

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### BIODATA

**FIRST NAME:** REBBIE  
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**DATE OF BIRTH:** 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1971  
**SEX:** FEMALE  
**MARITAL STATUS:** MARRIED  
**DISTRICT OF ORIGIN:** CHIRADZULU  
**NATIONALITY:** MALAWIAN  
**RELIGION:** CHRISTIANITY

### EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SCHOOL ATTENDED</b>	<b>QUALIFICATION ATTAINED</b>
1997	Bunda College of Agriculture University of Malawi	Master of Science Degree in Agronomy (Agroforestry option)
1995	Bunda College of Agriculture University of Malawi	Bachelor of Science Degree in Crop Science (with credit)
1993	Bunda College of Agriculture University of Malawi	Diploma in Agriculture (with credit)

### JOB EXPERIENCE

August 1998 up-to-date: **On-farm Research Officer with SADC-ICRAF  
Zambezi Basin Agroforestry Project in Malawi**

My duties are as follows:

- Designing, implementation and evaluation of agroforestry research technologies for increasing crop production. In all the three stages I work together with all agroforestry stakeholders including policy makers and the farmers.
- Screening of multipurpose tree species and leguminous crops for soil fertility replenishment. So far the species that have proven to be suitable for our country include *Gliricidia sepium*, *Sesbania sesban*, *Tephrosia vogelii* and *Cajanus cajan*.
- Facilitation of farmer/community research groups
- Setting farmer research priorities and analysing farmer feedback
- Appraisal of indigenous knowledge and farmer practices
- Monitoring and evaluation of agroforestry technology impact
- Supervision of agronomic field operations which includes assessment of crop yield responses in a particular agroforestry system
- Supervision of a team of ten field technicians who are currently working with 10,000 farmers countrywide.

- Data collection, management, analysis and presentation of the results to conferences, workshops and symposiums.
- Conducting workshops for and field days
- Writing of annual program of work and budgets for on-farm research work for Malawi.
- Writing of project proposals and annual reports
- Publishing of results

**1998 (June-September): Assistant Consultant at the National Research Council of Malawi**

- Consolidating information for developing a National Agriculture Research Master Plan. During the course of my work I worked with different agricultural stakeholders where we were identifying the gaps in the agriculture sector and then coming up with ways of filling those gaps.

**1997-1998 Research Associate at CIMMYT-Soil Fertility Network**

- My work involved planning and implementation of organic/inorganic nutrient interaction trials for maize production. The research trials I conducted exposed me to soil analysis in the laboratory. These trials were conducted in collaboration with Bunda College under the University of Malawi.

**1997- 1999: Collaborator at ICRISAT**

- During the course of my work I collaborated soil fertility trials both on-station and on-farm. I conducted research trials like evaluation of pigeon pea and groundnut varieties for dry areas.

**1995 (August-October) Food Aid Monitor with World Food Programme**

- My work involved monitoring and evaluation of food for work projects in districts of Mchinji, Lilongwe, Ntchisi, Dowa and Kasungu in Malawi. I worked with community development projects, vulnerable group (women and children) projects and schools feeding projects.

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**1995 (July-August ) Sub-Project Supervisor with SADC-ICRAF**

- Identifying problem -and-cause relationships among smallholder farmers using PRA tools

