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Key Qualifications:

An economist with quantitative skills and 25 years of experience in agricultural policy, the rural sector, microfinance and poverty reduction projects. Wide experience at both project and policy level in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, South and South East Asia, Australia and the Pacific.

Long term assignments in Indonesia, Philippines, Kenya

Strong communicative and report writing skills and substantial experience of working in and with multilateral and bilateral institutions and recipient country governments.

Education: BSc Hons Mathematics (incl Economics), London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, UK
MSc Agricultural Economics, University of Reading, UK
Membership of: LSE Alumni Association

Computer literacy: Full capability with word processing, spreadsheets, etc. Experience with a range of statistical and econometric packages.

Experience record:

INDONESIA
2004
Apr-Oct

Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor
Kecamatan Development Program(KDP)/World Bank

KDP is a village level infrastructure and microfinance program oriented towards the poor in rural areas. Villages in the selected Kecamatan (sub-districts) submit proposals which are ranked (by locals at Kecamatan level). Blockgrants of \$40,000-\$114,000 are provided to the Kecamatan to finance as many as possible of the proposals (approx \$7000 each) in rank order. Indonesian consultants provide advice and support. The M&E Advisor provided high level advice on all areas of M&E to senior management and the various supporting units at HQ in Jakarta and helped train eventual replacements.

PORTUGAL
2001-03

Private sector consultancy to the cork industry concerning the analysis and presentation of trends in production, consumption and international trade in a range of cork products and their competitors.

PHILIPPINES
1991-01
(ADB)

Permanent Staff
Country Economist (1991- 1992) and Project Economist (1992-2001)
Responsible for a range of projects and TAs of which a selection is provided below:

**INDONESIA
1999-00**

**Team Leader/Project Economist
Agriculture and Rural Development Division (East)**

Undertook numerous technical assistance and loan projects and programs involving both processing (preparation) and administration. The work was fairly evenly divided between policy/strategy and investment projects. A selection is presented below:

**INDONESIA
2000**

**Team Leader
Small Farmer Income Improvement Project**

Mission Leader for the preparative technical assistance for this project which broke new ground in maximizing the involvement of stakeholders in both its design and implementation. The project itself was approved in 2002 and is under implementation.

**INDONESIA
1999-00**

**Economist/Microfinance Specialist
Community Empowerment for Rural Development**

Responsible for the preparation of the microfinance component of this 6 Province project approved October 2000 and provided general agriculture sector policy input.

**Team Leader
Participatory Approaches to Rural Income Generation**

Led technical assistance project that developed and formalized innovative approaches to improving rural incomes. Completed September 2000.

- INDONESIA**
1996-01
(IFAD)
- Team Leader/Project Officer**
Rural Income Generation Project/P4K III (1996-2001)
Led a project jointly financed by IFAD. The (microfinance based) project, entitled P4K Phase III in the IFAD programme, has the objective of reducing or eradicating poverty in rural Indonesia. The current phase, which is focused on 12 provinces and which should reach 800,000 poor families is due for completion in 2005. The seven year project was approved by the ADB's Board and IFAD in late 1997 and is currently being implemented.
- INDONESIA**
1997-98
- Team Leader/Project Officer**
Agriculture Sector Strategy Review
Led a study reviewing all aspects of sector policy including regional and provincial issues. In this context the agriculture sector included forestry and fisheries, environmental issues in rural areas were also included.
- MALAYSIA**
1996
- Project Economist**
Lower Saribas Agricultural Development Project
This project represents an innovative attempt to involve local (mostly poor) people in collaboration with the private sector in the development of an oil palm estate. It also incorporated an environmental component concerned with the trade-offs between forest conservation and rural income enhancement from oil palm.
- MONGOLIA**
1995-99
- Mission Leader/Project Officer**
Agriculture Sector Program Loan (US\$35 mn)
Approved in December 1995. The program has had a dramatic impact on Mongolia's transition process through policy and legal changes that resulted in the liberalization of the agriculture and food sectors. Preparation for the loan also included a detailed Social Impact Assessment (SIA). This was the first time an SIA was developed in ADB for a program loan and was subsequently used as an example. Land ownership and mapping were an important part of the associated TA.
- 1992-94**
- Agriculture Department (ADB was reorganized as of 1 Jan 1995)**
- NEPAL/PNG/FIJI/
MARSHALS/
SOLOMONS**
1992-94
- Project Economist/Mission Leader**
Led a wide range of technical assistance and loan projects in Nepal, Papua New Guinea (PNG) and several Pacific Islands. Special responsibility for agricultural policy and projects in PNG including technical assistance and loan projects concerned with environmental sustainability, rural development and the use of marine resources to benefit local communities.
- MALAYSIA**
1991-92
- Country (Macro) Economist**
Programs Department (East)
Responsible for monitoring macro-economic performance with occasional focus on specific sectors. After discussion with the Malaysian authorities, wrote the 1991 Economic Report and Bank Operations paper for circulation to the ADB Board. Also assisted with the preparation of various projects in Malaysia and Indonesia.

