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WORK HISTORY

Short-term Contracts, 2000 - present Statistician, sample survey specialist. Technical and logistics support for household surveys, including household budget surveys (HBS), living standards measurement surveys (LSMS), skills measurement surveys, education and health surveys; and for employer surveys.

Consultant to:
World Bank, Washington DC.

Selected projects:

- **Swaziland** Project manager for the World Bank assistance to Swaziland for the 2015-2016 Swaziland Income and Expenditure Survey. Developed a detailed chart of activities, an optimized field work organizational plan, supervision process, led development of questionnaire using best international practices field tested, designed training materials and led Train the Trainer program. Will participate in interviewer training and technical assistance and QA during fieldwork. June 2015- ongoing.
- **Botswana** Multi-Topic household Survey 2015-16 June 2015. Technical assistance for the survey, including pretesting, questionnaire finalization, development of training plan and materials, and led Train the Trainer program. Spring 2015 - ongoing
- **Multi-country** Skills Measurement Research Study (STEP): Survey expert for this multi-country project in 18 countries in three waves [Wave 1 in 2011-2012 (Laos, Vietnam, China, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Bolivia, Colombia, Ghana), Wave 2 in 2012-13 (Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Macedonia, Kenya, El Salvador), and Wave 3 countries in 2015-16 (Kosovo, Philippines, Serbia, Bosnia)]. Helped to develop, then pilot tested the questionnaires, developed training materials and led Train the Trainer courses. Provided field technical assistance throughout.. The project has two surveys – one for households /selected working age individual to assess skill sets, including an extended education module and a reading assessment module; and an enterprise survey to examine skill needs and mismatches. June 2011- ongoing.
- **Myanmar** Poverty and Living Conditions Survey 2014/15. Led field test of the draft questionnaire, modified and finalized. Developed fieldwork organizational plan, training materials and led Train the Trainer and participated in full interviewer training. Led development of the interviewer manual and community questionnaire manual. 2014-15
- **Namibia** Worked with National Statistics Office to modify their household budget survey to include living standards modules and consumption modules, and plan for training and launch of a one-year survey to begin in early 2015. Met with stakeholders, modified and adapted questionnaire and created print-ready version. June-September 2014
- **Timor Leste** Provided technical assistance for the 2014-15 Household Living Standards Measurement survey. Helped in questionnaire development, wrote the interviewer manual, assisted in piloting and training and in the first days of fieldwork. March –October 2014.
- **Yemen:** Provided technical assistance for the Household Budget Survey, (which includes living standard and extensive labour modules) in questionnaire design, fieldwork scheduling including field revisits to households, training plan for the 100 interviewers and 60 team and area supervisors. Conducted pilot test of the questionnaire and led the revision of the questionnaire. Summer, fall 2010, and

restarted project in spring 2013 with questionnaire and training development. Conducted the Training of Trainers, and visited to assess progress during field work which began in January 2014. June 2013- May 2014.

