

## CURRICULUM VITAE -NATHANIEL MENSAH ODUM

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<p>2. Academic Qualifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Institution:</b> Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi  <b>Degree:</b> M.Phil. Natural Resource and Environmental Governance (NREG)  <b>Date:</b> August, 2013–November, 2017.</li> <li>• <b>Institution:</b> Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi  <b>Degree:</b> BSc. Forest Resources Technology  <b>Date:</b> August, 2008–May, 2012</li> </ul>
<p>3. Work Experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>March, 2021-Present: Senior Research Assistant</b>, Bureau of Integrated Rural Development (BIRD), KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana. Main duties include supporting research activities and community engagement work of BIRD.</li> <li>• <b>September 2015 – February, 2021: Research Assistant (Voluntary)</b>, Bureau of Integrated Rural Development (BIRD), KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana. Main duties include supporting research and community engagement work of BIRD.</li> <li>• <b>September 2018-July 2019: Casual Worker (Facilities Manager)</b>, Bureau of Integrated Rural Development (BIRD), KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana. Responsible for managing ICIL, KNUST facility building.</li> <li>• <b>September, 2012-August, 2013: Field Assistant</b>, Forestry Commission, Juaso District, Ashanti Region. Main duties include Field data collection; Data entry &amp; analysis; Field monitoring; Administration functions</li> <li>• <b>June 2010 –August 2010: Project Assistant</b>, Forestry Research Institute of Ghana (C.S.I.R) Kumasi, Ghana. Main duties include Field data collection; Data entry &amp; analysis; Laboratory specimen preparation; Laboratory data collection; Laboratory data analysis</li> </ul>
<p>4. Professional Member Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Staff Association of Ghana (KNUST-Chapter)</li> <li>• International Society of Tropical Foresters (ISTF), Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD, USA</li> <li>• International Society of Tropical Foresters (ISTF), Ghana Chapter</li> <li>• Sustainable Development Students Association of Ghana, KNUST (SDSAG-KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana</li> </ul>
<p>5. Areas of Interest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and Data Management</li> <li>• Natural Resource Management</li> <li>• Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Livelihood Improvement</li> <li>• Environmental Law &amp; Policy</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder Engagement</li> <li>• Environmental Governance</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• ITC</li> </ul>
6. Core and Technical Experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Research Background</li> <li>• Good Presentation Skills</li> <li>• Training of Field Staff/Survey Personnel</li> <li>• Preparation of Expression of Interest (EOI)</li> <li>• Writing of Technical Proposals</li> <li>• Writing of Technical Reports</li> <li>• Facilities Management</li> <li>• Strong Computing/IT Skills</li> <li>• Use of Statistical Packages (eg. SPSS)</li> <li>• Research and Referencing Packages (eg. Endnote and Medley)</li> </ul>
7. Professional Competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loyalty/Commitment</li> <li>• Transparency</li> <li>• Effective Team Work</li> <li>• Drive (Results-oriented)</li> <li>• Leadership</li> <li>• Time Management and Flexibility</li> <li>• Communication Skills</li> </ul>
8. Teaching/Training Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training Workshop Facilitated/Seminar Participation:</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Typical cases:</b></p> <p><b>1. Programme:</b> Training of Mastercard Foundation Students workshop at KNUST  <b>Date:</b> October, 2022  <b>Role(s):</b> Trainer  <b>Activities:</b> prepared workshop materials, presented and facilitated discussion, conducted end-of-workshop evaluation</p> <p><b>2. Programme:</b> Training of workshop participants on landscape planning and governance of greater Kumasi at Fumesua, Kumasi  <b>Date:</b> November, 2021  <b>Role(s):</b> Trainer  <b>Activities:</b> assisted planning activities, prepared workshop materials, facilitated discussion, conducted end-of-workshop evaluation</p> <p><b>3. Programme:</b> Training of Mastercard Foundation Student workshop at KNUST  <b>Date:</b> August, 2021  <b>Role(s):</b> Trainer  <b>Activities:</b> prepared workshop materials, presented and facilitated discussion, conducted end-of-workshop evaluation</p> <p><b>4. Programme:</b> Training of Field staff of the International Cocoa Initiative (ICI) in Kumasi  <b>Date:</b> May, 2021  <b>Role(s):</b> Trainer  <b>Activities:</b> prepared workshop materials, presented and facilitated discussion, conducted end-of-workshop evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training Research Field Staff or Personnel</b>  <b>Date:</b> October, 2017 to data (current)</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Role(s):</b> Trainer  <b>Activities:</b> preparation of field training materials, presentation and facilitation discussion</p>
