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Profile

Dr. Forah Obebo is an economist with over ten years' experience in socio-economic research, university teaching, consultancy work and banking. Presently, Dr. Obebo is a Lecturer of Economics at the Department of Applied Economics, Kenyatta University. He holds a PhD in Economics from Kenyatta University and a Master of Science Degree in Financial Economics from the prestigious Adam Smith Business School at the University of Glasgow, United Kingdom. Dr Obebo has been involved in a number of projects by the UN's Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition, World Vision Kenya, Africa Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Kenya Roads Board (KRB) and County Governments among others. Dr. Obebo has experience and interests in Project Monitoring and Evaluation, Policy Design and Analysis, Economic Modelling, Business Planning and Development of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), Food and Nutritional Security and, Health Economics. Dr. Obebo is passionate about mentoring young researchers - having been appointed as Mentor for the African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) in 2019. In 2018, Dr. Obebo was also appointed as a panel judge for Ernst and Young (EY)'s Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Education and Training

2011 - 2018	PhD in Economics, Kenyatta University, Kenya
2007 - 2008	MSc in Financial Economics, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom (Distinction)
2002 - 2006	Bachelor of Arts (Economics), University of Nairobi, Kenya (2 nd Upper)
2003 - 2007	Certified Public Accountant (CPA-Kenya) with Section 5 passed (KASNEB)

Employment Record

2013 –	Lecturer, Department of Applied Economics, Kenyatta University.
2012 – 2013	Assistant Lecturer, Department of Development Studies, Mount Kenya University.
2011 – 2012	Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Economics, Daystar University
2008 – 2010	Customer Service Officer, Royal Bank of Scotland, United Kingdom

Other Administrative Responsibilities

2019 – Present:	Chairman, Collaborations Committee, School of Economics, Kenyatta University
2017 – Present:	Examinations Coordinator, School of Economics, Kenyatta University
2014 –2017:	Examinations Coordinator, Department of Applied Economics, Kenyatta University

Involvement in Selected Research Projects and Consultancies

1. What Works for Women Empowerment in Kenya, Kenyatta University Hub for Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, 2020-2024
2. Assessment of the value chain for beans and legumes in Kenya HarvestPlus and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) , October 2020 – February 2021
3. Evaluation of various donor funded projects in WASH, Education, Community Engagement, Environment and Livelihoods for World Vision Kenya, 2020
4. Mapping the nexus between WASH/WRM programming and Education, Health and Environment sectors in Kenya Kenya Water and Sanitation Civil Society Network (KEWASNET), September 2020 – January 2021
5. Technical and Business Incubation Support for Product and Process Development and Assessment of Quality Assurance and Quality Control Processes for various SMEs in Kenya for Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), 2016 – 2019
6. Baseline Evaluation of Technical, Financial and Performance Audit for Road Works in Central and North Eastern Regions of Kenya for Kenya Roads Board, 2019 – 2021
7. Impact Evaluation of Livelihood Diversification Policies on Household Dietary Diversity and Child Nutrition in Tanzania for Africa Economic Research Consortium (AERC), 2019 – 2020
8. Review and Evaluation of the Draft National Tea Policy (2014/2015) for the Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya, Consultant for East Africa Tea Trade Association (EATTA) , 2019
9. A Study on the Sugar Value Chain in Kenya for Agriculture Industry Network (AIN), 2019
10. Impact of Women Empowerment Policies on Nutritional Outcomes in Kenya for AERC, 2018-2019

Selected Publications and Conference Presentations

1. Ateka J.M., Mbeche, R., Kavoi M. M. and Obebo, F (2019). Impact of Women Empowerment Policies on Nutrition Outcomes in Kenya, *ANH Academy Week Research Conference*, Hyderabad India, June 2019.
2. Obebo F, Wawire N, Muniu J (2018) Effects of Participation of Micro and Small Enterprises in Microfinance of their Performance in Kenya. *International Journal of Economics and Finance*; Vol. 10, No. 7; 2018 doi: <https://doi.org/10.5539/ijef.v10n7p78>
3. Obebo F, Wawire N, Muniu J (2018) Determinants of Participation of Micro and Small Enterprises in Microfinance in Kenya. *International Journal of Economics and Management Sciences* 7:523. doi: 10.4172/2162-6359.1000523
4. Obebo F. (2018) Participation in microfinance and its effects on household welfare and performance of micro and small enterprises in Kenya (Unpublished doctoral dissertation), Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya.
5. Obebo F. (2008) The effects of inflation on growth: The Kenyan case (Masters Thesis) University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

Affiliation / Membership in professional societies

1. Agriculture, Nutrition and Health (ANH) Academy
2. Associate, CFA Society of Kenya

Other Skills and Experience

1. Attended a Value for Money/Impact Evaluation Training in Mombasa, Kenya, June 2019
2. Mentor, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD), 2019
3. Attended Senior Leadership Training by AWARD in Abuja, Nigeria, September 2020
4. Panel Judge, Ernest and Young (EY) Entrepreneur of Year, Kenyan Chapter, 2018
5. Working Knowledge of STATA, E-Views and SPSS
6. Experience in design of data collection instruments, modelling, analysis and presentation
7. Experience in policy formulation, design and analysis.

Activities and Interests

1. Mentor and leadership coach in various youth organizations in Nairobi
2. A church worker and lay preacher in a local church in Nairobi County
3. Singer and trainer with religious choirs in Nairobi County
4. Board member, Otamba Girls Secondary School (Kisii County)

References

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