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**Personal Information**

Gender: Female

Nationality: Malawian

Marital status: Married

Age: 34

**Education and Academic Degrees**

1. 2014-2016: Master of Science in Agriculture and Applied Economics: Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 **Dissertation,** “Factors influencing consumers choice of bean varieties in Lilongwe district.”

1. August-November 2015: Certificate of participation in the Shared Facility for Specialization and Electives (SFSE) program at University of Pretoria in South Africa. Specialization area: Agriculture Policy Analysis.
2. 2007- 2011: Bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics, University of Malawi- Bunda College.

**Dissertation**, “Impact of input for assets program on household income and food security. A case of Nyanja EPA, Lilongwe district”

**Key skills**

* Research, project management and banking
* Strong computer and statistical software skills (Microsoft office, Stata, SPSS).
* Excellent analytical and interpersonal skills.
* Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
* Ability to maintain high levels of confidentiality.
* Designing of data collection tools in CAPI
* Data collection, entry and analysis using Stata.

**Professional Positions**

* + - 1. **Research Analyst, MwAPATA Institute (April 2021- Current)**

The overall role of this position is to provide support in all related research activities. Specifically, my roles include;

* Support in project proposal development and drafting of research reports
* Design data collection instruments on paper and CAPI
* Development of survey budgets
* Coordinating and supervising data collection activities (management of field surveys)
* Providing data quality checks, data management and analysis, report writing.
* Conducting literature reviews
* Conducting trainings to the enumerators
* Build large datasets from multiple sources
* Data management, cleaning and econometric analysis analysis
* Drafting publications and policy briefs
	+ - 1. **Program Intern, GIZ (2017 – 2018)**

I was working as an intern for MIERA (More Income and Employment in Rural Areas) program at GIZ, which is co-funded by European Union (EU) from May to October, 2017. The major role was to support the implementation of Farmer Business Schools (FBS) project which was implemented in six districts of central Malawi by providing support in designing of monitoring and evaluation tools for the project.

* + - 1. **Agriculture Relationship Officer; Opportunity International Bank of Malawi - Mchinji Branch (2013 – 2014)**

My role was to manage agriculture loan portfolio in Mchinji district. Specifically, I was planning and coordinating activities, provided training and supervision of farmer cooperatives, marketing and registrations of bank’s products, monitored projects and disbursement of loans.

* + - 1. **Free-lance consultant (Research Assistant)**

Lead enumerators in data collection and quality checks

**Research Papers**

1. *In progress*
* Salonga, D., Khonje, M. and Matchaya, G. (2022). Can adoption of multiple improved seed varieties spur long-term food and nutrition security in Malawi?
* Gondwe, A., Salonga, D. and Goeb, J. (2022). Russia – Ukraine Conflict: Opportunities for Malawi Economy
* Salonga, D. and Khonje, M. (2022). Maize-pigeon peas intercropping and nutrient intake: Evidence from a country-wide panel data in Malawi
1. *Completed*
* Salonga. D., Munthali, M., Lifeyo, Y., Koima, J., Muyanga, M., Beaver, M. and Goeb, J. (2022). Malawi Rural Agriculture Livelihoods Surveys 2019 Report
* Munthali, M.G., Chilora, L., Nyirenda, Z., Salonga, D., Wineman, A. and Muyanga, M. (2022). Opportunities for Small-Scale Aquaculture in Malawi, MwAPATA Institute, Policy brief no. 16.
* Munthali, M.G., Chilora, L., Nyirenda, Z., Salonga, D., Wineman, A. and Muyanga, M. (2022). Characteristics of the Small-Scale Aquaculture Sector in Malawi, MwAPATA Institute, Policy brief no. 17.
* Munthali, M.G., Chilora, L., Nyirenda, Z., Salonga, D., Wineman, A. and Muyanga, M. (2022). Economic Viability of Small-Scale Aquaculture in Malawi, MwAPATA Institute, Policy brief no. 20.

**Other Certificates and Short Courses**

* Improving Agricultural Cooperatives in Malawi (26th to 30th September, 2016), which involved cooperative life cycle frame and its management
* Improving studies in Agricultural communities (18-20th May, 2016) which involves data analysis in excel, choice modelling, Impact Evaluation of projects and questionnaire designing and data collection using ODK Collect, data gathering from the server.
* Agriculture Finance Training in Africa (July, 2014)
* Panel data analysis and mathematical programming using IHS-3 datasets (December, 2015)