<p>9. Technical Reports Produced</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Owusu-Addo E., Bonuedi I., Yeboah T., Addison M., Sarfo-Mensah P., Wadei B., Arhin A. A., <b>Mensah-Odum N.</b>, Tetteh R. O. (2023). Socio-economic Impact of Guinness Ghana's Local Raw Material Sourcing. Prepared by the Bureau of Integrated Rural Development, KNUST, for GGB PLC.</li> <li>2. Owusu-Addo E., Addison M., Yeboah T., Wadei B., Bonuedi I., Arhin A., Sarfo-Mensah P., <b>Mensah-Odum N.</b>, Tetteh R. O., Fiscian B. (2023). Endline Evaluation of the Ghana Agriculture Sector Improvement Programme. Prepared by the Bureau of Integrated Rural Development, KNUST, for GASIP.</li> <li>3. Owusu-Addo E., Sarfo-Mensah P., Bonuedi I., Arhin A., Yeboah T., Addison M., Wadei B., <b>Mensah-Odum N.</b>, Tetteh R. O. (2023). Baseline Survey of the COVID-19 Relief and Resilience Grants. Washington, D.C.: United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Prepared by Bureau of Integrated Rural Development, KNUST for Palladium International under the Ghana MFA Activity.</li> <li>4. Owusu-Addo E., Bonuedi I., Wadei, B., Yeboah T., <b>Mensah-Odum N.</b>, Tetteh R.O. (2023). Assessing the Impact of Post-Production Infrastructure on Women's Economic Empowerment and Access to Nutritious Diets Among Female Legume Growers and Processors in Northern Ghana. Washington, D.C.: International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED). Prepared by Bureau of Integrated Rural Development, KNUST for ICED</li> <li>5. Owusu-Addo, E., Yeboah, T., Arhin, A.A., <b>Mensah-Odum, N.</b>, Antoh, E.F., Manu, A., &amp; King, R. (2022). Mid-Term Evaluation of the United Nations Joint Programme on Empowering Adolescent Girls through Improved Access to Reproductive Health Education and Rights-Based Quality Sexual and Reproductive Health Services in Ghana. Submitted to UNFPA &amp; UNICEF.</li> <li>6. Owusu-Addo, E., Amisah, S., Arhin, A. A., Sarfo-Mensah, P., Amo, S.Y., &amp; <b>Mensah-Odum, N.</b> (2022). Performance Evaluation of the Sustainable Fisheries Management Project. Submitted to USAID.</li> <li>7. Owusu-Addo, E., Owusu-Addo, S. B., <b>Mensah-Odum, N.</b>, Khan, M. R., Deliege, A., &amp; Bansal V. (2022). The Impact of COVID-19 on Adolescent Girls' Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: A Mixed-Method Study. Submitted to UNICEF Ghana.</li> <li>8. Owusu-Addo, E., Yeboah, T. <b>Mensah-Odum, N.</b>, &amp; Arhin, A.A. (2022). An Assessment of Child Labor Monitoring and Remediation Systems (CLMRS) in Three Selected Cocoa Cooperatives in Ashanti Region. Submitted to WinRock International.</li> </ol>
<p>10. Journal Articles</p>	<p>Owusu-Addo, E., Owusu-Addo, S. B., Bennor, D. M., <b>Mensah-Odum, N.</b>, Deliege, A., Bansal, A., &amp; Odame, J. (2023). Prevalence and determinants of sexual abuse among adolescent girls during the COVID-19 lockdown and school closures in Ghana: A mixed method study. <i>Child Abuse &amp; Neglect</i>, 135: 105997.  <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2022.105997">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2022.105997</a></p> <p><b>Mensah-Odum, N.</b>, Sarfo-Mensah, P., &amp; Antoh, E. F. (2023). Institutional Response to Mining in Forest Reserves in Ghana: A Case Study of the Atewa Range Forest Reserve. <i>British Journal of Healthcare and Medical Research</i>, Vol - 10(6). 10-24.  <a href="https://DOI:10.14738/bjhm.106.15703">https://DOI:10.14738/bjhm.106.15703</a></p>

