

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR TARUVINGA LAMENT MAGWIROTO

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SUMMARY

Taruvinga is a Zimbabwean man of 15 years' experience in rural extension and training, with special interest in programme design for participation and inclusion in rural development. He has a master's degree in Communication for Development from the University of Reading, UK; a bachelor's degree in Adult Education and diploma in Animal Sciences. Taruvinga has worked in Zimbabwe for the Ministry of Agriculture and the University of Zimbabwe. He is also the founder and editor at www.livestockmatters.blog, and keen to further explore the potential of ICTs for equitable rural development.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Rural development: 15 years' experience in livestock extension, education and research.
- Adult Education and Human Resource Development.
- Extension programme design and evaluation; innovation facilitation.
- Knowledge of Communication for development- social and behaviour change; ICT4D.
- Project management and research.
- Writing and editing expertise; Administrator @ www.livestockmatters.blog.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Technician (Animal House Unit) - University of Zimbabwe: Jan 2010 - Present

Main duties: Overall management of Unit; animal welfare; extension/training; research facilitation.

Senior Trainer/Lecturer - Department of Agricultural Education, Zimbabwe: Jan 2006 - Dec 2009

Main duties: Teaching certificate and diploma level agricultural/extension-training courses; supervision of staff; outreach work.

Veterinary Extension Assistant – Ministry of Agriculture, Zimbabwe: Feb 2005 - Dec 2005

Main duties: Farmer training; animal disease surveillance; community outreach work.

Other: Founder, Administrator and Editor at www.livestockmatters.blog, a website that publishes educational and informational resources to support small scale livestock farmers.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

MSc. Communication for Development, University of Reading: UK (2018-2019) Merit.

Thesis: Supporting rural development process in a digitalising world: Intermediation within farming-oriented WhatsApp Groups in post land reform Zimbabwe.

Major courses: Principles and Practices of Development; Communication Design for Development; Participatory Interventions in Development; Agriculture in the Tropics.

B. Adult Education, University of Zimbabwe (2013-2017) 1st Class.

Thesis: Training needs assessment of Veterinary Extension Assistants in management of tick-borne diseases: the case of final-year in-service Diploma class at Mazowe Veterinary College, January 2017.

Major Courses: Programme Planning and Evaluation; Community Development; Research Methods.

Dip. Adult Education, University of Zimbabwe (2011-2013) Merit.

Dip. Animal Health and Production, Mazowe Veterinary College: Zimbabwe (2003-2005) Merit.

Major courses: Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology of Animals; Livestock Production & Management.

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