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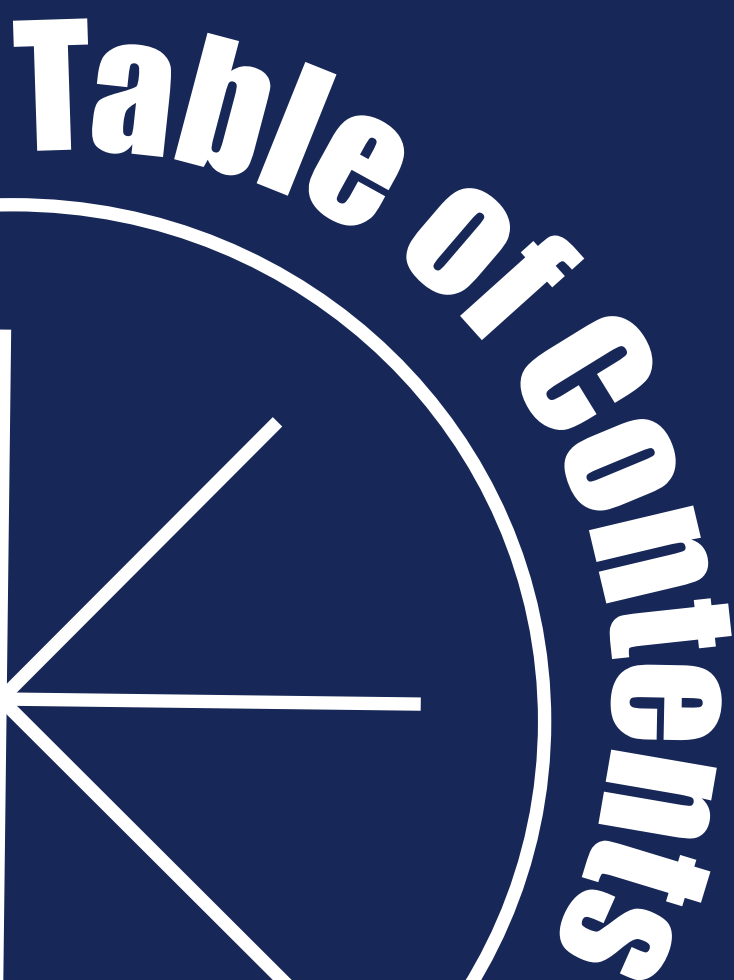


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DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT Prof. Peter Quartey

Welcome to the 2019-2020 annual report of ISSER. It's always a pleasure to share with you highlights and lessons of the past year.

The onset of COVID-19 crisis in the first few months of 2020 and the resulting restrictions disrupted some planned activities, particularly data collection and outreach. Thankfully, we were able to pivot quickly to adapt to the new reality and to focus our energies on a new imperative: providing context-specific data and analysis and building capacity to strengthen the ability and effectiveness of policymakers and actors to respond to the social and economic fallouts of the pandemic.

This saw us play active roles in COVID-19 related research and communication. For example, the Institute provided data collection support to the COVID-19 Trust Fund, while individual researchers published policy briefs and blogs (disseminated via the website and social media platforms of ISSER, and some partner websites), and participated in discussions in the media and on other platforms.

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As always, our researchers continued to make advances, producing evidence-based publications including in respected peer-reviewed journals, as you will see in this report. We also brokered new collaborations for research and related activities. Speaking of collaborations, we are immensely thankful to the Agricultural Development Bank (ADB) Ghana for their continued financial support towards our dissemination efforts, as we are to all current and past collaborators of ISSER. Your support makes it possible for us to sustain dynamism and to do more towards consolidating the profile ISSER.

We congratulate members who rose to top administrative positions in the University. Professor Felix Asante was appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Development, and Professor George Owusu, was appointed the Dean of the School of Social Sciences. Charles Ackah and Nana Akua Anyidoho were promoted to the rank of Associate Professor at ISSER.

Prof Anyidoho was also appointed Director at the Centre for Social Policy Studies (CSPS), University of Ghana.

Relatedly, two of our seven PhD students (a female and a male) graduated, having successfully defended their theses. Ayekoo, congratulations to you all and all the best in your new positions. Looking ahead, we are hopeful of achieving more successes, individually and collectively, as we work together in pursuit of the sustained growth of ISSER.