<p>10. Assignments Undertaken/ Research Experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Name: Final Evaluation of UNFPA/UNICEF Joint Programme on Empowering Adolescent Girls through Improved Access to Reproductive Health Education and Rights-Based Quality Sexual Reproductive Health Services in Ghana Date: October, 2023 Role(s): Regional Team Leader Activities: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Interview data collection Output: Data Cleaning, Data Analysis, Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>• Project Name: Assessment of Socio-Economic Impact of Guinness Ghana's Local Raw Material Sourcing Date: October, 2023 Role(s): Regional Team Leader Activities: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Interview data collection Output: Data Cleaning, Data Analysis, Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>• Project Name: Child labour and Forced labour Prevention and Remediation Programme for Ivorian and Ghanaian Cocoa Small Producer Organizations Date: September, 2023 Role(s): Regional Team Leader Activities: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Interview data collection Output: Data Cleaning, Data Analysis, Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>• Project Name: Endline Evaluation of the Ghana Agriculture Sector Improvement Programme Date: April-May, 2023 Role(s): Regional Team Leader Activities: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Interview data collection Output: Data Cleaning, Data Analysis, Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>• Project Name: Baseline Survey of the COVID-19 Relief and Resilience Grants Date: April-May, 2023 Role(s): Regional Team Leader Activities: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Interview data collection Output: Data Cleaning, Data Analysis, Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>• Project Name: Assessing the Impact of Post-Production (Processing) Infrastructure on Women's Economic Empowerment and Access to Nutritious Diets among Female Legume Growers in Northern Ghana Date: February-March, 2023 Role(s): Regional Deputy Team Leader Activities: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Interview data collection Output: Data Cleaning, Data Analysis, Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>• Project Name: Ghana Market Systems and Resilience (MSR) Activity</li> </ul>
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	<p>Date: October-November, 2022  Role(s): Deputy Team Leader  Activities: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Interview data collection  Output: Data Cleaning, Data Analysis, Writing of Technical Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Name: GIZ Survey for Perception of use of Digital Technology in Rural Ghana  Date: August, 2022  Role(s): Research Team Member  Activities/Inputs: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Interview data collection  Output: Data Cleaning, Data Analysis, Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>Project Name: Assessment of Child Labour Monitoring and Remediation Systems (CLMRS) in Cocoa Cooperatives and Facilitation of Cocoa Cooperatives' Self-Assessment  Date: March, 2022  Role(s): Research Team Member  Activities/Inputs: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews  Output: Transcription of interviews; Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>Project Name: Empowering Adolescent Girls Through Improved Access to Reproductive Health Education and Rights-Based Quality Sexual and Reproductive Health Services in Ghana  Date: August, 2021  Role(s): Team Supervisor  Activities/Inputs: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration  Output: Data Input; Data Cleaning; Analysis of Field Data; Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>Project Name: The Performance Evaluation of The Sustainable Fisheries Management Project (SFMP)  Date: September, 2021  Role(s): Team Supervisor  Activities/Inputs: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development  Output: Data Input; Data Cleaning; Analysis of Field Data; Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>Project Name: Follow-up survey: Prevalence of Child Labour in the cocoa sectors of Asunafo and Suhum Districts of Ghana  Date: June, 2021  Role(s): Team Supervisor  Activities/Inputs: Planning data collection; Training field personnel; Software questionnaire development  Output: Data Input; Data Cleaning; Analysis of Field Data; Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>Project Name: Facilitating Children's Participation in Nestle Cocoa Supply Chain  Date: January, 2021  Role(s): Team Supervisor</li> </ul>
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Activities/Inputs: Planning data collection; Software questionnaire development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of EnumeratorRespondent Interviews; Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration  
Output: Data Input; Data Cleaning; Analysis of Field Data; Writing of Technical Report

- Project Name: End-line Evaluation: Partnership for Accelerated Local Economic Development in Brong Ahafo.  