**1993-1994 (July-October) Data collector and Analyst at GIARA-White Fly Project in Zomba**

- Data collection and data analysis on plant protection

## **PUBLICATIONS**

1. **PHIRI R** and FA Akinnifesi (2000) Farmers' perception of two agroforestry species and their contributions to soil fertility replenishment in Malawi. Proceedings annual scientific conference, MIM Lilongwe, Malawi, 6-10 November 2000 (in press)
2. **PHIRI R** and A BOEHRINGER (2000). Using biomass transfer in vegetable production. *Living with trees in Southern Africa*. Number 4 (September, 2000): 11-12
3. **PHIRI R** and J MAKINA (2000). From Farmer to 'Mlangizi' advisor. *Living with trees in southern Africa*. Number 4 (September, 2000): 19-20
4. **PHIRI R**, SNAPP and GY KANYAMA-PHIRI (1999) Soil nitrate in relation to nitrogen source and landscape position in Malawi. *Agroforestry systems* 47:253-362.
5. SNAPP, S., **R. PHIRI** and A. MOYO (1999) Soil fertility Experimentation and recommendations for drought-prone regions of Zimbabwe and Malawi. Proceedings of Risk Project Stakeholder Workshop. October, 1997, Kadoma, Zimbabwe
6. BOEHRINGER, A., J.A. MAGHEMBE AND **R. PHIRI**. (1999) The use of *Tephrosia vogelii* Hook F. for soil fertility replenishment in maize-based cropping systems of southern Malawi. *Forest farm and community Tree Research Reports* 4.
7. **PHIRI R** (1998) Undersowing maize with *Sesbania sesban* in Southern Malawi. Soil Fertility Research for maize-based farming systems in Malawi and Zimbabwe, Proceedings of the soil fertility Network Results and Planning Workshop. 7-11 July 1997, Mutare, Zimbabwe.
8. **PHIRI R** (1997) Optimal combinations of organic and inorganic nitrogen sources. In Target Newsletter, CIMMYT-Soil Fertility Network. Issue No. 12 pp5.
9. **PHIRI R** (1997) Nitrogen budgeting and dynamics in a maize cropping system involving multipurpose tree species (Msc Thesis) Bunda College, University of Malawi.
- 10. PHIRI R** (1995) Evaluation and characterization of local popcorn collections (Bsc. Project paper), Bunda College, University of Malawi.

## **COMPUTER LITERACY**

1. Microsoft Excel 5.0
2. Microsoft word for windows 2000
3. Lotus 1-2-3 Release 5

4. Word Perfect 6.0/6.1
5. Microsoft Power-Point
6. SAS Package
7. M-STAT Package
8. SPSS

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1999-up to date: Task Force Team Leader for On-farm Research, SADC-ICRAF Malawi
- 1999 (July-September) Acting Project Leader for SADC-ICRAF, Malawi.
- 1995-1997: Bible Study Chairperson for Post-graduate Students, Bunda College
- 1994-1995: Secretary for Bunda College Student's Publications, Bunda College
- 1993-1994: Tuckshop Representative, Bunda College
- 1992-1994: Captain for Bunda College Volleyball Ladies Team, Bunda College
- 1992-1993: Executive committee member, Wild Life Club, Bunda College

### **FORUMS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

- 2000-August: Southern Africa Afrena Managers Retreat Workshop, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 1999-July: Southern Africa Afrena Annual Planning workshop, Mangochi, Malawi
- 1998-October: Forum On-agricultural Resource Husbandry Workshop, Harare, Zimbabwe
- 1997-January: Africa crop Science Conference, Pretoria, South Africa
- 1997-October: Risk Project Stakeholder meetings, Kadoma, Zimbabwe
- 1997-March: ICRAF Short-term Improved Fallow Symposium held in Lilongwe

### **TRAINING ATTENDANCE**

- 2000-June: Community-based Resource Management training, Zomba, Malawi
- 1999-November: On-farm- Participatory Research training workshop in Chipata, Zambia
- 1999-October: Results-Based Management training workshop in Harare, Zimbabwe
- 1999-July: Data analysis training workshop in Nairobi, Kenya
- 1999-September: Monitoring and evaluation training workshop in Mangochi in Malawi
- 1997- July Crop Modeling training workshop in Harare in Zimbabwe.
- 1998-September: Risk Modeling training workshop in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

## **HOBBIES**

1. Traveling to new places
2. Reading Spiritual books
3. Listening to gospel music
4. Playing volleyball and basketball

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