

Helen Tilley
Curriculum Vitae

Name	Helen Tilley
Education	BA (Hons) Economics (University of Cambridge) 1996; MSc Economics with reference to Asia Pacific Region (SOAS, University of London) 2000; PhD Candidate (SOAS, University of London) 2007-2010.
Languages	English (mother tongue); Kiswahili (good); French (moderate).
Countries of Work Experience	Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, China, Mongolia, UK.

Employment Record

2007 – date	PhD Candidate, Economics Department, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London
2006–date	Freelance consultant.
2005-2006	Head of Economics, Enterplan Limited, UK
2002-2004	Macroeconomist, Delegation of the European Commission, Tanzania
2000-2002	Macroeconomist, ODI Fellow, Policy Analysis Department, Ministry of Finance, Tanzania
1999	Foreign Advisor and Teacher, Economic and Foreign Language Institute, Inner Mongolia, China
1997-1999	Economic Consultant, Public and Corporate Economic Consultants, Cambridge, UK

Professional Profile

Helen Tilley is a Development Economist specialising in the political economy of foreign aid and accountability; public financial management (including medium term budget reform); poverty reduction and PRSPs; and aid management. Her current area of research is the inter-relationship between foreign aid and domestic accountability with a regional focus on East Africa. Over the last ten years, she has worked with public sector clients including the World Bank, DFID, the EC, and UNDP. Helen has held two long-term advisory positions in Tanzania; two years with the Ministry of Finance and two years with the Delegation of the European Commission. Further international experience has included academic research on transitional economies, with an emphasis on China, where she was resident in 1999. She is currently Team Leader for a project to reform the budget process in Mongolia.

Relevant Experience (selected projects)

Mongolia: Medium Term Budget Reform

Team Leader and Budget Advisor working with the Ministry of Finance to develop a strategic approach to medium term budgeting (**Government of Mongolia/World Bank, 2007-08**).

Tanzania: Public Expenditure and Fiduciary Assessment (PEFA)

Economist and PEFA consultant. Drafted and presented a public financial management (PFM) performance report and undertook an assessment against the standard PEFA indicators (**EC, 2007-2008**).

Rwanda: Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS) Development and Costing

Economist, working with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MINECOFIN) to: determine the resource scenarios; develop the methodology for costing and needs assessment; oversee the costing process; and analyse the results within three scenarios (**UNDP, 2006-07**).

Malawi: Costing of the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy

Economist, costing the Malawi PRSP priority programmes: determining discretionary and non-discretionary expenditure; ensuring correspondence with the budget; identifying the financing gap over the medium term; and applying constraints to enable prioritisation (**DFID, 2005-06**).

UK based: Review of the World Bank's Economic Sector Work and Analytical Work for Low Income Countries Under Stress (LICUS)

Economist responsible for undertaking case studies to assess the Bank's economic and analytical work on Nigeria, East Timor, Afghanistan and Cambodia (**World Bank, 2005**).

Tanzania: Public Financial Management (PFM)

As a development partner working group member, participated in the dialogue with the Government; carried out an assessment of the PFM environment; testing the Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA); led the associated consultative process (**EC, 2002-04**).

Tanzania: Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) Implementation

Macroeconomist involved in the continuing design, implementation and performance assessment of the roll out of the MTEF. Analysis of: strategic prioritisation within and between sectors; the robustness of the rolling budget; the correspondence between budget formulation and execution; and performance budgeting (**Ministry of Finance, 2000-02, EC, 2002-04**).

Tanzania: Public Expenditure Review (PER)

Macroeconomist analysing: budget formulation and consistency and the integration of sectoral expenditure and project expenditure in the budget; and participating in the PER Secretariat on behalf of the MoF (**Ministry of Finance, 2000-02, EC, 2002-04**).

Tanzania: Poverty Reduction Budget Support (PRBS)

Macroeconomist assisting in the management of the EC's contribution to the Tanzanian budget involving analysis for the reviews with Government and leading discussions on behalf of the EC with the MoF; representation of the Tanzanian PRBS donor group in the Strategic Partnership with Africa 2004 Workshop in Kigali (**EC, 2002-04**).

Tanzania: Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS)

Macroeconomist and member of the PRS Secretariat and PRSP drafting team. Analysis of strategic prioritization; assessments of the effectiveness of poverty reducing expenditures; developing the PRS action matrix; contributions to discussions on the Strategy with the Government of Tanzania; and input to the first Zanzibar PRS (**Ministry of Finance, 2000-02, EC, 2002-04**).

Tanzania: Poverty Reduction Budget Support (PRBS)

Macroeconomist, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance. Development of and updating the Performance Assessment Framework (PAF) for budget support; assessing the volatility of aid disbursements; monitoring inflows to maintain fiscal balance (**Ministry of Finance, 2000-02**).

Tanzania: Development of an Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS)

Economist working with a team coding Government expenditure accounts according to the Government Finance Statistics (GFS) functional classification (**Ministry of Finance, 2001-02**).

Tanzania: Tax Administration

Responsible during joint reviews with the Tanzania Revenue Authority for leading on analysis and monitoring of progress in VAT policy, collections and exemptions (**EC, 2002-04**).