

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

M.Sc., Agricultural Economics, Dec. 1986
Texas Tech University, Texas.
Major: Agricultural Economics (Econometrics)
Masters researches project “ Ethiopian Coffee and Its Allocation
In Quota and Non-quota Markets”.

B.Sc., Agricultural Economics, Feb. 1980
Addis Ababa University, Alemaya, Ethiopia
Major: Agricultural Economics.

Certificate, Strategies for Developing Agricultural Sector, July 1984,
Texas Tech University in co-operation with USDA and USAID

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Director General, (June 2006 – To date) Central Statistical Agency. Responsibilities:
Manages and directs the overall activities of the Agency including the huge operation of
the 2007 Population and Housing Census activities of the country. Promotes the
utilization of modern Information Communication Technology (ICT), Geographic

Information System (GIS), Remote Sensing and Global Positioning System (GPS) to improve the quality, reliability, timeliness and accessibility of the statistical data. Introduced and applied a new data capturing techniques i.e. scanning technology for the 2007 Population and Housing Census. Set up a steering committee to develop the National Strategy for Development of Statistics document and follow up the progress regularly. Lead and supervise the FAO/EC Food Security Information System Project that aims mainly to improve and harmonize agricultural statistics in particular and food security information system data in general.

A/General Manager, (Feb. 2004 – June 2006) Central Statistical Agency.
Responsibilities: Manages and directs the overall activities of the Agency including the preparatory activities of the 2007 Population and Housing Census.

Deputy General Manager, (Sept. 1993- Feb.2004) Central Statistical Authority.
Responsibilities: Coordinates and directs the day to day activities of Agricultural Statistics; Social and Housing Statistics; Industrial, Trade, Transport Communication and Financial Statistics and, Manpower, Price and Household Budget Statistics Departments. Approve the annual work programs of each department, monitor and evaluate the result of each survey. Prepare the required budget for each project/survey to be conducted. Approve the design and methods of different annual and special surveys in the field of social and economic statistics. Review and finalize reports on the findings of the survey results. Organize and participate in dissemination seminars on the findings of the survey results. Among others, projects that were undertaken and managed under my supervision in the past three years, (i.e. 2000-2003) were: Welfare (Poverty) Monitoring Survey (WMS); Household Income, Consumption and Expenditure Survey (HICES); Annual Agricultural Sample Survey; Annual Large and Medium Scale Manufacturing Survey; Monthly Urban and Rural Price Survey; Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), Survey of Child Labor, Small Scale Manufacturing Survey, Handicraft or Cottage Manufacturing Survey, Distributive Trade and Services Survey, Survey of Informal Sector and the first ever the 2001/2002 National Agricultural Sample Census.

I have prepared the project proposal for the 2001/02 National Agricultural Sample Census (NASC) and submitted to the government. Prepare the budget requirement that shows the contributions of both government and external sources. In cooperation with legal experts of the Ministry of Justice, I have participated in drafting the Agricultural Census Proclamation for the 2001/02 NASC and submitted to the Councils of Ministers for approval. I made the necessary arrangements to negotiate with USAID, DFID and EU Personnel to get financial and technical assistance for the first ever National Agricultural Census of Ethiopia and succeeded.

Headed a steering committee of the NASC and launched the preparatory activities such as preparation of census questionnaires, instruction manuals, ...etc. and conducted pretests in 1998/99 and two Pilot National Agricultural Sample Censuses in 1999/2000 and 2000/01. Finally, launched the actual fieldwork of NASC on September 2001 and completed successfully on June 2002. At the end of 2003 the preparation and publication of all Agricultural Census Reports for each regional state as well as country level are completed and dissemination of the data resulting from the census is underway. Organized a dissemination seminar on May 2004 to present and discuss on the findings of the Agricultural Census of Ethiopia.

I have been involved in the management of the Welfare Monitoring Survey Project starting from its inception as a project since 1994 and negotiated with the World Bank personnel up until implementing the project. After the project has been materialized we have conducted Welfare Monitoring Surveys for four years. This gave me an opportunity to take part in developing and adopting relevant methodologies for assessing and monitoring poverty profile of the country. Using the 1996,1997 and the 1998 WMS data I have prepared a multivariate analytical report on Poverty in Ethiopia that was presented on the Welfare Monitoring System Workshop in October 1999.

I have been involved in the undertaking the first ever-national Survey of Informal Sector. The survey was financially supported by ILO/UNDP and I have been negotiating the with ILO personnel for its implementation. After the survey result was published and

disseminated, I did some analytical work on the informal sector using the data obtained from the 1997 Survey of Informal Sector. The objective of the paper was to examine the state of informal sector and its role in the Ethiopian Economy and finally to forward some policy recommendations.

I also got an opportunity to participate in the National Network Advocacy Group, (NNAG), in a project Job for Africa- Poverty Reducing Employment Strategies for Sub-Saharan Africa (JFA-PRESSA). This program is an ILO-UNDP mandate emerging from the 1995 World Summit Declaration on productive employment and poverty eradication. JFA-PRESSA project was launched in Ethiopia on the 9th of Oct. 1998. I worked as a chairperson for the NNAG for about a year.

Consultant, Inter Africa Group, Addis Ababa. Conduct Public Opinion Survey on Social, Economic and Political Issues for Ethiopian Civic Organization including Peasant Associations. Responsibilities: review questionnaires designed by IAG and finalize the format on the content, prepare sample design and estimation procedures, prepare tabulation plan and present the results in IAG desired format, (July - Sept. 1994).