The 2019-2020 annual report highlights activities across our work areas: research, publications, teaching

programmes and outreach and communications, as well as special features which we believe readers will find interesting and informative.

Thanks again to the staff and collaborators of ISSER, and thank you for taking the time to read about our efforts.

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Research Activity Highlights

Research is at the core of ISSER's mandate, and from it spring other areas of activity, such as research dissemination and policy advice, and capacity building. Our research spans six major themes: (i) social mobilization and social protection (ii) human capital development and socio-economic transformation (iii) oil find and Ghana's development (iv) politics of policy making (v) urbanization and national development (vi) energy- and climate-related research. Below is a summary of completed and ongoing research in the 2019-2020 academic year.



Impact of COVID-19 on SDG 2 and Livelihoods in Ghana

The COVID-19 pandemic is estimated to increase global extreme poverty to about 150 million people by 2021. While it is difficult to state the full socio-economic impact of the pandemic, it is envisaged

to have adverse effects on vulnerable groups and participants within informal sectors of many economies, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa. The United Nations report that the achievement of several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is being threatened by poverty, inequality, and exclusion; as a result, the most vulnerable are being further marginalized. This study examined the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on SDG 2 and livelihoods in Ghana, using the nationally representative Ghana Living Standards Survey 2016/2017 (GLSS7) and district-level COVID-19 incidence data from Ghana.

This project is implemented with support from the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) from Liverpool John Moores University.

Duration: 3 months
(May 2020 – July 2020)

Principal Investigator:

Prof. Peter Quartey

Co-Investigators: Dr. Ralph Armah,
Prof. Cynthia Akwei

SME Market Sizing Study

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) form the backbone of Ghana's economy: constituting 70% of GDP and 92% of all businesses. This notwithstanding, SMEs in Ghana face various constraints (including limited access to credit facilities and international markets). A major challenge in a dynamic and interconnected economy is SME's inadequate access to appropriate information communication technology which, moreover, is a key ingredient for tapping into global markets for business transactions. This project aimed at collecting data on SME's ICT needs and usage as well as motivations and priorities for the adoption of products and services. Further, the project sought to explore the demand for ICT products and services; measure the size of the SME market (in terms of volume and value); and identify current and emerging SME ICT needs (highlighting gaps in the current market players' offers).

This project was supported by the SCANCOM PLC (MTN Ghana).

Duration: 7 months
(July 2020 – January 2021)

Principal Investigator:

Prof. Peter Quartey

Co-Investigators: Dr. Ralph Armah, Dr.
Aba Crentsil, Dr. Martha Awo





Fiscal and Public Health Impact of a Change in Tobacco Excise Taxes in Ghana

In Ghana, more than 5,000 people are killed by tobacco-caused diseases every year (Tobacco Atlas, 2018). Currently, the country's tax administration approach is unitary with a

uniform ad valorem tax structure on all excisable products including tobacco. However, the ECOWAS directive on tobacco control in line with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC), recommends a simple tax structure using a mixed excise system with a minimum specific tax floor, to overcome the large limitations of the ad valorem system on tobacco products especially cigarettes. The study therefore simulates mixed tax policy interventions and assesses its effect on government revenue and public health relative to the current ad valorem tax system. The study provided evidence-based analysis of tobacco taxation in Ghana. The main research theme addressed best practices in tobacco taxation centering on the impact of tobacco tax increases on the retail price of tobacco products, tobacco consumption and government tax revenue.

Principal Investigator:

Dr. Ama Pokuaa Fenny

Duration: 2019 – 2020

Partnership Facilitation and City Diagnostics to Support Equitable Economic Growth in two Secondary Cities in Ghana (Cape Coast and Swedru)

An international consortium, with ISSER as a Ghana-based Principal Investigator, partnered with staff from the University of Bonn and a US-based NGO, Eparque Urban Strategies, LLC, to undertake this project aimed at equipping smaller cities (Agona Swedru and Cape Coast) to boost their economies and help reinvigorate employment and related improved socio-economic status for residents. In this project, both cities chose areas of interest to them.

Cape Coast chose tourism while Agona Swedru and its environs chose agro-processing. East Mamprusi Municipality was introduced as a "learning city". The project trained citizens from these communities to provide the needed collaboration and backstopping for the sustainability of the Project.

