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SUMMARY PROFILE

I am an enthusiastic and self-motivated individual with proven track records in teaching, writing and research seeking to work with scholars from different background to conduct cutting edge research of notable scope and originality in areas relating to natural resource extraction / management, and environmental justice/injustice. My previous research works focused on using econometric models to examine the link between Artisanal Small-Scale Mining Activities, Farmers' Coping Strategies and Household Welfare/Food Security. I envisioned myself conducting original research in the field of geography of environment and natural resources and disseminating my findings through publications and conference presentations across the world.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

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| 2024 – Present | PhD Geography, Ohio State University, USA |
| 2018 – 2022 | Masters of Philosophy Degree in Agricultural Economics, University for Development Studies (UDS), Ghana |
| 2013 - 2014 | Post-Graduate Diploma in Education (P.G.D.E.) in Geography, Catholic University, Ghana. |
| 2006 – 2010 | BA in Integrated Development Studies (Planning & Rural Development Option), University for Development Studies (UDS), Ghana. |

WORK HISTORY

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| 2024 – Present | Graduate Research Assistant, Ohio State University, Columbus, USA |
| 2016 - Present | Economics & Geography Teacher, Northern Sch. of Business, Tamale, Ghana. |
| 2018 - Present | Researcher, Author and Founder, Asco Publications Limited, a registered Publishing Company located in Tamale, Ghana. |
| 2020 - 2022 | Part-Time Tutor, University of Education, College of Distance and e-Learning Centre at Tamale, Ghana. |

- 2012- 2016 Geography Teacher, Methodist Senior High / Technical School, Berekum, Ghana.
- 2011 - 2012 Teaching Assistant (TA), Faculty of Planning and Land Management, University for Development Studies, Wa Campus-Ghana.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Issifu, S. (2022): Effects of Artisanal Small-Scale Mining on Households Welfare : Perceptions and Coping Strategies of Farmers in Asutifi North District in the Ahafo Region of Ghana. *Thesis submitted to the department of agricultural and Food economics, faculty of agriculture, food and Consumer sciences, University for Development Studies in fulfillment of the requirements for the award of Master of Philosophy degree in Agricultural Economics. Available online at www.udsspace.uds.edu.gh.*

Issifu, S. (2014): The Contributing Factors to Students' Poor Performance in Geography in West Africa Secondary School Examination (W.A.S.S.C.E) in Brong Ahafo. A Case Study of Four Senior High Schools in Berekum Municipality in Ghana. *Dissertation submitted to the Faculty of Education, Catholic University, Ghana in fulfillment of the requirements for the award PGDE Degree.*

Issifu, S. (2010): Assessing the Prospects and Challenges of Indigenous Land Administration Practices in Upper West Region of Ghana : The Case of Wa Municipality. *Dissertation submitted to the Faculty of Planning and Land Management, University for Development Studies in fulfillment of the requirements for the award of bachelor's degree in integrated development studies (Planning and Rural Development Option).*

Issifu, S. (2008): Project Proposal on Micro-Credit for Marginalized Farm Households in Adiokor No. 2 Community in the Jaman South District of Bono Region in Ghana under the Mandatory Third Trimester Field Practical Program (TTFPP). *Research Reports submitted to the Local Community Leader as well as the TTFPP Coordinator, University for Development Studies in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of Bachelor's Degree in Integrated Development Studies (Planning & Rural Dev't Option).*

Issifu, S. (2007): Assessment of the development problems and potentials of Adiokor No. 2 community in the Jaman South District of Bono Region in Ghana under the mandatory Third Trimester Field Practical Program (TTFPP). *Research Report submitted to the Local Community Leader as well as the TTFPP Coordinator, University for Development Studies in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of Bachelor's Degree in Integrated Development Studies (Planning & Rural Dev't Option).*

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Issifu, S. (2022). Fundamental Human and Regional Geography for Senior High Schools in West Africa (1st Edition). Asco Publications, Tamale (480 Pages). *Approved as a teaching*

and learning material for Senior High Schools by Ghana Education Service through the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NaCCA).

