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PROFILE

I am an aspiring and avid researcher with interests in using cutting-edge causal inference techniques to unveil solutions for research problems at the intersection of natural resource economics, agriculture, and nutrition. I am passionate about data, facts and figures to address global social challenges and curious about new ideas and approaches. I have more than five years of experience in research, project planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Sex : Male
Nationality : Malawian
Language skills : Chichewa (Native); English (C1); German (A2.1-Intermittent User)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

PhD. Applied Microeconomics (2025 – 2028)

Technical University of Munich (TUM), Munich, Germany.

MSc. Agricultural and Food Economics (2025)

University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany.

BSc. Agri-business Management (2014)

University of Malawi- Bunda College of Agriculture, Lilongwe, Malawi.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Data management and analysis using STATA & R (advanced proficiency), Python & GAMS (intermediate), and JavaScript for Google Earth Engine, QGIS & Github (Basic level).
- MS office (advanced proficiency), LaTeX, Quarto, and Markdown (intermediate).
- Mobile data collections tools: ODK, Survey CTO, and Kobo Toolbox (advanced proficiency).

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS

2025	€3,250 Degree Completion Scholarship Award (STIBET I). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funder: The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
2025	€725 Travel Grant to Tanzania for 2025 ANH Academy conference. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funder: University of Bonn Foundation/Bonner Universitätsstiftung
2024	€1,000 Training sponsorship for “ <i>Impact Evaluation of Development Policies: Concepts, Methods and Applications</i> ” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funder: The Italian Centre for International Development
2018	\$10,000 Grant for Research on Youth Engagement in African Agribusiness and Rural Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funder: The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
2017	\$2,000 Research grant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funder: African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dec, 2025 - Present	<i>Research Associate/Doctoral Researcher</i> , Chair of Production and Resource Economics, Technical University of Munich (TUM), Munich, Germany.
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March – Dec, 2025	<i>Graduate Student Assistant</i> , Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn, Germany.
Nov, 2023-Sept, 2025	<i>Graduate Research Assistant</i> , Institute for Food and Resource Economics (ILR) - University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany.
Jan, 2024-Feb, 2025	<i>Student Assistant</i> , Institute for Environmental Sciences (iES), University of Kaiserslautern-Landau, Germany.
Oct, 2024-Jan, 2025	<i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i> , Institute of Applied Microeconomics-University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany.
April, 2021-Oct, 2023	<i>Monitoring and Evaluation, Communications and Visibility Officer</i> , Afikepo Programme Management Unit, Lilongwe, Malawi.
Sept, 2019-March, 2021	<i>Programme Officer-Monitoring and Evaluation, Communications and Visibility</i> , Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Lilongwe, Malawi.
Jan, 2019-Aug, 2019	<i>Trainer</i> , Community Finance Limited, Lilongwe, Malawi.
July, 2018-Jan, 2019	<i>Research Fellow</i> , International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Lilongwe, Malawi.
Jan, 2017 - Aug, 2018	<i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i> , Luanar - Bunda Campus, Lilongwe, Malawi.
Feb-June, 2018	<i>Data Analyst</i> , DHN Consulting Firm, Lilongwe, Malawi.
Oct, 2015 - Aug 2016	<i>Data Management Consultant</i> , FHI 360, Lilongwe, Malawi.
June, 2014 - Sept, 2015	<i>Intern-Data Management</i> , National Smallholder Farmers Association of Malawi; and University of Edinburg, Lilongwe and Zomba, Malawi.

PUBLICATIONS

- Tabe-Ojong, M. P. Jr., **Tolani, E.**, & Molua, E. L. (2025). Rolling Back the Tides: Impact of Droughts on Crop Diversification and Cropland Expansion. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 103260. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeem.2025.103260>

WORKING PAPERS

- Smallholder Livestock Commercialization and Dietary Diversity: Panel data evidence from Zambia (with Martin Tabe-Ojong and Ababayehu Geffersa). *Under Review* in World Development.
- Impact of youth migration on the welfare of originating households in Malawi (*Under preparation for publication*).

INVITED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- **2025:** [Agriculture, Nutrition & Health Academy Week conference](#), Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

MEMBERSHIP

- [European Association of Agricultural Economists](#), since 2025.

REFEREES

Available upon request