

APEDO-AMAH Dedevi S. Marie Christine¹

I am a development economist interested in project implementation and the effectiveness of service delivery in developing countries, particularly in Africa. I am working on issues pertaining to women economic empowerment, citizens' engagement, and governance. I have an extensive experience working and living in several countries including Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Benin, Burkina, Uganda, France, Belgium, and the United States.

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE), Groupement de Recherche en Economie Quantitative d'Aix-Marseille (GREQAM), Defended in September 2017.

Title: Modeling and analysis of NGOs impact in developing countries

Advisors: Cecilia Garcia-Penalosa, Tanguy van Ypersele

Master in "Macroeconomics and Growth", Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE), July 2013.

Bachelor, Catholic University of West-Africa (CUWA-Togo), August 2011.

Certification: Impact Evaluation, Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) and Laval University, January –March 2017.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(a) Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, SIEPR (Stanford Institute for Policy and Economic research), California, since October 2017.

- Leading the Transparency, Accountability and Citizen Engagement (TRACE) Initiative to improve citizen participation in public service delivery in francophone West-Africa.
- Conducting the analysis of public service provisions chains and complaint channels, identifying context-specific threats and problems, designing and implementing research projects to address them.
- Mapping Civil Society Organizations working on Transparency and Accountability Initiatives and building partnerships in Senegal, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire and Togo.
- Currently piloting a field experiment on women management committees for rural public health care facilities in Cote d'Ivoire.

(b) Researcher, Togo, CROP (Center for Research and Opinion Polls), since 2014.

- Impact evaluations and surveys design
- Field activities management
- Enumerator training
- Policy paper writing

(c) Internships :

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- **Research Intern, University of Namur, Belgium**, supervised by Gani Aldashev, Center of Research in the Economics of Development (CRED), on “Public goods provision in fragile countries”, January-May 2015.
- **CARE International, Cote d’Ivoire**, (July-August 2012): Internship at CARE International (Côte d’Ivoire) on "The synergy of two initiatives -“Saving and credits groupings”, and “Peace Committees” – for long lasting impact and sustainable development”.
 - Initiated the monitoring and evaluation of “Saving and credits groupings”, and “Peace Committees (data collection, interviews, and reports).
 - Designed a new initiative combining the two projects to improve their sustainability.
 - Organized CARE Workshop on initiatives for Cocoa producers with local NGOs and International donors.
 - Designed project for improving the livelihood of cocoa producers and increase their production.
 - Led fundraising activities: grant and proposal writing, partnerships negotiations.
- **Banque Togolaise pour le Commerce et l’Industrie, Togo** (September-October 2010): Internship at the customer service of the “Banque Togolaise pour le Commerce l’Industrie” in Lomé.
 - Consumer products management: checks, small accounts, loan applications
 - Teller

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

(a) Research

• Research Interests:

I am interested in development economics, more specifically, on how the institutional (formal and informal) environment affects behaviors and economic outcomes for the poor. My research emphasizes on development projects and women empowerment. The contribution of my work is theoretical and empirical, and my approach is micro or macro depending on the question.

• Working papers:

- Transparency, Participation and Citizen Engagement in Africa: what we know, and all that we still ignore. (March 2018)
- Gender, information and the efficiency of households' productive decisions: An experiment in rural Togo. (July 2017)
- Insurance in development projects: the effect of the legal structure of implementers, July 2018.
- Growth enhancing foreign intervention in developing countries: Government versus NGO provision of public goods. (June 2015)
- Infrastructure, NGOs and growth: does the presence of NGOs matter for economic growth? (Master Thesis, July 2013)

• Experience in fieldwork

- **Field experiment on the productive decision-making in agricultural households in rural Togo**, in collaboration with *Habiba Djebbari* and *Roberta Ziparo*, funded by *Aix-Marseille University*. November 2015-October 2016.

- Conducted scoping, project design, fieldwork planning, and implementation.

- Negotiated partnerships with the semi-public national cotton production management company NSCT.
 - Designed survey tools
 - Trained enumerators for the two rounds of implementation
 - Led experiment implementation and managed field activities
 - Conducted data management and analysis
- **Transparency and accountability in Healthcare in 13 regions of Cote d'Ivoire**, since October 2017.
- Conducted scoping, project design, fieldwork planning, and implementation
 - Negotiated partnerships with community healthcare administration, traditional authorities, and Performance-Based Financing administration in Cote d'Ivoire.
 - Designed survey tools
 - Leading experiment implementation

(b) Conferences, Seminars, workshop

- The Hewlett Foundation Grantee Convening on Transparency and Accountability Initiatives, Kampala, Uganda. May 2018.
- Africa table, Center for African Studies, Stanford University, California, USA. May 2018.
- Symposium for Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (SEEDEC 2018), Wageningen University, the Netherlands, (Chair, presenter). April 2018.
- The Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) International conference, University of Oxford, Parallel Session 83, (Chair, discussant, presenter). March 2018.
- Aix-Marseille School of Economics PhD seminar, Aix Marseille University, France. November 2013, September 2014, May 2016.
- The 6th NGO, Development and Globalization seminar, NGO Network, Paris School of Economics, France. September 2014.
- CRED Workshop, University of Namur, Belgium. May 2015.

(c) Teaching:

- Teaching Assistant, **Microeconomics**, undergraduate level (freshman year), Aix-Marseille University, (2014-2015, 2016-2017).
- Teaching Assistant, **Institutions and development**, undergraduate level (senior year), Aix-Marseille University, (2016 -2017).

HONORSHIP AND AWARDS

(a) **Research Grant:** Ecole Doctorale Aix-Marseille University and GREQAM, **10 970 Euros**, (2015).

Project: Field experiment on the productive decision-making in agricultural households in rural Togo.

(b) **PhD scholarship:** Aix-Marseille School of Economics, (2013-2016).

COMPUTER SKILLS AND LANGUAGE

(a) **Scientific software:** Stata, CSpro, LaTeX, RATS for econometrics, Macsim software of

macroeconomic policy simulation.

(b) **Languages:**

- **Native:** French and Ewe
- **Fluent** (writing, speaking, reading): English

REFERENCES

- (a) Prof Pascaline Dupas, Stanford University, Department of Economics, pdupas@stanford.edu, +1 (650) 725 1870, faculty-mentor.
- (b) Prof Habiba Djebbari, Aix-Marseille University, Aix-Marseille School of Economics, habiba.djebbari@univ-amu.fr, +33 (0) 4 42 93 59 60, field work mentor and co-author.
- (c) Dr Cecilia Garcia-Penalosa, Aix-Marseille University, Aix-Marseille School of Economics, cecilia.garcia-penalosa@univ-amu.fr, +33(0) 4 91 14 07 46, PhD advisor.
- (d) Prof Tanguy van Ypersele, Aix-Marseille University, GREQAM, tanguy.van_ypersele@univ-amu.fr, +33(0) 4 42 93 59 60, PhD co-advisor.
- (e) Dr Moussa Blimpo, Economist, Office of the Africa Chief Economist, The World Bank, & Founding Director CROP (2011-2015), mblimpo@worldbank.org, +1 (202) 473 9320, CROP colleague.