AUSTRALIA
1990-91
October-April

Quantitative Economist

Hassall & Associates, Canberra / Grains Council of Australia

Responsible for building a database and model for 'Grains 2000', a project undertaken for the Grains Council of Australia. The model identified and compared trends in grain and oilseeds production in Australia with those elsewhere and, through value-added components, identified areas for Australian grain sector development in the coming decades. Results were presented at the 'Grains 2000' seminar in September 1991, Canberra.

INDONESIA
1987-90
July-September
(ODA)

Policy Analyst

BULOG/ODNRI Development Project, Overseas Development Administration (ODA) Jakarta

Policy analyst in a two-man advisory team set up to establish an Integrated Planning Unit (IPU) with particular responsibility for quantitative (econometric and programming) analysis. This unit provided policy advice to top management in BULOG which was at that time the government agency responsible for regulating markets in the principal food crops, especially rice.

ZIMBABWE
1987-87
February-May

Team Leader

Food Studies Group (University of Oxford) / European Development Fund

Led a Management Information and Training Study undertaken for the government of Zimbabwe Grain Marketing Board (GMB) in Harare. This study identified the main problems within GMB management relating to information flows and training.

UK/ITALY
1987
January-March

Relief and Development Institute/World Food Programme (London/Rome)

Member of a team from the Relief and Development Institute commissioned by the WFP to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of 'Triangular Transactions' in the delivery of food aid.

UK
1996-97
January-February

Executive Director

CEAS Consultants (Wye) Ltd

Responsible for a wide range of projects including the continuation of several concerned with grain stocks policy in developing countries. This company is a joint venture between Wye College and Produce Studies Ltd, a UK based European agricultural marketing and consultancy company.

SIERRA LEONE
1996
February-May
(ODA)

Economist

Palm Oil Rehabilitation

Member of team evaluating the prospects for rehabilitation of the palm oil industry in Sierra Leone. Responsible primarily for cost-benefit analysis and other economic aspects of the study.

INDONESIA
1996
July-September

Rice Production Target: Indonesia (BULOG) / ODA

After completion of the Minimum Stock Reserve study described below, was invited to undertake a further (two month) study to help assess the levels of rice production for which Indonesia should be aiming in the medium term. This involved *inter-alia* consideration of the policy instruments available, the role of BULOG and the impact on the Indonesian exchequer.

UK
1978-85
September-December
(ODA)

Research Officer (Agricultural Economist)

Centre for European Agricultural Studies, Wye College, University of London

Responsible for negotiating, managing and undertaking a wide range of research and develop projects (several for EC/EDF) in UK, Indonesia, Jordan, Syria, Sudan and various other countries including:

INDONESIA
1985
February-December
(EDF)

Minimum Stock Reserve Study: Indonesia (BULOG)/ODA
This study was carried out for the Tropical Development and Research Institute (TDRI) and financed by the British Government's Overseas Development Administration. The position held in the study team was Grain Systems Modeler, responsible with the team Econometrician for the design and construction of a computer-based modeling system and the development of a methodology to quantify the relationship between stocks policy and food security.

ETHIOPIA
1983-86
February-December

Coffee Improvement Project (CIP): Ethiopia/European Development Fund (EDF)
In 1983 negotiated a technical assistance contract with the Ethiopian government and the representatives of the European Commission (EC) for Wye College to provide technical cooperation and support for CIP. Subsequently responsible for recruiting, briefing and arranging contracts for a three-man team which commenced work in February 1984. During 1983-86 made periodic visits to Addis Ababa to provide support, review progress and liaise with both CIP management and the EC Delegation.

**JORDAN/
SYRIA/SUDAN**
1982-85
March-January

Agricultural Policy in Arab Countries: Jordan, Sudan and Syria
The project was financed by the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation (Amman, Jordan). It drew on the knowledge and experience of senior academics and civil servants in each of the three countries to describe and analyze agricultural systems and agricultural policy in each country. Responsible for designing the methodology (published as Agriculture and Policy, 1985).

UK/MAURITANIA
1980-81
August-April

The Cost and Value of European Community Food Aid, Mauritania
Study undertaken with Dr E J Clay (Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex) for the European Commission (see publications).

LANGUAGES:

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
French	Fair	Fair	
Indonesian	Basic		