Expert Team Leader, (Oct. 1989-Sept. 1993) Agricultural Statistics Department, Central Statistical Authority. Responsibilities: directs and co-ordinates the activities of the livestock statistics team. In collaboration with other teams prepare the annual work programs. Prepared basic questionnaires, manual, analytical tables, train field staff annually as one of the major preparatory activities of the CSA prior to launching any socio-economic and demographic surveys. Follow and implement new techniques developed in the area of livestock statistics. Coordinates and controls the day to day activities of the team. Prepares and controls basic concepts and definitions concerning livestock surveys.

Consultant, African Business and Development Consult P. L. Co., Addis Ababa. Conduct a survey on impact assessment project of Rural Women's Affair Division (RWAD) in the rural areas of Ethiopia. Responsibilities: design questionnaires, prepare

sample design and estimation procedures and process the data for statistical analysis using SPSS software, interpret and write policy proposal and recommendations, (April 1993-Aug. 1993).

Consultant, World Food Program (WFP), Addis Ababa. Prepare the balance sheet analysis for national staple food crops of Ethiopia 1979-1992, (Oct.-Nov. 1992).

Consultant, Shawel Consult International, Addis Ababa. Conduct a domestic market study for Gode Agro-Industrial Project on selected Commodities, (Oct.-Nov. 1989).

Consultant, Shawel Consult International, Addis Ababa. Finalize the domestic market study of Gode Irrigation and Agro-Industrial Project, (Oct.-Nov. 1990).

Senior Statistician, Central Statistical Authority, Addis Ababa, Responsibilities: train field staff that are involved in collecting data and analyze the collected data to assess food situation in Ethiopia, participated in the development of different forecasting techniques for important food commodities, (March 1988 - Oct. 1989).

Research Assistant, (Jan. 1986-Aug. 1986) Texas Tech University, USA Responsibilities: collect and analyze data using mainframe and microcomputers on research project entitled “Yield Response for Cotton Project”.

Teaching Assistant, (Sept.-Dec. 1985) Texas Tech University, USA, Train students in microcomputer laboratory and grade assignments and exam papers.

Junior Statistician, (Feb. 1980-May 1984) Central Statistical Office, Addis Ababa. Responsibilities: designing questionnaires, organizing annual agricultural sample surveys, training of field supervisors and enumerators, supervising field work, preparing the report of the national agricultural statistics.

Special Skills:

- Use of Personal Computers for data processing and analysis.
- Full ability to operate the following software:
 1. Excel spread sheet

2. WordPerfect
3. Microsoft Word
4. SAS and SPSS
5. Fox pro programming

Membership of professional associations: -

- Member of Ethiopian Economic Association.
- Member of Agricultural Economics Society of Ethiopia.

Technical Papers:

1. “Allocation of Ethiopian Coffee Among Export Markets” College of Agricultural Science, Dept. of Economics, Texas Tech University, Dec. 1987, (Samia Z. Gutu and Sujit K. Roy).
2. “Policy Options for Ethiopian Coffee Exports” Center for Economic Research on Africa, Montclair State College Upper Montclair, N.J, Research Pub. No. 89.3 April 1989, (Samia Zekaria Gutu).
3. “Estimation of Selected Cereal Crops Production Using Regional Models (Shoa)”, Central Statistical Authority, Agricultural Statistics Department, Sept. 1989, (Samia Z. Gutu).
4. “Cereal Pulse and Oilseed Balance Sheet Analysis for Ethiopia 1979-1989”, Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, England, Commissioned Study No. 8, Sept. 1990 (Samia Gutu, Simon Maxwell and Lamber).
5. “Cereal Pulses and Oilseed Balance Sheet Analysis for Ethiopia 1979-1992 Updated”, World Food Program, Discussion Paper No. 4, June 1993, (Samia Z. Gutu).
6. “Human Resources and Intensive Agriculture in Ethiopia: Problems and Prospects”, Proceedings of the Second Conference of the Agricultural Economics 3-4 October 1996 (Samia Zekaria and Wubshet Abebe)

7. “Agricultural Information System in Ethiopia, Historical Perspective” Paper Prepared for the Workshop National Agricultural Information System in Ethiopia, Organized by MoA and UNDP from Oct. 27-31, 1997, Addis Ababa (Samia Zekaria Gutu)
8. “The state of Informal Sector and Its Role in the Ethiopian Economy” Commissioned paper for Inter Africa Group, April 1998, Addis Ababa, (Samia Zekaria Gutu)
9. “Poverty in Ethiopia: Multivariate Analysis” Paper Prepared for the Workshop on Welfare Monitoring System organized by MEDaC and CSA from Oct.29-30,1999, Debre Ziet (Samia Zekaria)
10. “Review of Farm Data System in Ethiopia” Country Study Commissioned by FAO and Presented at the Farm Data System Review Workshop, 26-28 September, 2001 Harare, Zimbabwe, (Samia Zekaria)
11. “Gender in National Statistical Surveys in Ethiopia” Commissioned by Forum for Social Studies, Presented at Gender Policy Dialogue Workshop, 6 December, 2002 , (Samia Zekaria)
12. “Production and Productivity of Pulse Crops in Ethiopia” Proceedings of the Workshop on Food and Forage Legumes, 22-26 September, 2003 (Samia Zekaria)
13. “Multivariate discriminant analysis: Participation in the new extension package and its effectiveness on crop productivity in Oromia Region” Proceedings of a Workshop on the Ethiopian Agricultural Sample Enumeration In-depth Analysis, 6th June 2005 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Samia Zekaria and Habekristos Beyene)
14. “Productivity and efficiency of Agricultural Extension Package in Ethiopia” Ethiopian Development Research Institute, Research Report V, August 2006, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Gezahegn Ayele, Mekonnen Bekele and Samia Zekaria)