It was funded by the United Nations Office for Project Services ("UNOPS"), through Cities Alliance.

Duration: 14 months

(July 2018 – October 2019)

Principal Investigator: Rev. Prof. Adobea Owusu; Co-PI, Prof. George Owusu

mNutrition - External evaluation of mobile phone technology-based nutrition and agriculture advisory project – Endline

mNutrition is a global initiative supported by DFID, organized by GSMA, and implemented by in-country mobile network operators (MNOs) to use mobile technology to improve the health and nutritional status of children and adults in the developing world. A consortium of researchers from Gamos Ltd, the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) led a rigorous mixed-methods evaluation to estimate the impact of mNutrition on key outcome measures and, to understand how the context and the components of the mNutrition intervention shape its impact. In support of IFPRI's lead on the quantitative component of the impact evaluation, ISSER through the MLE Unit, conducted the fieldwork for the endline survey in Ghana. Services rendered included the development of CAPI, review of field instruments, recruitment of field staff, training of enumerators, monitoring of field activities, writing of field reports, delivery of accurate database with individual data files linked by unique household identifiers, as well as raw data.

Duration: 8 months
(Oct 2018 – May 2019)

Principal Investigator: Prof. Felix Ankomah Asante

Co-Investigator: Dr. Simon Bawakyillenuo

Costing of Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI) and HCAI Control Interventions in Ghana

Healthcare associated infections (HCAs) pose a constant threat not only to patients, their families and healthcare systems but also to society as a whole. Apart from contributing

to increased mortality they add substantially to hospital costs. Very few studies estimate the excess cost of HCAI in developing countries with the majority of these studies found in Latin America. To date, there has been no costing of HCAs in Ghana. The costing study which is part of larger HCAI study will be conducted in three phases with two stages of data collection within each phase. Phase 1 will involve the costing of Surgical Site Infections (SSI) and interventions. Phase 2 will involve the costing of neonatal sepsis and interventions, while Phase 3 will involve the costing of puerperal sepsis and interventions. In each of these phases, two sets of data collection exercises will be undertaken; one at the baseline and then an endline survey after the intervention has taken place. The aim of this study is to measure the direct, indirect and opportunity costs associated with HCAs and HCAI control interventions in Ghana. These infections include surgical site infections, neonatal and puerperal sepsis.

Duration: 2016 - 2021

Principal Investigator: Dr Ama Pokuaa Fenny

Curbing Illicit Financial Flows

This is a six-year interdisciplinary research project – funded through the “Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development” (r4d programme) by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) – that draws on the disciplines of economics, law and political science, to analyse how commodity-trade related Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) from resource-rich countries can be significantly reduced in order to finance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The research focuses on commodity trade-related illicit financial flows (IFFs) from resource-rich developing countries, specifically related to trade mispricing and abusive transfer pricing.

This project is being undertaken in collaboration with the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies with project sites being Ghana, Laos and Switzerland.

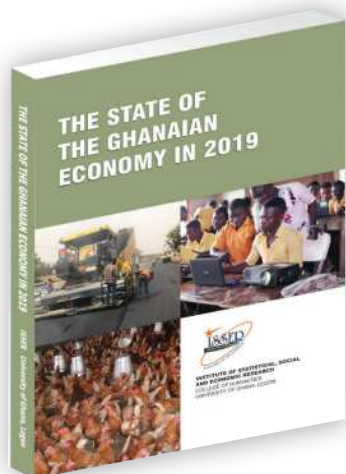
Duration: 3 years

(September 2017 – August 2020)

Principal Investigator: Fred Dzanku



Publication by the Institute



State of the Ghanaian Economy Report (SGER) 2019

The 2019 edition of the State of the Ghanaian Economy Report (SGER) was issued with an announcement on the Institute's website and social media platforms. The eight chapter report discusses performance of the various sectors of the economy, with an optional chapter focusing on a relevant sector or topic of the economy. The optional chapter of the 2019 edition is on Banking Sector Reforms and Economic Performance in Ghana.

In a statement announcing the release of the report, the Director Prof Peter Quartey said: "We are pleased to announce the release of yet another thorough and substantive report, which policymakers, businesses, academia, and indeed all stakeholders, will no doubt find useful."

