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**CURRENT POSITION**

Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI, Poverty, Gender and Inclusion Unit, based in Washington, D.C., USA.

**PAST POSITIONS**

May 2024 – Aug 2025	Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI, Poverty, Gender and Inclusion Unit based in Helsinki, Finland
Sep 2021 – Aug 2025	Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER, seconded from IFPRI, based in Helsinki
Jun 2021 – Apr 2024	Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI, Development Strategy and Governance Unit, based in Helsinki
Aug 2019 – May 2021	Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI, Ethiopia Strategy Support Program (ESSP), based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Apr 2016 – Jul 2019	Research Fellow, IFPRI, ESSP, based in Addis Ababa
Mar 2014 – Mar 2016	Associate Research Fellow, IFPRI, ESSP, based in Addis Ababa

**SHORT-TERM AND VISITING POSITIONS**

Jan 2022 – Dec 2023	Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics and Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Helsinki
Oct 2013 – Dec 2013	Research Consultant, IFPRI
Jan 2011 – Jun 2011	Research Consultant, The World Bank
Jan 2010 – Dec 2010	Technical Survey Expert, Economic Development Initiatives (EDI), Bukoba, Tanzania
Aug 2009 – Sep 2009	Research Assistant, EDI, Bukoba, Tanzania
Mar 2009 – Aug 2009	Junior Advisor, Embassy of Finland, Kathmandu, Nepal

**EDUCATION**

PhD in Economics, University of Sussex, 2009-2014  
 MA in Development Economics (with distinction), University of Sussex, 2007-2008  
 MSc in Economics, University of Helsinki, 2000-2006

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Jan 2026 –	Co-Editor, <i>Food Policy</i>
Nov 2021 –	Associate Editor, <i>Economics &amp; Human Biology</i>
Oct 2021 – Jun 2022	Program & Scientific committee, Nordic Conference in Development Economics

## SCHOLARLY METRICS

Top 5% Economists based on last 10 years of research activity (IDEAS/RePEc, December 2025).

More than 5,500 citations (Google Scholar, January 2026).

h-index: 37 (Google Scholar, January 2026).

i10-index: 63 (Google Scholar, January 2026).

i100-index: 14 (Google Scholar, January 2026).

## WORKING PAPERS/RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Hirvonen, K.; Leight, J.; Gilligan, D. O.; Mesfin, H. M.; Mulford, M.; Tesfaye, H. 2025. The impact of a nutrition-sensitive graduation model program on child nutrition: Experimental evidence from Ethiopia. Conditionally accepted based on pre-results review by the *Journal of Development Economics*.

Hirvonen, K., Gilligan, D., Leight, J., Tabet, H., Villa V. 2025. Do ultra-poor graduation programs build resilience against droughts? Evidence from rural Ethiopia.

Leight, J., Hirvonen, K., Karachiwalla, N., & Rakshit, D. 2025. Displacement and development: Evidence from a graduation program for Somalia's ultra-poor.

Leight, J., Hirvonen, K., Zafar, S. The effectiveness of cash and cash plus interventions on livelihoods outcomes: Evidence from a systematic review and meta-analysis.

Hirvonen, Kalle; Machado, Elia; and Simons, Andrew M. 2024. Can social assistance reduce violent conflict and civil unrest? Evidence from a large-scale public works programme in Ethiopia.

Hirvonen, Kalle; Justino, Patricia; and Oliveira, Rodrigo. 2024. The role of social assistance in African crises: A systematic literature review.

Hoddinott, John; Berhane, Guush; Gilligan, Daniel O.; Hirvonen, Kalle; Kumar, Neha; Lind, Jeremy; Sabates-Wheeler, Rachel; and Taffesse, Alemayehu Seyoum. 2024. Securing food, building livelihoods? A 15-year appraisal of Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme.

Hirvonen, Kalle; Abate, Gashaw T.; Berhane, Guush; Gilligan, Daniel O.; Hidrobo, Melissa; Hoddinott, John F.; Leight, Jessica; and Taffesse, Alemayehu Seyoum. 2025. Graduating from Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme: What have we learned?

## JOURNAL ARTICLES (42)

2024 Anato, A., Headey, D., **Hirvonen, K.**, Pokharel A., Tessema M., Wu, F., & Baye, K. (2024). From animal feed to milk consumption: assessment of the risk of aflatoxin contamination. *One Health*, Vol. 18, June 2024, 100672.

