

Donatien Abel Gbessi GBALA

03 BP 2585, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire | Phone: +225 03767778 | Email: gbalaabel@gmail.com

EXPERIENCE

01/2019 – 02/2020 M&E Consultant, PACT Inc. - ABIDJAN CONVENTION

The purpose of this activity was to support the Abidjan Convention Secretariat to the implementation of their M&E System and assist the Secretariat in planning and activity implementation

- Prepared content and provided assistance to develop the Abidjan Convention indicators reference sheets based on the M&E Manual
- Conducted baseline study and review to establish the situation of reference for each selected indicator;
- Reviewed, edited and contributed to designing and disseminating the data collection tools;
- Collected, gathered and reviewed information from 19 national and 5 projects Focal Points to coordinate the data collection process with stakeholders

03/2013 – 11/2018 M&E Assistant, CONSULTANT

The purpose of this activity was to contribute to the implementation of M&E activities, to develop monitoring and communication tools, to conduct surveys while ensuring data accuracy and reliability, to assist PhD candidates.

- 2 data collection projects supervised
- 5 PhD projects assisted
- 6 data collection projects completed

Dec 2014 Research Assistant, Anne Fruge (PhD, University of Maryland)

Project Description: Anne's research examines the variation in African Nation-building. The research involved administering 50+ political attitude surveys in neighborhoods across Abidjan

- Provided translation assistance from English to French of all materials used in the project
- Produced a summary report on the qualitative and quantitative data gathered during the fieldwork.

Jan-Apr 2015 Research Assistant, Peter Penar (PhD, Michigan State University, Davidson College)

Project Description: Peter's research examines the influence of African regional organizations on democracy and election quality. The research involved interviewing 40+ political party officials, the electoral commission, civil society, and international non-governmental organizations.

- Produced a set of meeting and interview notes to supplement the research notes written by Peter Penar.
- Managed communications with all respondents and answer any questions about the research and approach
- Managed the hiring, training, and mentoring of other research assistants
- Produced a summary report on the qualitative and quantitative data gathered during the fieldwork.

2016-2017 Research Assistant, Philip Martin (PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Project description: Philip's research examines rebel governance and post-conflict peacebuilding: evidence from Côte d'Ivoire. The project involved conducting interviews with government and foreign officials in Abidjan, survey enumeration in over 60 localities in both urban and rural areas

- Assisted designing a survey questionnaire among community leaders in northern Côte d'Ivoire
- French-to-English interpretation during interviews and interview transcriptions
- Prepared letters of introduction and letters of research authorization
- Found and stored online and hardcopy newspaper articles and archives from Ivorian outlets that were relevant to the research project

2017-2018 Research Assistant, Justine Davis (PhD, University of California, Berkeley)

Project description: Davis' research examines the effect of living under rebel control on civil society organization leaders' behaviors and attitudes in Côte d'Ivoire. The project involved conducting in-depth interviews with 100+ civil society leaders, an original survey of over 200 civil society leaders living in former government and former rebel-controlled parts of Côte d'Ivoire, and a lab-in-the-field with 167 leaders to measure their behavior in a series of dictator games.

- Provided translation assistance from English to French of all materials used in the project
- Contributed to the development of lab-in-the-field workshop materials
- Conducted lab-in-the-field workshops in five locations across Côte d'Ivoire
- Managed the operations of workshops effectively to assure high quality of data collection

2018-2020 **Research Assistant, Sebastian (Doctoral candidate, Upsala University)**

Project description: Sebastian's research examines the way the social organization of local elites influence civilian bargaining leverage in negotiations over rebel governance in Côte d'Ivoire. The project involved interviews with 60+ civil society leaders, local elites, government representatives in former Center-North-West areas

- Provided translation assistance from English to French of all materials used in the project
- Prepared letters of introduction and letters of research authorization
- Produced a set of meeting and interview notes

Afrobarometer/CREFDI

March 2013 Round 5: **Data collection officer**

Sept 2014 Round 6: **Data collection officer**

Jan 2017 Round 7: **Supervisor**

Project description: Afrobarometer is non-partisan, pan-African research institution conducting public attitude surveys on democracy, governance, the economy and society in 30+ countries repeated on a regular cycle.

- 90 interviews with local citizens in urban and rural areas
- Supported the enumerators
- Assured the quality of data collected
- monitored of the whole project

March-April 2017 **Research Assistant**, Democracy International/USAID

Project description: - Performance and impact evaluation of Justice Sector Support Program (JSSP)

- Performance and impact evaluation of Legislative Strengthening Program (LSP)

- Interviewed 100+ with local citizens in urban and rural areas
- Realized 4 focus groups with local citizens in urban areas

EDUCATION

Dec 2020 **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:** Project Management for Result, Inter-American Development Bank, Edx

July 2020 **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:** Statistical and Data analytics with R, Cypher Analytica

May 2020 **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:** Results-Based Project Management: Monitoring and Evaluation, University of the Witwatersrand, Edx

July 2012 **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:** Law and Humanitarian Actions, CERAP

2012-2013 **MASTER I IN COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT**, University Félix Houphouet Boigny

2008-2009 **BACHELOR IN ENGLISH**, University Félix Houphouet Boigny

EXTRA PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills.

2020-2021 Vice President Education, Star Toastmasters Club

2019-2020 Public Relation Manager, Area 1 - District 94

2018-2019 Sergeant at Arms, Agora Toastmasters Club

Awards

2020 Competent Leader

2019 Competent Communicator

SOFTWARE

Statistics: STATA, R, QDA Miner

Visualization: QGIS

Project Management: Microsoft Project

LANGUAGES

- French: Native
- English: Good