"I thank the team of authors for their commitment and persistence in seeing through the 30th edition of the SGER, in spite of unexpected delays and challenges in data collection caused by the COVID-19 pandemic..."

The stakeholder engagement events normally organized to launch the SGER and discuss pressing economic issues were deferred due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Teaching Programme Highlights

The Institute continues to provide transformative training opportunities for current and future leaders through our graduate programmes (Master’s and PhD in Development Studies), and professional short courses.

In 2019-2020, graduate programmes were delivered using a combination of online and in-person teaching methods and this helped us avoid undue disruptions to planned activities.

Three short courses with significant practical components were not organized, as COVID-19-related restrictions would have hampered effective delivery. However, two courses, Monitoring and Evaluation for Public and Private Sectors, and Data Management, were rolled out successfully.

Below is the breakdown of our student numbers in 2019-2020.



Short Courses 2020



Dr. David Ameyaw, with nearly three decades of experience in M&E, imparts knowledge



Prof Robert Darko Osei takes his turn to teach at the M&E short course



Participants at the end of a successful M&E short course 2020



Prof. Quartey was present to present certificates to participants

Short courses 2020 was a success, imparting knowledge and fostering career- and life-transforming networks



Group presentation – as part of the training, participants demonstrate learning by undertaking projects, working in groups **and in ways that help foster networking and relationship building**



Dr Ama Fenny (facilitator), Prof Peter Quartey, Dr Cynthia Tagoe (short course coordinator) and Dr Ralph Armah (facilitator) at the end of a successful Data Management short course 2020

Outreach and Dissemination

ISSER disseminates the rich findings of its studies to target audience through events, publications, media relations, social media, the ISSER website, and meetings. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the Institute to defer or cancel altogether events that would typically be held in person. While this adversely impacted stakeholder engagement and relationship building efforts, it also had the positive outcome of pushing us to earnestly maximize the use of alternative, and in particular online, channels of communication as a means of disseminating information and staying connected with our stakeholders.

Aside from establishing new relationships and deepening existing relationships with media across the country, we took steps towards improving online communication experience for our stakeholders. Small but important actions like sharing important information online in a timely and visually appealing manner, live streaming key events and improving online audience engagement produced very positive results that manifested in a marked increase in followership and activity across our major online communication channels: the website, Facebook and Twitter. On Facebook for example, our followers grew by nearly a 1000 over the period, from 6,773 followers in August 2019 to 7,680 in July 2020.

The Institute also hosted and or participated in some events, albeit understandably few, as highlighted below. In addition, we co-organised, with the Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA), a series of online seminars on various topics.

Panel Discussion: Boosting Agricultural Value Chains in the midst of COVID-19 and Political Party Manifestos

November 2020

ISSER organised a panel discussion on the topic: Boosting Agricultural Value Chains in the midst of COVID-19 and Political Party Manifestos. Held in the run up to the December 2020 elections amid COVID-19 recovery efforts, the event proffered independent and informed recommendations on a topic critical to Ghana's post-COVID recovery and development – agriculture.

It was chaired by Prof Peter Quartey, with Mr Kwesi Korboe (CEO, GIRSA) as the keynote Speaker, and Prof Irene Egyir (Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, University of Ghana), Dr John Saviour Eleblu (West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement, WACCI) and Dr Fred Dzanku (ISSER) as discussants.

Participants -- including academics, sector practitioners and the media -- agreed that while agriculture was impacted, negatively but also positively, by the COVID-19 crisis, the sector uniquely showed resilience and some amount of growth, unlike other sectors. However, historically inherent challenges persist and these ought

to be addressed in order to boost resilience and prosperity, and ensure improved outcomes for those engaged in the value chain.

A summary of key takeaways from this event can be accessed via the ISSER website: <http://isser.ug.edu.gh/latest-news/panel-discussion-boosting-agricultural-value-chains-midst-covid-19-and-political-party>



A participant takes notes during presentations



ISSER researchers make a point to actively participate in events, and enrich discussions with their insights and experiences. Here, Adjunct Scholar, Prof. William Steel makes an intervention



Mr. Kwesi Korboe gives the keynote presentation



Dr Fred Dzanku makes his submission

ISSER researchers present at Ghana Priorities Eminent Panel Conference

August 2020, Accra

Two ISSER researchers – Director Peter Quartey and Prof. Robert Darko Osei – were among 28 teams of Ghanaian, regional and international economists who presented their research on costs and benefits of the most promising policy pursuits to an eminent panel including Nobel Prize recipient Finn Kydland and six distinguished national economists. This was part of a data-driven approach to establish interventions that will do the most good for every Ghana cedi spent.