**Hirvonen, K.**, Wolle, A., Laillou, A., Vinci, V., Chitekwe, S., Baye, K. (2024). Child growth faltering dynamics in food insecure districts in rural Ethiopia. *Maternal and Child Nutrition*, e13262.

**Hirvonen, K.**, Wolle, A., Laillou, A., Vinci, V., Chitekwe, S., Baye, K. (2024). Understanding delays in the introduction of complementary foods in rural Ethiopia. *Maternal and Child Nutrition*, e13267.

Headey D., **Hirvonen, K.**, Alderman, H. (2024) Estimating the cost and affordability of healthy diets: How much do methods matter? *Food Policy*, Vol 126, July 2024, 102654.

Wu, F., Headey, D., **Hirvonen, K.**, Pokharel, A., & Tessema, M. (2024). Study protocol to assess aflatoxin M1 health risks versus benefits of dairy consumption in Ethiopian children: an epidemiological trial and risk-benefit analysis. *BMJ open*, 14(4), e084257.

- Tizazu, W., **Hirvonen, K.**, Laillou, A., Chitekwe, S., Baye, K. (2024). Child feeding practices in rural Ethiopia show increasing consumption of unhealthy foods. *Maternal and Child Nutrition*, e13401.
- 2023 Abate G. T., Baye, K., de Brauw, A., **Hirvonen, K.**, & Wolle, A. (2023). Video-based Behavioral Change Communication to Change Consumption Patterns: Experimental Evidence from Urban Ethiopia. *Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association*, Vol 2: 164–180.
- Abate G. T., de Brauw, A., **Hirvonen, K.**, & Wolle, A. (2023). Measuring consumption over the phone: Evidence from a survey experiment in urban Ethiopia. *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol 161, March, 103026.
- Headey, D., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2023). Higher food prices can reduce poverty and stimulate growth in food production. *Nature Food*, Vol 4, 699–706.
- 2022 Abate G.T., de Brauw, A., Gibson, J., **Hirvonen, K.**, Wolle, A. (2022) Telescoping Error in Recalled Food Consumption: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Ethiopia. *The World Bank Economic Review*, Vol 36(4), 889-908.
- Hirvonen, K.** Machado, E., Simons, A., Taraz, V. (2022). More than a safety net: Ethiopia's flagship public works program increases tree cover. *Global Environmental Change*, Vol. 75, 102549.
- Sabates-Wheeler, R.; **Hirvonen, K.**; Lind, J.; & Hoddinott, J. (2022). Expanding social protection coverage with humanitarian aid: Lessons on targeting and transfer values from Ethiopia. *Journal of Development Studies*, 58(10), 1981-2000.
- 2021 **Hirvonen, K.**, Bossuyt, A., & Pigois, R. (2021). Evidence from the Productive Safety Net Program in Ethiopia. Complementarities between social protection and health policies. *Development Policy Review*, 39(4), 532-547.
- Hirvonen, K.**, de Brauw, A., & Abate, G. T. (2021). Food consumption and food security during the COVID-19 pandemic in Addis Ababa. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 103(3), 772-789.
- Hirvonen, K.**, & Hoddinott, J. (2021). Beneficiary views on cash and in-kind payments: Evidence from Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme. *The World Bank Economic Review*, 35(2), 398-413.
- Hirvonen, K.**, Mohammed, B., Minten, B., & Tamru, S. (2021). Food prices, marketing margins, and shocks: Evidence from vegetables and the COVID-19 pandemic in Ethiopia. *Agricultural Economics*, 52(3): 407-421.
- Stoop, N., **Hirvonen, K.**, & Maystadt, J.-F. (2021). Institutional mistrust and child vaccination coverage in Africa. *BMJ Global Health*, 6(4), e004595.
- 2020 Abate, G. T., Dereje, M., **Hirvonen, K.**, & Minten, B. (2020). Geography of public service delivery in rural Ethiopia. *World Development*, 136(105133).
- Baye, K., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2020). Evaluation of Linear Growth at Higher Altitudes. *JAMA Pediatrics*, 174(10), 977-984.
- Hirvonen, K.** (2020). This is US: Geography of evidence in top health economics journals. *Health Economics*, 29(10), 1316-1323.
- Hirvonen, K.**, Bai, Y., Headey, D., & Masters, W. A. (2020). Affordability of the EAT–Lancet reference diet: a global analysis. *The Lancet Global Health*, 8(1), e59-e66.
- Hirvonen, K.**, Berhane, G., & Assefa, T. W. (2020). Assessing Community Health Information Systems: Evidence from Child Health Records in Food Insecure Areas of the Ethiopian Highlands. *Maternal and child health journal*, 24(8), 1028-1037.

