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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Institute of Development Studies

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 November 1986

NATIONALITY: Japanese

LANGUAGES: Japanese, English, Spanish, German

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Agricultural Economics, Value Chain, Impact Assessment, Zoonotic Diseases, Antimicrobial Resistance

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: Vietnam, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Myanmar, India, Nicaragua, Colombia, Eastern Africa

OVERVIEW

Ayako Ebata is an agricultural economist, trained in the US and Germany. Her main interest lies in value chain development and agricultural household decision making. She has been working at IDS since 2016 as a post-doctoral researcher for a project looking at zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance in Myanmar. In particular, she leads a value chain study that addresses the broader market system of livestock products in order to improve monitoring and control of zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial drug use in Myanmar. Prior to working at IDS, she conducted an impact assessment of an NGO project in Nicaragua focusing on value chain development for small agricultural farmers. In addition, she worked at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture in Vietnam and Lao PDR, conducting an economic impact assessment of cassava-related research. Throughout her career, she has acquired both quantitative (e.g. econometrics) and qualitative research skills.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2012 - 2015 **PhD (Agricultural Economics and Rural Development)**
University of Göttingen, Germany

2009 - 2011 **MSc (Agricultural Economics)**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

2005 - 2009 **BSc (Agricultural Economics)**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2018 – Present **Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK**

2016 – 2018 **Post-doctoral researcher, Institute of Development Studies, UK and Myanmar**

2016 – 2016 **Consultant, International Center for Tropical Agriculture, Vietnam**

2012 – 2016 **Doctoral researcher, University of Göttingen, Germany**

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – PRESENT** **Private sector innovation for Universal Health Coverage**
Funded by Future Health Systems, DFID, UK
Document existing innovation from private sector actors in providing healthcare to poor people; Develop an academic article to discuss implications of private sector innovation for Universal Health Coverage
- 2017** **Scoping Literature Review on Interventions to Improve Antimicrobial Use**
Funded by the Wellcome Trust
Literature review to understand what interventions are effective in improving antibiotic prescribing behaviors in low and middle income countries
- 2016 – PRESENT** **Value chain analysis for livestock disease control in Myanmar**
Funded by the BBSRC/DFID Zoonotic Diseases and Emerging Livestock Systems Scheme
Collaborated with the Government of Myanmar to facilitate social science fieldwork; Led fieldwork consisting of ethnographic observation, individual interviews, and focus group discussions; Designed and conducted a value chain study to quantify diseases risks and income-enhancing opportunities for stakeholders.
- 2012 – 2016** **Impact evaluation of an NGO project for value chain development**
Designed and conducted an impact assessment study for an NGO project focusing on value chain development in rural Nicaragua; Conducted a household survey; Applied econometric methods to quantify the effect of NGO interventions.
- 2010 – 2011** **Economic impact assessment of cassava research at CIAT**
Conducted an economic impact assessment of cassava-related research in an interdisciplinary team; Conducted a survey of cross-border cassava trading between Cambodia and Vietnam; Conducted a farm survey in rural Vietnam.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

Publications in peer-reviewed journals

- Ebata, A. and Hüttel, S. (2017). The effect of value chain interventions for staple crops: evidence from small-scale farmers in Nicaragua. *The Journal of Development Studies*. pp.1-18.
- Ebata, A. and Hernandez, M. (2017). Linking smallholder farmers to markets on extensive and intensive margins: Evidence from Nicaragua. *Food Policy* 73, pp.34-44.
- Ebata, A., Velasco Pacheco, P.A., and von Cramon-Taubadel, S. (2017). The influence of proximity to market on bean producer prices in Nicaragua. *Agricultural Economics* 48(4), pp.459-467. doi:10.1111/agec.12347
- Ebata, A., Punt, M., and Wesseler, J. (2013) For the approval process of GMOs: the Japanese case. *AgBioForum* 16(2), 140-160.

Manuscripts under preparation

- Ebata, A., MacGregor, H., Loevinsohn, M., Win, K. S., and Tucker, A.W. Value chain governance and its influence on livestock diseases: a case of pig farming in Myanmar. Under review in the *European Journal of Development Research*.
- Ebata, A., MacGregor, H., Loevinsohn, M. and Win, K.S. Agricultural household decision making regarding livestock disease control: a case of Myanmar's pig farmers. In preparation.
- MacGregor, H., Ebata, A., Loevinsohn M., and Su Win, K. Methods to document antimicrobial use in pluralistic health systems
- Wilkinson, A., Ebata, A., and MacGregor, H. Scoping review of evidence on interventions to reduce unnecessary or inappropriate antibiotic prescribing in low and middle income countries. The Wellcome Trust.