Prof. Quartey's presentation was focused on industrial transformation measures, while Prof Darko Osei's topic explored the prospects and requirements of the agricultural sector as a primary engine of employment and growth.

Also presenting from ISSER was Prof. Charles Godfred Ackah, Associate Professor, who was part of a two-member team that examined vocational education and apprenticeship.



A section of participants at the conference.

Spearheaded by the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC), in collaboration with the Copenhagen Consensus Centre, the four-day highly mediatized conference provided a valuable platform for strengthening good governance and making informed public policy choices. ISSER was proud to have its members share research insights on this nationally significant platform. to be addressed in order to boost resilience and prosperity, and ensure improved outcomes for those engaged in the value chain.

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ISSER meets the media to discuss the 2020 Mid-Year Budget Review

August 2020

ISSER hosted representatives from local media, along with other key publics, to discuss the 2020 mid-year budget review and share expert perspectives on measures to mitigate the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, sustain the economy and keep fiscal targets on track.

The session featured a presentation by Prof Peter Quartey highlighting key areas of the budget review, including the impact of COVID-19 on key economic sectors and government recovery interventions designed to ease the socioeconomic burden of the pandemic on businesses and lives. He concluded with some recommendations, and stressed the importance of transparency and efficiency in budget expenditures as well as the need to make sure allocation of COVID-19 recovery funds and interventions is guided by data on where the greatest needs are. The presentation was followed by interactions and interviews involving Prof Quartey and other economists of the Institute.

Evidence to Action Conference: two-day preparatory workshop July 2019

ISSER (as host), the International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED), and the Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation organized a pre-conference workshop to usher in the 2nd Evidence to Action Conference. The workshops were facilitated by seasoned and well-experienced people, and shared a wealth of information and knowledge with participants.

The event, which was co-organized by other government agencies and international organizations, was held at the ISSER Conference Facility.

ISSER-MIASA Seminars

ISSER co-organised a series of seminars with MIASA's Interdisciplinary Fellow Group on 'The Governance of Sustainable Energy Transition in the Global South' (IFG4). The Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) is a research institute under the College of Humanities of the University of Ghana, with overarching aim to support research in the Humanities and Social Sciences in the Global South. It is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and the University of Ghana.

IFG4 -- of which ISSER is implementing partner -- is one of the four Fellow Groups that make up MIASA. IFG4 has focus on developing critical perspectives from the social sciences on the governance of sustainable energy transitions (SETs) in the Global South. The collaborative seminars are in line with the shared interests of MIASA and of ISSER to support research and related exchanges among researchers in and beyond Africa.

| Date | Topic | Presenter |
|-------------------|--|---|
| 10 December 2020 | Energy transition and challenges of bakeries' cooking choices in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire | Dr. Berté Salimata |
| 03 December, 2020 | Endogenous Innovation and Sustainable Energy Transitions in West Africa: A Conceptual Framework | Dr. Diran Soumonni |
| 26 November 2020 | Household Transitions to Clean Cooking Fuels in Urban Ghana: A qualitative perspective | Dr. Aba Obrumah Crentsil |
| 12 November 2020 | Gendering energy, representation and the political ecology of an electric energy transition in Ghana | Dr. Naaborle Sackeyfio, MIASA Fellow |
| 19 November 2020 | Towards a political economy of renewable energy in Ghana: Donors and domestic priorities | Dr. Rasmus Hunds-bæk Pedersen, MIASA Fellow |
| 05 November 2020 | Barriers to sustainable electrical energy transition in Ghana | Dr. Paul Osei-Tutu |
| 29 October 2020 | The evolving role of finance in renewable electricity systems in Senegal | Dr. Lucy Baker |
| 22 October 2020 | Sociotechnical typologies for national energy transitions | Dr. Norbert Edomah |
| 15 October, 2020 | An off-grid solar frontier: the scalar geographies of the photovoltaic turn in Ghana | Dr. Paul Munro, MIASA Fellow |
| 03 March 2020 | **Ghana's Economic Achievements since Independence | Prof. Augustin Kwasi Fosu |

** Organised by ISSER as a non-collaborative activity.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Spotlighting our researchers

Research fellows keep ISSER going. They conduct research and analysis, lead and participate in advocacy activities, and they teach and supervise the theses of our Master's and PhD students, always introducing new elements from their research into individual courses and lectures. In this section, Rev Prof Adobea Yaa Owusu, head of the Social Division of ISSER, discusses her career trajectory, her role, and emerging challenges in her field of work and how it will impact her work.