- Hirvonen, K.**, Sohnesen, T. P., & Bundervoet, T. (2020). Impact of Ethiopia's 2015 drought on child undernutrition. *World Development*, 131(104964).
- 2019 Baye, K., **Hirvonen, K.**, Dereje, M., & Remans, R. (2019). Energy and nutrient production in Ethiopia, 2011-2015: implications to supporting healthy diets and food systems. *PLoS one*, 14(3), e0213182.
- Headey, D., **Hirvonen, K.**, Hoddinott, J., & Stifel, D. (2019). Rural food markets and child nutrition. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 101(5), 1311-1327.
- Kuma, T., Dereje, M., **Hirvonen, K.**, & Minten, B. (2019). Cash crops and food security: Evidence from Ethiopian smallholder coffee producers. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 55(6), 1267-1284.
- Maystadt, J.-F., **Hirvonen, K.**, Mabiso, A., & Vandecastelen, J. (2019). Impacts of Hosting Forced Migrants in Poor Countries. *Annual Review of Resource Economics*, 11(1), 12.11–12.21.
- 2018 Headey, D., **Hirvonen, K.**, & Hoddinott, J. F. (2018). Animal sourced foods and child stunting. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 100(5), 1302–1319.
- Hirvonen, K.**, & Headey, D. (2018). Can governments promote homestead gardening at scale? Evidence from Ethiopia. *Global Food Security*, 19, 40-47.
- Hirvonen, K.**, Mascagni, G., & Roelen, K. (2018). Linking taxation and social protection: Evidence on redistribution and poverty reduction in Ethiopia. *International Social Security Review*, 71(1), 3-24.
- 2017 Abay, K., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2017). Does market access mitigate the impact of seasonality on child growth? Panel data evidence from North Ethiopia. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 53(9), 1414–1429.
- Hassen Worku, I., Dereje, M., Minten, B., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2017). Diet transformation in Africa: the case of Ethiopia. *Agricultural Economics*, 48(supplement), 73–86.
- Hirvonen, K.**, & Hoddinott, J. (2017). Agricultural production and children's diets: Evidence from rural Ethiopia. *Agricultural Economics*, 48(4), 469-480.
- Hirvonen, K.**, Hoddinott, J., Minten, B., & Stifel, D. (2017). Children's diets, nutrition knowledge and access to markets. *World Development*, 95, 303–315.
- Minten, B., Assefa, T., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2017). Can agricultural traders be trusted? Evidence from coffee in Ethiopia. *World Development*, 90, 77-88.
- 2016 De Weerd, J., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2016). Risk Sharing and Internal Migration. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 65(1), 63-86.
- Headey, D., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2016). Is Exposure to Poultry Harmful to Child Nutrition? An Observational Analysis for Rural Ethiopia. *PLoS one*, 11(8), e0160590.
- Hirvonen, K.** (2016). Rural-urban differences in children's dietary diversity in Ethiopia: a Poisson decomposition analysis. *Economics Letters*, 147, 12-15.
- Hirvonen, K.** (2016). Temperature changes, household consumption and internal migration: Evidence from Tanzania. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 98(4), 1230-1249.
- Hirvonen, K.**, Taffesse, A. S., & Worku, I. (2016). Seasonality and household diets in Ethiopia. *Public Health Nutrition*, 19(10), 1723-1730.
- 2015 **Hirvonen, K.**, & Lilleør, H. B. (2015). Going Back Home: Internal Return Migration in Rural Tanzania. *World Development*, 70, 186–202.
- 2014 **Hirvonen, K.** (2014). Measuring catch-up growth in malnourished populations. *Annals of Human Biology*, 41(1), 67–75.

