Performance Indicators for the Inland and Marine artisanal fisheries as well as from the aquaculture sector in Nigeria.

University of Central Lancashire (on a non-exclusive basis)

- Research Assistant on January to July 2022
Investigating Food Safety and Hygiene Practices and the Food Safety Status in Nigeria. Major activities include conducting pilot study, collection of structured and semi-structured interview, data transcription and analysis and report writing.
- Enumerator July to October, 2021
Facilitated a qualitative study on Investigating Food Security in Post- Economic Recession period in South-Eastern, Nigeria using semi-structured interview. Major activities include recording and uploading qualitative interview data (and other related information).

Blue-hub Global Limited Services 2017 to present
Socio-Economic Officer (Part time)

- Facilitated the socio-economic studies and field data collection on the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for Six (6) (Etahi, AforGamgam, Ugwolawo, Idah, Idozumi/Utovesa and Omigbo-Kabba) Erosion Sites in Kogi State under the Kogi State-Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (KSG-NEWMAP), (IBRD/ IDA Financed). October 2020 – June 2022.

Major Activities: Write minutes of all stakeholders' consultation meetings and Focus Group Discussions organized at the different sites; capture all the Project Affected Persons (PAPs), valuation of all affected economic trees, analyze the data from the field on socio-economic and demographic characteristics of respondents and write site specific reports on them; draft reports of the Displacement Profile of Project Affected Persons in the different locations; calculate the total compensation payable to each Project Affected Person, as well as the total compensation cost per RAP Site

Facilitated Field Research Works (Under Professor Agwu Ekwe Agwu)

1. Facilitated the socio-economic studies and field data collection Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) for the construction of Office Complex for the KSG-NEWMAP (under the Kogi State-Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (KSG-NEWMAP), (IBRD/ IDA Financed). October – December 2021.
2. Facilitated the socio-economic studies and field data collection on the conduct of Survey on Effective Communication Channels in Lagos State for Lagos State Agro-processing, Productivity Enhancement and Livelihood Improvement Support (APPEALS) Project. August - December 2020.
3. Facilitated the socio-economic studies and field data collection on Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for Adumu Road (Outfall 1) Erosion Intervention Site under the Kogi State-Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (KSG-NEWMAP), (IBRD/ IDA Financed). May 2020 – October 2020.
4. Facilitated the socio-economic studies and field data collection on Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for Adumu Road, Ogugu and Ankpa Erosion Sites in Kogi State under the Kogi State-Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (KSG-NEWMAP), (IBRD/ IDA Financed). November 2017 – July 2020.
5. Facilitated the socio-economic studies and field data collection on Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) for Adumu Road, Ogugu and Ankpa Erosion Sites in Kogi State under the Kogi State-Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (KSG-NEWMAP), (IBRD/ IDA Financed). November 2017 – July 2020.

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National Youth Service

April 2016-April 2017

Support staff and research assistant in Agriculture and Agro-Allied Department of Raw Materials Research and Development Council, Maitama Abuja.

Enumerator for a doctorate research

October 2015

Facilitated the field research work for Ph.D. Funded Research by Africa Rice Center, Cotonou, Benin for Nwobodo, Cynthia Ebere

- field data collection, questionnaire administration, data entry

Enumerator for Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)

October 2015

Facilitated the Socio-economic studies and field research work on Opinion Poll Rating of Operators' Performance and Regulatory Transparency and Effectiveness of the Nigerian Communications Commission (under the auspices of the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Development Research (CEDR), University of Nigeria)

- field data collection, questionnaire administration, data entry and Analysis

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

1. Agwu A.E., Anugwa I.Q. and **Ifeonu** C.F. (2021). Stemming rural-urban migration through agricultural development: can Nigeria apply the lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic? *Agro-Science*, 20 (4, Special Issue), 36-45. DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/as.v20i4.5>
2. **Ifeonu, C. F.**, Chukwuemeka, V., Agwu, A. E (2019). Challenges of Youths involved in Fish Farming in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Nigeria. *Journal of Agricultural Extension*, Vol. 23 (3). Pp. 157-171. <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/jae.v23i3.14>
3. Agwu, A. E., Ndakotsu, J. E., **Ifeonu, C. F** (2019). Farmers' Perceived Effectiveness of the Growth Enhancement Support Scheme in Kogi State, Nigeria. *Journal of Agricultural Extension*, Vol. 23 (1). Pp. 113-129. <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/jae.v23i1.10>
4. Dimelu, M. U., **Ifeonu, C. F.**, Asadu, A. N., Ayogu, C.J (2018). Challenges of Disease Management in Small Scale Fish Farms in Lagos, Nigeria. *Journal of Agricultural Extension*, Vol. 22 (2). Pp. 28-41. DOI: [10.4314/jae.v22i2.3](https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/jae.v22i2.3)