Date: August, 2020  
Role(s): Team Supervisor  
Activities/Inputs: Planning data collection; Software data development; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Conducting Key Informant Interviews; Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration  
Output: Data Input; Data Cleaning; Analysis of Field Data; Writing of Technical Report; Writing Field Reports
- Project Name: Baseline Survey for Promoting Employment Opportunities for Youth Project  
Date: November 2019.  
Role(s): Zonal team leader  
Activities/Output: Planning data collection; Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Conducting Key Informant Interviews; Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration
- Project Name: GGBL-Follow-up Studies on Impact Assessment of Local Raw Material Sourcing (LRMS)  
Date: September 2019.  
Role(s): Field Supervisor  
Activities: Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Conducting Key Informant Interviews; Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration  
Output: Data Cleaning; Analysis of Field Data; Writing of Technical Report; Writing Field Reports
- Project Name: Child Prevalence Survey (International Cocoa Initiative ICI)  
Date: June-July, 2019.  
Role(s): Field Supervisor  
Activities: Coordination of Enumerators; Facilitation of Enumerator-Respondent Interviews; Conducting Key Informant Interviews; Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration  
Output: Data Cleaning; Analysis of Field Data; Writing of Technical Report; Writing Field Reports.
- Project Name: Enabling Policy and Legislative Framework for Development of an Agricultural Insurance Policy to Facilitate the Provision of Agricultural Insurance in Ghana  
Date: May, 2019.  
Role(s): Field Supervisor  
Activities: Conducting Key Informant Interviews and Focus Group Discussion; Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration,  
Output: Analysis of Field Data; Writing of Technical Report; Organization and Coordination of Institutional and Key Informant Interviews.
- Project Name: International Cocoa Initiative: Improving the Protectiveness of cocoa-growing communities  
Date: March, 2019.  
Role(s): Field Supervisor

	<p>Activities: Facilitation of Key Informant Interviews and Focus Group Discussions Output: Writing of Technical Report, Transcription of voice interviews.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Name: Assessment of the Performance of Private Sector Investment in Agriculture in Ghana Date: January, 2018 Role(s): Field Supervisor Activities: Conducting Key Informant Interviews and Focus Group Discussions; Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration Output: Analysis of Field Data; Writing of Technical Report</li> <li>• Project Name: Feed the Future Ghana Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (AgNRM) Project Baseline Survey conducted in the three Northern Regions Date: October, 2017. Role(s): Assistant Supervisor, Field Enumerator Activities: Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration; Conducting Key Informant Interviews and Focus Group Discussion Output: Transcription of voice interviews and Writing of Field Reports</li> <li>• Project Name: Local Raw Material Sourcing (LRMS) Impact Assessment Survey Conducted In the Volta, Eastern, Central and Ashanti Regions Date: July, 2017 Role: Assistant Supervisor, Field Enumerator Activity: Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration; Conducting Key Informant Interviews and Focus Group Discussion Output: Transcription of voice interviews and Writing of Field Reports</li> <li>• Project Name: Rubber Seedlings Value Chain and Market Analysis in Ghana Project Date: February, 2017 Role: Field Enumerator Activity Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration Output: Transcription of voice interviews and Writing of Field Reports</li> <li>• Project Name: Internal Performance Assessment Survey for the USAID-FinGAP (Financing Ghana Agriculture Project) in the three Northern Regions of Ghana Date: October, 2016 Role: Field Enumerator Activity: Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration Output: Writing of Field Reports</li> <li>• Project Name: Baseline survey under the Food for Progress Poultry Value Chain of selected Poultry Farms for United States Department for Agriculture (USDA-USAID) Feed the Future (FtF) Agricultural program in Ghana Date: July, 2016 Role: Field Enumerator Activity: Tablet Software Questionnaire Administration Output: Writing of Field Reports</li> <li>• Project Name: Africa Rice Project in Atwima Nwabiagya District, Ashanti Region. Date: February, 2016 Role: Field Supervisor and Enumerator Activity: Questionnaire administration, Focus group discussion, key informant, GPS data collection Output: Transcription of voice interviews and Writing of Field Reports</li> <li>• Project Name: Africa Rice Project in Kassena Nankana District, Upper East Region. Date: December, 2015</li> </ul>
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	<p>Role: Field Enumerator  Activity: Questionnaire administration, Focus group discussion, key informant, GPS data collection  Output: Transcription of voice interviews and Writing of Field Reports</p>
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