## CHAPTERS IN BOOKS (8)

- 2025 Gilligan, Daniel O., Akhter Ahmed, Harold Alderman, Alan de Brauw, Melissa Hidrobo, **Kalle Hirvonen**, John Hoddinott, Jessica Leight, Shalini Roy, and Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse (2025). Social protection programs: Building the evidence and defining priorities. In *Global food policy report 2025: Food policy: Lessons and priorities for a changing world*, eds. Johan Swinnen and Christopher Barrett. Part Four: Transforming Lives and Livelihoods, Chapter 11, Pp. 267-292. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
- 2024 Headey, D., **Hirvonen, K.**, Alderman, H., de Pee, S., & Raghunathan, K. (2024). Diet affordability: Understanding the high cost of healthy diets. Chapter 4, pages 36-45. *Global Food Policy Report 2024: Food systems for healthy diets and nutrition*. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
- 2023 **Hirvonen, K.** (2023) Social Protection: Adaptive Safety Nets for Crisis Recovery. In *2023 Global Food Policy Report: Rethinking Food Crisis Responses*. Chapter 5, pp. 52-61. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
- 2021 Duchoslav, J., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2021) Delivery of Social Protection Programs to Combat COVID-19 in Africa. In *Building Resilient African Food Systems After COVID-19*, edited by John M. Ulimwengu, Mark A. Constat, and Éliane Ubalijoro. ReSAKSS 2021 Annual Trends and Outlook Report. Kigali and Washington, DC: AKADEMIYA2063 and IFPRI.
- 2020 Abay, K., **Hirvonen, K.**, & Minten, B. (2020). Farm size, food security, and welfare. In P. Dorosh & B. Minten (Eds.), *Ethiopia's agrifood system: Past trends, present challenges, and future scenarios*. Washington D.C.: IFPRI.
- 2019 Golan, J., Headey, D., **Hirvonen, K.**, & Hoddinott, J. (2019). Changes in child undernutrition rates in Ethiopia, 2000-16. In C. Cramer, F. Cheru, & A. Oqubay (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Ethiopian Economy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2018 Berhane, G., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2018). Designing social protection programs. In F. S. Wouterse & A. S. Taffesse (Eds.), *Boosting growth to end hunger by 2025: The role of social protection* (pp. 154-160). Washington D.C.: IFPRI.
- 2016 Moradi, A., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2016). The African Enigma: The mystery of tall African adults despite low national incomes revisited. In J. Komlos & I. R. Kelly (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Economics and Human Biology* (Vol. 33, pp. 669-692). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2014 Mabiso, A., Maystadt, J.-F., Vandercasteelen, J., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2014). Resilience for food security in refugee-hosting communities. In S. Fan, R. Pandya-Lorch, & S. Yosef (Eds.), *Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security* (pp. 45-52). Washington D.C.: IFPRI.

## COMMENTARIES IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS (2)

- 2021 Headey, D., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2021). Healthy and affordable for who? *One Earth*, Vol 4(9), P1189-1192.
- 2020 Baye, K., & **Hirvonen, K.** (2020). Seasonality: a missing link in preventing undernutrition. *The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health*, 4(1), PE3.

## OPINION PIECES AND OP-EDS (10)

- 2025 **Hirvonen, K.**, & Kuusela, O. How aid cuts could make vulnerable communities even less resilient to climate change. *The Conversation*.

- 2024 **Hirvonen, K.**, Gilligan, D., Leight, J., Tabet, H., & Villa, V. Do ultra-poor graduation programmes build resilience against droughts? Evidence from rural Ethiopia. *VoxDev*.
- 2022 Headey, D., & **Hirvonen, K.** Food inflation and global poverty: New challenges for the world food system. *UK's Royal Economic Society Quarterly Newsletter*, October 2022.
- Headey, D., & **Hirvonen, K.** A food crisis was brewing even before the Ukraine war – but taking these three steps could help the most vulnerable. *The Conversation*.
- 2021 Maystadt, J.-F, **Hirvonen, K.**, Stoop, N. Low trust in authorities affects vaccine uptake: evidence from 22 African countries. *The Conversation*.
- 2020 **Hirvonen, K.** Healthy diets – a privilege of the rich? *Rural-21*, 54(3): 8-9.
- Headey, D., & **Hirvonen, K.** Why “home garden” projects don’t always work. Insights from Ethiopia. *The Conversation*.
- 2019 Masters, W., Bai, Y, Headey, D, & **Hirvonen, K.** Can the world’s poor afford a healthy diet? *VoxDev*.
- Hirvonen, K.** More than three billion people globally are eating too much or too little. But we can fix our faulty food system. Op-Ed published in the *Telegraph* (UK).
- 2018 Minten, B. & **Hirvonen, K.** Ethiopian Economy Grows, but Diets Are Still Poor. *Malnutrition Deeply*.