- **Lesotho:** Provided technical assistance for a household survey with an extended education module, and a survey of enterprises, to determine education and training needs, for the Ministry of Education and Training, Kingdom of Lesotho. Two missions, Dec 2010 and April 2011.
- **Chad:** Helped CSO team to revamp and rewrite questionnaires to be more efficient to administer, while maintaining compatibility with an earlier HBS. Worked with team to design training and fieldwork plans. March 2011.
- **Turkey:** Questionnaire design for a baseline survey for the evaluation of the impact of vocational training programs provided by the Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR). Spring 2010.
- **Algeria:** Worked with National Statistics office (ONS) to add living standard modules to the household budget survey (Enquête Nationale sur les Dépenses de Consommation des Ménages et leur Niveau de Vie) conducted every 10 years. Worked on sampling and field management plans. Spring & summer 2010.
- **Bulgaria.** Household Survey on the effects of the economic crisis. Developed questionnaire (with a view to conducting future panel surveys), sampling plan, and led enumerator training with partner agency Open Society , Bulgaria. Late 2009, early 2010.
- **Papua New Guinea.** Household Income and Expenditure Survey, Support to the administration and field work for 16 month survey that began July 2009, 20 field teams. Summer 2009- ongoing.
- **Ukraine:** Support for evaluation of primary health care system through household survey and primary care provider survey. Questionnaire design, sampling frame. 4 missions 2008-2009.
- **Moldova:** support to MOH for health questionnaire to be administered to individuals to provide a baseline for the health provider situation. 2 missions 2008.
- **Slovakia:** Fieldwork planning, questionnaire assistance, pilot testing, sample selection for survey on living conditions of Roma households, Slovakia, fall 2004 - spring 2005
- **Malawi:** Training of enumerators, selection of sample households, field work supervision, documentation of sample selection and fieldwork processes, Malawi Integrated Household Surveys, in spring 2004 and spring 2010.
- **Tonga:** Organization of a household health survey in Kingdom of Tonga: questionnaire development, field work organization and supervision, enumerator training including writing enumerator manual, supervision of data entry program, 2003.
- **Albania:** Assistance in development, and piloting of survey questionnaires. Field work management and data entry support, Albania 2002 Living Standards Measurement Surveys (LSMS), January – July 2002, and panel survey February-June 2003, April – June 2004.
- **Mongolia:** Assistance in questionnaire development, “train the trainer” for enumerator training, logistical support, Mongolia LSMS, 2002 - 2003.
- **Timor Leste:** Support in questionnaire development, field logistics and statistical support for East Timor LSMS; 4 missions, June-December 2001.
- **Kosovo:** Acted as field manager throughout field time of the Kosovo LSMS, hiring and paying staff, coordinating field work and data entry for both Albanian and Serb teams. Supervised data cleaning and preliminary analysis, August 2000-March 2001.

Amsterdam Institute of International Development

- Led ‘train the trainer’ program for Nigerian physicians and lab specialists for survey for *Community Health Program for the Health Insurance Fund* project, **Nigeria**. March 2008.

AUSAID

- Household Income and Expenditure Survey, **Papua New Guinea**. Survey design, budgeting and planning for large-scale household survey. ,Interviewer training for 20 field teams. June 2008- March 2009.
- **Solomon Islands**: Provided technical assistance, specifically on improving fieldwork data quality and logistics, for a countrywide Income and Expenditure Survey for a household survey. March 2013

Government of Albania (World Bank funding);

Albania Statistician for support to 2005 Living Standards Measurement Survey: questionnaire development, enumerator training, fieldwork supervision, data entry of household and food diary data. 7 missions, January – September 2005.

European Agency for Reconstruction (EU), **Kosovo**

- Agricultural statistician. Project to strengthen Kosovar agriculture (ASPAUK II), including conducting large-scale surveys and training staff to improve agriculture statistics and decision-making in the sector. Missions May 2004 – October 2006.

Asian Development Bank

- **Afghanistan**: Support to the 2007-08 National Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, a 12 month household survey begun in August 2007 of 26,000 Afghan households, including nomad populations. Questionnaire design, pilot testing, setting enumerator selection procedures, enumerator training, and documentation of the survey. 2007 - 2008, 7 missions.
- **Vanuatu**: Assistance for institutional strengthening of the Vanuatu National Statistics Office. Developing a schedule and fieldwork preparation, budgeting for 2006 agricultural census and survey. September – November 2005.

Short-term
Contracts,
1986 - 2002

Agricultural Statistician, Sample Survey Specialist, Data Processing Consultant
Consultant to Food and Agricultural Organization, UN, Rome

Short term contracts on agricultural surveys and censuses, statistical training, and data processing consulting and training, in developing countries. Projects include:

- **Kosovo**: Prepared the rural frame for agricultural portion of a Living Standards Measurement survey, provided training in analysis of survey data, 3 missions (5 months). 2000-01. Prepared and documented agricultural data files, analyzed data and wrote a technical report on the analysis, 2002.