Conference Papers

5. Anugwa, I.Q and **Ifeonu, C. F.** (2021). Agricultural Extension Strategies for Communicating Climate Smart Forestry Practices: Challenges and Lessons Learnt. Conference Proceedings of the Middle East International Conference on Contemporary Scientific Studies
6. Anugwa, I.Q., Iwuchukwu, J.C., Udoye, C.E., **Ifeonu, C.F.**, and Offiah, C. (2019). Farmers Groundnut Production Practices in Nsukka Agricultural Zone of Enugu State, Nigeria. *Enhancing Agricultural Extension Capabilities for Improved Agricultural Value Chain in Nigeria*. Conference Proceedings of the 24th Annual National Conference of the Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria. Pp. 28 - 34.
7. Agwu, A. E., Ocheli, G. J. and **Ifeonu, C. F** (2016). Manpower and Institutional Constraints in the Public Extension Service of Kogi State, Nigeria. *Repositioning*

Agricultural Extension for Sustainable Agricultural Development and National Economic Regeneration. Conference Proceedings of the 21st Annual National Conference of the Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria. Pp. 19 - 25.

Book Chapters

8. Agwu, A.E., **Ifeonu, C.F.**, Nwobodo, C.E., Anugwa, I.Q., and Okoro, J.C. (2022). “Digital Approaches in Agricultural Extension”. In M. C. Madukwe (Ed.), *Agricultural Extension in Nigeria: Appropriate Extension Methodologies for Agricultural Development in Emerging Economies* (3rd ed). (pp 331-357). Ilorin, Kwara State: The Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria.
9. Agwu, A.E., Egbule, C.L., and **Ifeonu, C.F.** (2022). Use of Correlation Analysis in Agricultural Extension Research. In M. C. Madukwe (Ed.), *A Guide to Research in Agricultural Extension*. Ilorin, Kwara State: The Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS /CONFERENCES

1. Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria 26th Annual Conference 2021, 26th – 30th April 2021. **Paper presented:** a.) “Farmers’ Perception of Video-mediated Extension Learning Platform in Enugu State Nigeria.”
2. Middle East International Conference on Contemporary Scientific Studies-V, 27th-28th March, 2021, Ankara Turkey. **Paper presented:** Agricultural Extension Strategies for Communicating Climate Smart Forestry Practices: Challenges and Lessons Learnt
3. Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria 25th Annual Conference 2020, 28th – 29th July 2020. **Papers presented:** a.) “Access and Use of Agricultural Information by Artisanal Fish Farmers in Bayelsa State, Nigeria.” b.) “Flood management information needs of crop farmers in Benue state, Nigeria.”
4. Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria 24th Annual Conference 2019, 7th-10th April 2019. **Paper presented:** “Challenges of Youths involved in Fish Farming in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Nigeria.”
5. Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria 23rd Annual Conference 2018, 15th-18th April 2018 Papers presented: a.) “Farmers’ Perception of the Growth Enhancement Support (GES) Scheme in Benue State, Nigeria.” b.) “Factors that affect farmers’ participation in intervention programs: a case study of *FADAMA* III in Anambra State.” c.) “Farmers’ access to extension services, a policy implication for *FADAMA* III in Anambra State.”
6. Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria 21st Annual Conference 2016, 17th-20th April 2016. Papers presented: a.) “Diseases, determinants and management problems in small-scale fish farming in Lagos State, Nigeria.” b.) “Manpower and institutional constraints in the public extension service of Kogi State, Nigeria.”
7. 2nd National Bio safety Conference, Theme: Bio safety, Food Security and Economic Development in Nigeria. 3Js Hotel, Off Augustus Aikhomu Way, Utako, Abuja, 10th November 2016.

8. African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS), Second Africa Wide Agricultural Extension Week. Theme: “Reinvigorating Extension Services for Market-led Agriculture within the Context of the Malabo Declaration”. Hilton Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 12-16 October 2015.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON), 2016-Present

I was appointed as a rapporteur to report the proceedings of a technical session in the 2019 conference held in Abuja.

Nigeria Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (NIFAAS), 2016-Present
Member

COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Climate Exp0 Online conference from the 17th – 21st May 2021

I volunteered for at the conference role as a student rep to cover some sessions where I made summary notes including 5 key points to take away from each session.

The Water and Public Health Research Group, University of Nigeria Nsukka.

I volunteered at the Health Humanities Outreach (H₂O) 2021 under the Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) team to collect household data on household water quality, sanitation and other related issues at Itchi-agulbagwa Nsukka community engagement, from 22nd – 28th of March, 2021.

Nigerian Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (NIFAAS) –Youth and Post-harvest working group

I joined in the sensitization campaign to grain traders in Samaru market Zaria, Kaduna State on tips on enhancing grain handling for food security on the 26th of May 2018.

Food Authenticity Network

I sensitized and encouraged students in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, to join the network in order to raise the awareness of Nigerians on the issues of Food Fraud. I also volunteered to collect data on the quality of rice being sold to consumers in Nigeria to test their authenticity.

Department of Agricultural Extension, University of Nigeria Nsukka

I participated in an outreach program geared towards sensitizing local farmers in Nru, Nsukka, Enugu State on issues of climate change and its effects on agricultural production on the 20th of June 2014.

LANGUAGES

Igbo: Native Language

English: Instructional Language

French: Intermediate Speaker and Reader

OTHERS

Traveling, Reading, Volunteering and community involvement, and Dancing

REFERENCES

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