#### SELECTED RESEARCH REPORTS (NON-PEER REVIEWED)

- 2024 Gilligan, D. O., Hirvonen, K., Leight, J., & Tesfaye, H. (2024) Midline Survey Report of the Strengthen PSNP Institutions and Resilience Phase II (SPIR II) Resilience Food Security Activity in Ethiopia.
- 2023 Gilligan, D. O., Hirvonen, K., Leight, J., Tabet, H., & Tesfaye, H. (2023). Baseline Survey Report of the Strengthen PSNP Institutions and Resilience Phase II (SPIR II) Resilience Food Security Activity in Ethiopia.
- 2021 Hirvonen, K., Habte, Y., Mohammed, B., Tamru, S., Abate, G. T., & Minten, B. (2021). Dairy value chains during the COVID-19 pandemic in Ethiopia: Evidence from cascading value chain surveys before and during the pandemic. IFPRI-ESSP working paper, 160.
- Hirvonen, K., Habte, Y., Mohammed, B., Tamru, S., Abate, G. T., & Minten, B. (2021). Vegetable value chains during the COVID-19 pandemic in Ethiopia: Evidence from cascading value chain surveys before and during the pandemic. IFPRI-ESSP working paper, 159.
- Hirvonen, Kalle, Gracie Rosenbach, and David J. Spielman (2021). Assessing market price dynamics during the COVID-19 pandemic in Rwanda. IFPRI-RSSP research note, 3.
- 2020 Abate, G. T., de Brauw, A., & Hirvonen, K. (2020). Food and nutrition security in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia during COVID-19 pandemic: June 2020 report. IFPRI-ESSP working paper, 145.
- Berhane, G., Golan, J., Hirvonen, K., Hoddinott, J., Kim, S., Taffesse, A. S., ... Yimer, F. (2020). Evaluation of the Nutrition-sensitive Features of the Fourth Phase of Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme.
- de Brauw, A., Hirvonen, K., & Abate, G. T. (2020). Food and nutrition security in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia during COVID-19 pandemic: [May/ June/ July] 2020 report. IFPRI-ESSP working paper, 143/145/148.
- Hirvonen, K. (2020). Economic impacts of COVID-19 pandemic in Ethiopia: A review of phone survey evidence. IFPRI-ESSP working paper, 151.

Hirvonen, K., Abate, G. T., & de Brauw, A. (2020). Food and nutrition security in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia during COVID-19 pandemic: May 2020 report. IFPRI-ESSP working paper, 143.

Wolle, A., Hirvonen, K., de Brauw, A., Baye, K., & Abate, G. T. (2020). Household food consumption patterns in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. IFPRI-ESSP working paper, 139.

2019 Hirvonen, K., & Wolle, A. (2019). Consumption, Production, Market Access and Affordability of Nutritious Foods in the [Afar/Amhara/Oromia/Tigray/Somali] Region of Ethiopia. [5 reports in total].

Hirvonen, K., Hoddinott, J., Lind, J., Sabates-Wheeler, R., Tefera, M., & Taffesse, A. S. (2019). Humanitarian Food Assistance 2018: Process Evaluation Report.

## STATISTICAL SOFTWARE COMPONENTS

2024 "ETH2GRECAL: Stata module to convert dates from the Ethiopian calendar to the Gregorian calendar," Statistical Software Components S459281, Boston College Department of Economics.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2024 UNU-WIDER annual conference, Mozambique.

2023 Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE), Gothenburg (invited speaker); Micronutrient Forum, The Hague (invited speaker).

2022 Helsinki Graduate School of Economics; Copenhagen the Development Economics Research Group (DERG); Finnfund, Helsinki.