**Rev. Prof. Adobea Yaa
Owusu, Associate Professor
and Head of Social Division**

What was the path that led to your position now?

When I relocated to Ghana, I worked for one year with an international NGO on a national health communication project as in-country manager/principal investigator. The project had as aim to lead the change over from chloroquine as a first-line drug for the cure of malaria to combined therapy. This was a significant task, involving field research, policy engagement and development of mass communication materials – all of which I totally enjoyed. However, I had challenges with the long and demanding work schedule and with feeling restricted in my movements, particularly because I had very young children at the time.

Prior to joining the project though, I had applied to the University of Ghana, specifically to ISSER and the School of Public Health. There was a long delay but I eventually received an offer each from the two entities I'd applied to, and this coincided with my decision to discontinue working with the NGO. My affinity for research made me choose ISSER.

Why the career choice of research?

My work with the Ministry of Health (where I worked for over six years) involved a lot of research. Also, my Master of Public Health had a focus on health services research, so that's how it all started. Primarily, I wanted to be in academia, and being at ISSER gives me the dual advantage of being able to teach and do research.

Tell us about your role as senior researcher and head of division

As a senior researcher, I work round the clock doing research, teaching and supervising students' theses, and a bit of administrative work. My current research focus spans HIV/AIDS, health and development, health services output in Ghana, including morbidity and mortality rates, caring for persons with stroke, domestic/intimate partner violence, socio-economic effects of COVID-19, and breast cancer.

As head of division, I coordinate and engage in a lot of collaborative work on projects and publications. On the administrative front, I provide guidance to colleagues on issues ranging from academic work and career progression to promotions (and how to apply for them) and available welfare products and services.

I also serve on ISSER's Management Committee, which is an important administrative and decision making body. I also liaise between the Director of the Institute and my colleagues in the Division. Occasionally, I represent the Institute at key events and execute special assignments -- all of these shape my days and what I do. Honestly, it used to be quite a challenge juggling it all, however with time, I have found ways of adjusting to the requirements of my work.

I really enjoy research work and related engagements, the chance to visit interesting places (including international travel and local field visits) and meet people. Additionally, the frequent public fora ISSER engages in are a thriller for me.

This being my second time of acting as head of division, I am more familiar with the requirements, and with the support of colleagues and trust in my leadership, it's been a whole lot easier.

What inspires you in your work?

The conviction that everything I work hard at will pay off positively, and also, the sheer love of being an academic. I therefore strive to keep up with the

demands of work, even when it gets challenging. Also, consciousness of the importance of sharing with others what God has endowed me with academically has been a major push. This drives my interaction with my students and colleagues. Additionally, the resources (both human and material) available to me at ISSER – a very spacious, cozy, and quiet office, the relationship of respect, cordiality and collaboration shared with my colleagues, as well as the academic freedom I have – are stimulating.

What are the key challenges you see for your field of research in the coming five years and how will that impact the way you work?

I don't really foresee any form of challenges. As I understand my role as an academic more and more and get adjusted to it by the day, I deem it to be more rewarding and smooth than a challenge. However, there is need to work harder at getting funding for my area of research. And with COVID-19 and God-knows-what-next, there is need for more public health and social research.

Tell us a bit more about yourself
I am a mother of two boys, I love cooking, listening to and dancing to Christian music, reading and coming across the great truths in the Bible, and attending Christian programs that highlight biblical truths. I also enjoy the opportunity to spend time with my siblings and my children.

I strive to stay true to the course of Christ and Christian virtues and beliefs (because I believe ardently in all the positive elements it affords, and also the promise of eternal life), and to work hard at everything I do.

Spotlighting our students

In this section, two alumni from our PhD and Master's programmes, winners of the 2019-2020 University of Ghana Vice Chancellor's annual award¹, give their perspectives on studying at ISSER and how this helped shape their future.