- Issifu, S.(2019). *Fundamental Economics Textbook for Senior High Schools in West Africa. (2nd Edition). Asco Publications, Tamale (702 pages). Approved as a teaching and learning material for Senior High Schools by Ghana Education Service through the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment.*
- Issifu, S.(2022). *Fundamental Physical & Practical Geography Revision Guide for Senior High Schools in West Africa (3rd Edition). Asco Publications, Tamale (477 pages). Approved as a teaching and learning material for Senior High Schools by Ghana Education Service through the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment.*
- Issifu, S.(2021). *Fundamental Economics Revision Guide for Senior High Schools in West Africa (4th Edition). Asco Publications, Tamale (489 pages).*
- Issifu, S. (2017). *The Secret To Getting Excellent Grade in School: The Master Secret on How To Write Any Competitive Examination and Get Amazing Results Much Faster Than You Thought Possible (126 pages). Asco Publications, Tamale.*
- Issifu, S. (2016). *How To Study Smarter and Succeed Academically: What I Wish I knew Before Completing School, (250 pages), Asco Publications, Tamale.*
- Issifu, S (20016). *The Desire To Succeed : How Great Achievers Succeeded & Powerful Lessons for Young People (130 pages), Asco Publications, Tamale.*

CONFERENCE PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS

- Issifu, S.** and Mabe, F.N.(2023). *Adapting to Change: Coping Strategies of Farm Households to Artisanal Small-Scale Mining in Asutifi North District of Ghana. A Conference Paper Presented at the 6th Ghana Association of Agricultural Economists (GAAE) Conference Cape Coast, Ghana, November 8-11, 2023.*
- Issifu, S.,** Mabe, F.N. and Wongnaa, C.A. (2022). *Farmers' Coping Strategies to Artisanal Small-Scale Mining Activities in Ghana: Welfare Improvement or Deterioration?. A Conference Paper Presented at the 2022 SDD-UBIDS Research and Development Conference, Wa, Ghana, November 2-4, 2022.*
- Issifu, S.** and Mabe, F.N. (2022). *Artisanal Small-Scale Mining: Farm Households Coping Strategies in Asutifi North District of Ghana. A Conference Paper Presented at the CUKUROVA 8th International Scientific Conference, Adana, Turkey, April 15 -17, 2022.*

JOURNAL PUBLICATION

Mabe, F.N, **Issifu, S.** & Wongnaa, C.A. (2022). Farmers' Coping Strategies to Artisanal Small-Scale Mining Activities in Ghana: Welfare Improvement or Deterioration? *Journal of Economics and Development*, 26(1), 50-66. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JED-02-2023-0029>

VOLUNTEERING / COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

- 2016 - Present Volunteer and Donor, Shekhinah Clinic for the Poor and Destitute, Tamale, Ghana.
- 2014 - Present Co-Founder, Executive Director and Career Coach, Students Empowerment Foundation-Ghana, a registered charity organization based in Tamale, Ghana.
- 2022 - Present Volunteer Staff as Business Development Consultant, Jowato Ghana, an award-winning social enterprise firm in Northern Ghana.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2011-Present Member, National Association of Graduate Teachers (NAGRAT), Ghana.
- 2016-Present Member and Past Secretary, Ghana Association of Writers (GAW).
- 2018-Present Vice President and Member, Ghana Economics Teachers Association (GETA)
- 2018-Present Member, Ghana Publishers Association (GPA)

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- October, 2022 Dean's Exceptional Post Graduate Thesis Award, University for Development Studies, Ghana.
- December, 2021 Outstanding Young Writer's Award (Educational Textbooks Category), Ghana Association of Writers.
- October, 2021 Distinguished Volunteer Service Award, Shekhinah Clinic for the Poor and Destitute, Tamale, Ghana.
- August, 2016 First Runner Up, Regional Best Teacher Award (Senior High School Category), Brong-Ahafo Regional Directorate of Education, Ghana.
- December, 2014 Best Post-Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) graduating student, Faculty of Education, Catholic University College of Ghana.
- July, 2010 Best Graduating Student Award, Faculty of Integrated Development Studies (FIDS), University for Development Studies, Ghana.