2021 Ethiopia Global Hunger Index launch (virtual), International Conference of Agricultural Economists (virtual); UNU-WIDER Annual Development Conference (virtual).

2020 "COVID-19 Risk and Food Value Chains" webinar organized by CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets (PIM); IFPRI-ESSP webinars on COVID-19.

2019 Ethiopia National Nutrition Conference, Addis Ababa; Ethiopia Public Health Institute (EPHI) seminar, Addis Ababa; The Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference, Oxford; Africa Child Policy Forum, Addis Ababa.

2018 World Food Programme (WFP) impact evaluation workshop, Nairobi; World Bank Brown Bag Lunch seminar, Addis Ababa; Columbia University World Project workshop, "Adapting agriculture to Climate Today, for Tomorrow", Addis Ababa; CSAE Conference, Oxford; UNU-WIDER seminar, Helsinki; Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) workshop, Addis Ababa; Agriculture, Nutrition and Health (ANH) Academy Research Conference, Accra; Ethiopian Economic Association (EEA) annual conference, Addis Ababa; Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) Annual Conference, African Union, Addis Ababa; EPHI seminar, Addis Ababa.

2017 The Future of Ethiopian Agriculture and Compact 2025 Conference, Addis Ababa; NCDE, Gothenburg; Consultative Workshop on Improving Complementary Food and Feeding Practices for Children 6-23 months in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa; EEA annual conference, Addis Ababa; Child Research & Practice Forum (CRPF) seminar, Addis Ababa; Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) Seminar, Addis Ababa.

2016 ANH Academy Research Conference, Addis Ababa; IFPRI-ESSP Research Symposium on Transformation and Vulnerability in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa; EDRI Seminar, Addis Ababa; CSAE Conference, Oxford; Workshop on Dynamics of Wellbeing in Ethiopia, organized by the World Bank, Addis Ababa; "Agriculture and the Refugee Crisis: Climatic Impact and

Search for Solutions", Agriculture Hard Talk Series, the World Bank, Washington DC (VC connection from Addis Ababa).

- 2015 CAADP/ReSAKSS conference nutrition side event (keynote), Addis Ababa; International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Milan; CSAE Conference, Oxford; Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH) Conference, London; Together for Nutrition Conference, Addis Ababa; EDRI Seminar, Addis Ababa.
- 2014 African Econometric Society & EEA Conference, Addis Ababa; CSAE Conference, Oxford; National Nutrition Program Research Dissemination Conference organized by Ethiopian Public Health Institute, Adama.
- 2013 European Development Research Network PhD Workshop, Geneva; Royal Economic Society Conference, Royal Holloway; NORFACE Migration Conference, University College London, London; LICOS seminar, KU Leuven, Leuven; Sussex University, Economics Department Seminar, Brighton
- 2012 Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), Dartmouth; CSAE Conference, Oxford; CRED Workshop, University of Namur, Namur; Paris School of Economics, seminar presentation, Paris; Rockwool Foundation seminar, Copenhagen; UNU-WIDER seminar, Helsinki.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

"The Effectiveness of Social Protection Programs to Combat COVID-19", funded by CGIAR research program on Policies, Institutions and Markets, 2021. Role: Principal investigator (PI). \$19,000.

"Disruptions and development of value chains in Ethiopia during COVID-19: Evidence from studies of rural and urban markets", funded by GIZ, 2020. Role: PI of the urban market component. \$309,000.

"Acute malnutrition dynamics in rural Ethiopia", funded by UNICEF, 2020. Role: PI. \$68,000.

"The environmental impacts of Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme", funded by CGIAR research program on Policies, Institutions and Markets, 2020. Role: PI. \$63,000.

"Analysis of payment modality preferences in Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme", funded by CGIAR research program on Policies, Institutions and Markets, 2019. Role: PI. \$25,000.

"Analysis of food systems in 6 regions of Ethiopia". Funded by the Alive & Thrive project managed by FHI-360, 2019. Role: Lead researcher. \$56,000.

"Studying Animal Food Markets in Rural Areas (SAFIRA)", funded by USAID/JSI, 2018-21. Randomized control trial. Role: PI. \$440,000. [Project was eventually cancelled due to the pandemic and conflict.]

"Evaluation of the delivery of humanitarian aid in Ethiopia", funded by the World Bank, 2018-19. Process evaluation. Role: Lead Researcher. \$140,000.