Celestine Chukwuka Chime
Master's student, 2019- 2020

Tell us about yourself

I am a passionate young man, born to a Nigerian father and Ghanaian mother, who has love for development work especially in the area of Monitoring and Evaluation. After completing Senior High School education, I pursued a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture (Agribusiness) at the University of Ghana, following which I worked in the development sector with different civil society organisations (CSOs) and development agencies such as Solidaridad West Africa and IFPRI. After a couple of years working in the field of development, I decided to take on a new challenge and pursue a Master of Arts Degree in Development Studies, with the aim of equipping myself with additional skills in order to contribute meaningfully to positive change in Ghana and Africa at large.

Share with us your views on life and study at ISSER

Every day as a student at the highly esteemed institute presented a new challenge to push your academic frontiers. Inasmuch as it was time-demanding and required that we put in maximum effort, it was also fun as the lecturers and my course mates made discussions and group work interesting and interactive.

Also, being under the direct supervision and tutelage of professors and academicians who are held in high regard in and beyond Africa was fulfilling, and imbued me with a wealth of practical knowledge grounded in the rich experiences and knowledge of our tutors.

What did you study and how is that impacting your career?

Pursuing a Master's education at ISSER – with courses spanning areas such as political, social and economic development – gives you an all-round experience in the development space. For me, such an academic exposure was essential as it made me realize how interconnected our problems are as a people and what it will take to make positive strides in changing the fortunes of the Ghanaian and African people.

Currently, I work as a Monitoring and Evaluation coordinator on the Young Africa Works Project-Ghana. In my role, I am able to put into practice all the critical skills I acquired at ISSER. Most importantly, courses such as development planning, research methods, social development and my Master's thesis were vital in helping me settle seamlessly into my role.

¹The Vice Chancellor's annual award recognises outstanding achievements in academic and co-curricular activities.

How likely are you to recommend ISSER's Masters programme to others

I will highly recommend the programme to anyone who seeks to work in the development field and has a passion to effect change. I will recommend it not only for the prestige studying at ISSER affords, but also for the thought-challenging nature of the programme which shapes and makes you ready for the complex nature of real-world development work.

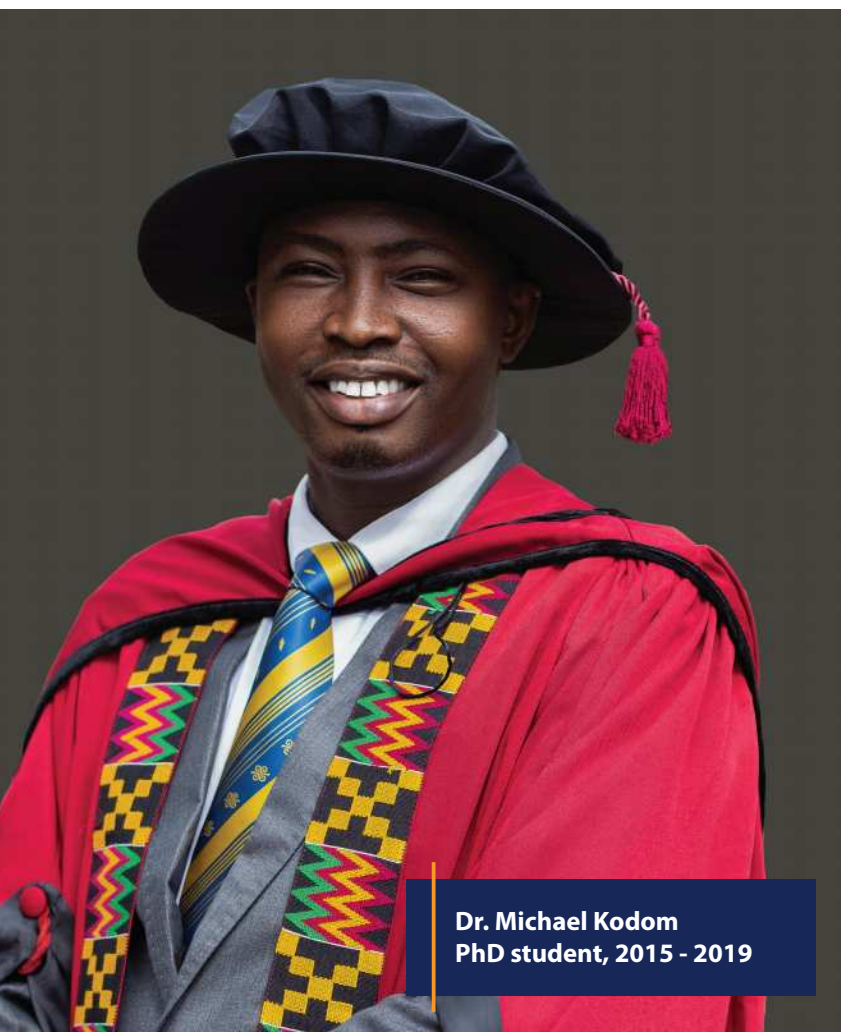
How does it feel to emerge a winner of the University of Ghana Vice Chancellor's award?