- **Ghana:** supervised pilot survey and trained Ministry of Agriculture staff to run annual agricultural surveys, 2 missions, 2000
- **Somalia:** designed and established repository of national data (prices and market data, rainfall, population, food aid, agricultural stats) from UN, NGO and historical sources; 4 missions. 1998-99
- **Grenada:** assisted National Statistics Office to conduct full agriculture census for the island; 6 missions, planning, enumerator training and field work, production of final tables. 1995-1996
- **Dominica:** consultant for agriculture census. Led enumerator training, oversaw all fieldwork, analyzed data and produced final tables. 5 missions. 1994-95.
- **Namibia,** 1993 and Zimbabwe, 1994: statistical and computer training program in conducting and analyzing field surveys, for Regional Early Warning System staff in SADC countries.
- **Ethiopia:** data processing and staff training (National Statistics Office) for a pilot agricultural survey. 1992 and 1993
- **Bahamas:** data processing and statistical training and preparatory assistance for agricultural census; 3 missions. 1991-92
- **Malawi:** enumerator training and running of a pilot program (10 % of full census) in preparation of agricultural census. 1990
- **China:** database development and microcomputer training, Dairy Research Institute, Harbin. 1989
- **China:** statistical training for Dept of Agriculture staff from national and provincial offices, in Beijing. 1986-87.

1979 - present

President

Evans Computer Applications Ltd., Halifax, Canada

Founder and President of company, which specializes in systems analysis, programming, consulting and training for research institutions. A division of the company conducts surveys and studies, particularly in areas of employment, health and agriculture. Approx. 12 full-time employees plus contract staff.

1974 - 1979

Senior Scientific Programmer/Analyst

Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Head of computer team for ten research scientists and their staff.

1973

Lecturer

Mathematics Department, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Taught undergraduate probability and statistics.

EDUCATION

1974-1977

Graduate Mathematics and Computer Science Courses

Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

1973-1974

Graduate Program

Universite de Nice, Nice, France

Rotary Club International Graduate Scholarship for full-time study. Graduate mathematics and statistics courses.

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- 1972 - 1973** **Masters of Science in Mathematics (Statistics)**
Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada.
Thesis: Markov and Semi-Markov Decision Processes; Fully funded by Canada Council Graduate Fellowship.
- 1969 - 1972** **B.Sc. in Mathematics (Honours Mathematics, Physics Minor)**
Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.
Full tuition scholarship, Dean's List, Class Life Officer, and Valedictorian.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- 2010-present** **Board Member, present Board Chair, Scotia Festival of Music.**
Board to promote an annual chamber music festival and events throughout the year.
- 2004- 2012** **Board Member, member of Executive, Nova Scotia Talent Trust**
Board to promote art education grants for promising young musicians, and artists.
- 1994 -2006** **Board of Governors, Acadia University, Wolfville, Canada**
Board member, member of Executive and Chair of Audit Committee.
- 1994 - 1996** **Provincial Apprenticeship Board of Nova Scotia, Canada**
Appointed member (for technology) of Provincial Board.
- 1992 - 2010** **Honorary Member, Rotary Club, Kentville, Nova Scotia**
Suggest and act as a liaison to service projects in Africa.
- 1991 - 1996** **Board of Directors, YWCA, Halifax, Canada**
Strategic planning and research. Ran capital campaign.
- 1992 - 1996** **Board of Directors, Discovery Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia**
A hands-on science centre. Member of executive 1992-1996.
- 1986 - 2008** **Volunteer, Metro Immigrant Settlement Association, Halifax, NS**
Sponsor newly-arrived immigrants, helping them to adapt and settle Canada. Recruit other volunteer sponsors. Teach English classes.

LANGUAGES

English: mother tongue; French: excellent spoken, good written.