"Impact Evaluation of the World Food Programme's Fresh Food Voucher Pilot Programme", funded by World Food Programme (WFP), 2017-2019. Randomized control trial. Role: PI. \$200,000.

"Impact evaluation of the fourth phase of the Production Safety Net Programme of Ethiopia", funded by the World Bank, 2016-2020. Role: Project Economist.

"The impact of the fourth phase of Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP4) on women's time use and nutritional status of women and children", funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 2017-2019. Role: Project Economist. \$2,500,000.

## AWARDS

Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Africa Section's best publication: 2023.  
Outstanding Reviewer Award, World Development: 2018.  
Finnish Cultural Foundation: Grant for PhD studies: 2011, 2012, 2013.  
Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation: Grant for PhD studies: 2010, 2011, 2013.  
UK Economic and Social Research Council Studentship for postgraduate studies; 2009-12.

## REFEREEING ACTIVITY

*Journals:* Agricultural and Resource Economics Review; Agricultural Economics; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy; Current Developments in Nutrition; Demography; Development Policy Review; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economic Journal; Economics and Human Biology; Economics Letters; Energy Economics; Ethiopian Journal of Economics; European Journal of Development Research; European Review of Agricultural Economics; Food Policy; Food Security, Gender, Technology and Development; Global Food Security; Health Economics; Journal of African Economics; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Development Effectiveness; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Environmental Economics and Management; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Journal of Nutrition; Lancet Global Health; Lancet Planetary Health; Maternal & Child Nutrition; Nature; Nature Communications; Nature Food; Nature Sustainability; Nordic Journal of African Studies; Oxford Economic Papers; PLOS ONE; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS); Public Health Nutrition; Review of Development Economics; Social Science and Medicine; SSM - Population Health; Southern Economic Journal; World Bank Economic Review; World Development.

*Institutions/organizations:* African Union/AKADEMIYA2063; Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA); Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI); Center for Global Development (CGD); IFPRI; Institute for Development Studies (IDS); London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM); Oxfam America; Oxford Handbooks; Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF); UNICEF; University of Florence (Economics Department); University of Milan (Economics Department).

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

*Print/online:* ABS-CBN News (the Philippines); Business Standard (India); Calgary Sun (Canada); Canada.com (Canada); Capital Ethiopia; CNN (USA); Daily Mail (UK); Devex (USA); Dhaka Tribune (Bangladesh); Edmonton Sun (Canada); Ethiopian Herald; Ethiopian News Agency; EurekAlert! (USA); Finnish Broadcasting Corporation, YLE; Focus (Italy); Helsingin Sanomat (Finland); Hindustan Times (India); Inverse (USA); Kehitys-Utveckling (Finland); London Free Times (UK); Maaseudun Tulevaisuus (Finland); Medium (USA); Mint (India); National Tribune (USA); New Food Economy (USA); New York Times (USA); News-24 (South Africa); Reuters (UK); RT (Russia); The Economist; The Hindu (India); The New Indian Express; The Pioneer (India); The Times of India; Today Online (Singapore); Toronto Sun (Canada); Sábado (Portugal); Outlook India; Ulkopoliitikka (Finland); Vancouver Sun (Canada); VoxDev (USA); Winnipeg Sun (Canada); Yahoo! Finance (USA).

*Radio:* AfroFM (Ethiopia); YLE (Finland).

## SURVEYS LED OR WITH MAJOR INVOLVEMENT

### *Ethiopia:*

Improving Incomes of Coffee Farmers (IICoF) in Jimma project evaluation (RCT), baseline survey (2,995 households), conducted Dec 2023–Jan 2024.  
IMPEL-SPIR-2 evaluation (RCT), baseline, midline and endline surveys (~3,000 households each), conducted Aug 2022–Jun 2025.  
Addis Ababa Food Consumption and COVID-19 surveys, including baseline (~900 households), endline (900 households), COVID-19 phone surveys (4 rounds, ~600 households), and follow-up phone/in-person surveys (800 households), conducted Sept 2019–Sept 2021.  
Vegetable value chain phone surveys (359 farmers, 30 wholesalers, and 210 retailers), conducted Mar–Aug 2021.

Dairy value chain phone surveys (378 farmers, 63 wholesalers, and 168 retailers), conducted Jun–Sept 2021.

Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) Phase-4 evaluation of nutrition components, baseline and endline surveys (~2,600 households each), conducted Mar 2017–Aug 2019.

WFP Fresh Food Voucher Program evaluation (RCT), baseline and endline surveys (580 households), conducted Dec 2017–Dec 2018.

Feed-the-Future (FtF) evaluation surveys, midline (6,696 households) and endline (3,886 households), conducted 2015–2018.

Evaluation of the delivery of humanitarian aid in Ethiopia (1,260 households), conducted 2018.

PSNP Phase-4 evaluation, baseline and midline surveys (9,270 households), conducted 2016–2018.

PSNP Phase-3 evaluation, endline survey (5,287 households), conducted 2014.

#### *Malawi:*

Capital injection intervention evaluation (RCT), including baseline survey ~3,200 households) and 2 interim phone surveys (1,800 households), conducted Oct 2024–Jan 2025.

#### *Tanzania:*

The 6th wave of the Kagera Health and Development Survey (3,313 households), conducted Apr–Dec 2010.

#### *Somalia:*

Building Pathways Out of Poverty for Ultra-poor IDPs and Vulnerable Host Communities in Baidoa (RCT evaluation), baseline, midline, and endline surveys (~4,000 households), conducted 2022–2024.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Two guest lectures in MSc level course titled "Food systems and nutrition in low- and middle-income countries", Department of Food and Nutrition, University of Helsinki: March-May 2024; 2025.

"Agriculture and Development", Guest Lecture in Development Economics 1, MSc level course, Helsinki School of Graduate Economics: 2021; 2022; 2023; 2024.

"Do ultra-poor graduation programmes build resilience against droughts?", Guest Lecture in MSc level Economics course, University of Stockholm, September 2024.

"Economics of Food Security and Nutrition", thematic course in the Agricultural, Environmental and Resource Economics Masters-Programme, Department of Economics and Management, University of Helsinki, March-May 2022; 2023.

"Development Economics and the impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security", Guest Lecture in MSc level World Politics course, University of Tampere, October 2022.

"Bordeaux Summer School - Sustainable African cities", Guest Lecture "Can the World's poor afford a healthy diet?", University of Bordeaux (online), May 2022

"Food affordability and social support", Guest Lecture in Food and Nutrition Security, PhD level course, Department of Food and Nutrition, University of Helsinki (online), October 2021.

"Using Stata and Demographic Health Surveys to answer policy questions", a 5-day course for health, nutrition and agricultural researchers, Ethiopian Public Health Institute, Addis Ababa, October 2019.

"Advanced Research Methods in Nutritional Sciences", a short course for PhD students at Center for Food Science and Nutrition, College of Natural & Computational Sciences, Addis Ababa Univ. Jan. 2019.

"Writing, Presenting and Publishing in Development Economics", 1-day workshop at Ethiopian Economic Association for university lecturers, post-docs, PhD students, July 2017.

"Introduction to Impact Evaluation Methods", 3-day workshop at Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research, November 2014 & 2015.

"Human Mobility and Development" course for MSc students, Guest Lecture, Department of Development Studies, University of Helsinki, 2012.

"Microeconomics (2<sup>nd</sup> year students)", Associate Tutor, Sussex University, Dept. of Economics, 2011.

"Introduction to Stata (MSc students)", Associate Tutor, Sussex University, Dept. of Economics, 2011.

## **EXTERNAL EXAMINER, PHD**

Economics Department, Lancaster University, March 2019.

## **OTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

PhD internship at the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), Helsinki, Finland (March-May, 2012);

"Contemporary India" summer course at the University of Hyderabad, India, July 2005;

Exchange year in the Department of Economics at the University of Essex, 2003-2004.

"Panel Data Linear Analysis" by Baltagi, 2012, Barcelona GSE;

"Statistical Graphics" by Jenkins, 2013, CEMMAP, UCL;

"Methods for Ex Ante and Ex Post Policy Evaluation" by Todd, 2013, PEPA, UCL.

## **INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Lived and worked in Ethiopia (7 years), the UK (5 years), Tanzania (12 months), and Nepal (5 months).

## **LANGUAGES**

Finnish, English, Swedish (conversant, rusty), Amharic (intermediate).