One thing I have always held high since I was a young boy is being the best at whatever I do. For me, being

appreciated for an effort is fulfilling as it shows that the investment of time and effort was noticed. Winning the award for the best student from a class filled with talented and equally diligent students certainly feels great, but more importantly it makes me appreciate the truth that hard work and commitment to excellence pay.

What two things are you grateful to ISSER for?

I am grateful to ISSER for giving me the opportunity to learn so much in one year. Secondly, I thank ISSER for giving me the opportunity to meet amazing course mates who both challenged and spurred me on to give off my best.



Dr. Michael Kodom
PhD student, 2015 - 2019

Tell us about yourself

I am Michael Kodom, currently working at the Measurement Learning and Evaluation Unit (MLE) of ISSER as a Principal Research Assistant. I completed my basic and secondary education, respectively, at Christ International School and Twene Amanfo Senior High Technical, both in Sunyani, and obtained my first degree in Political Science, and Geography and Resource Development at the University of Ghana.

Share with us your views on life and study at ISSER

I first came to ISSER in September 2010, when I was posted there as a National Service Personnel. Working as a library assistant during my national service, I came to appreciate the quality and comprehensiveness of ISSER's post-graduate programmes based on some of the MA/MPhil theses I read. I therefore seized the opportunity to pursue a Master of Philosophy degree in Development Studies from 2011 to 2013. Following a successful completion, I was privileged to be

employed as a Graduate Research Assistant at ISSER's Social Division from October 2013 to August 2015.

I applied and received admission into ISSER's PhD Programme in Development Studies under DAAD Funding in 2015. I completed the Programme successfully in 2019 and was employed as a Principal Research Assistant at the MLE Unit, under the Statistical and Survey Division of ISSER. Thus, from 2010 to date, my academic and career life has been at ISSER.

What did you study and how is that impacting your career?

ISSER trains students in diverse areas ranging from research methods; proposal writing; project planning, implementation and evaluation; policy analysis; and the use of qualitative and statistical tools for data analysis, among others. I first heard of STATA software for data analysis at ISSER. Today, I can use the software to conduct rigorous statistical analysis and even teach others how to use it.

All these training opportunities have profoundly impacted my career. In my present position, I work with colleagues to write grant proposals, undertake field monitoring and project evaluations, clean and analyse data, and write reports. I hardly have any difficulty performing any tasks assigned to me because I have the requisite skills – thanks to ISSER.

How likely are you to recommend ISSER's PhD programme to others?

I will definitely recommend both ISSER's MA and PhD Programmes to all who are interested in pursuing their post-graduate education, and in a discipline that will make them versatile on the job market. Each of the programmes prepares you to be a critical thinker, builds your capacity to become an effective team player, and introduces you to data analysis tools and techniques to equip you to make meaningful contributions in the world of work and to national development.

How does it feel to emerge a winner of the University of Ghana Vice Chancellor's award?

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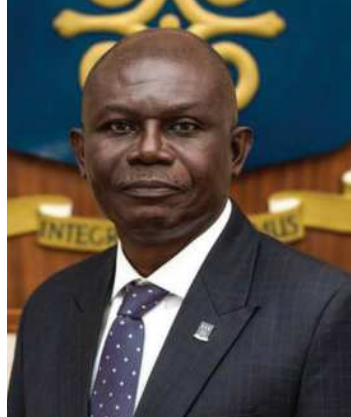
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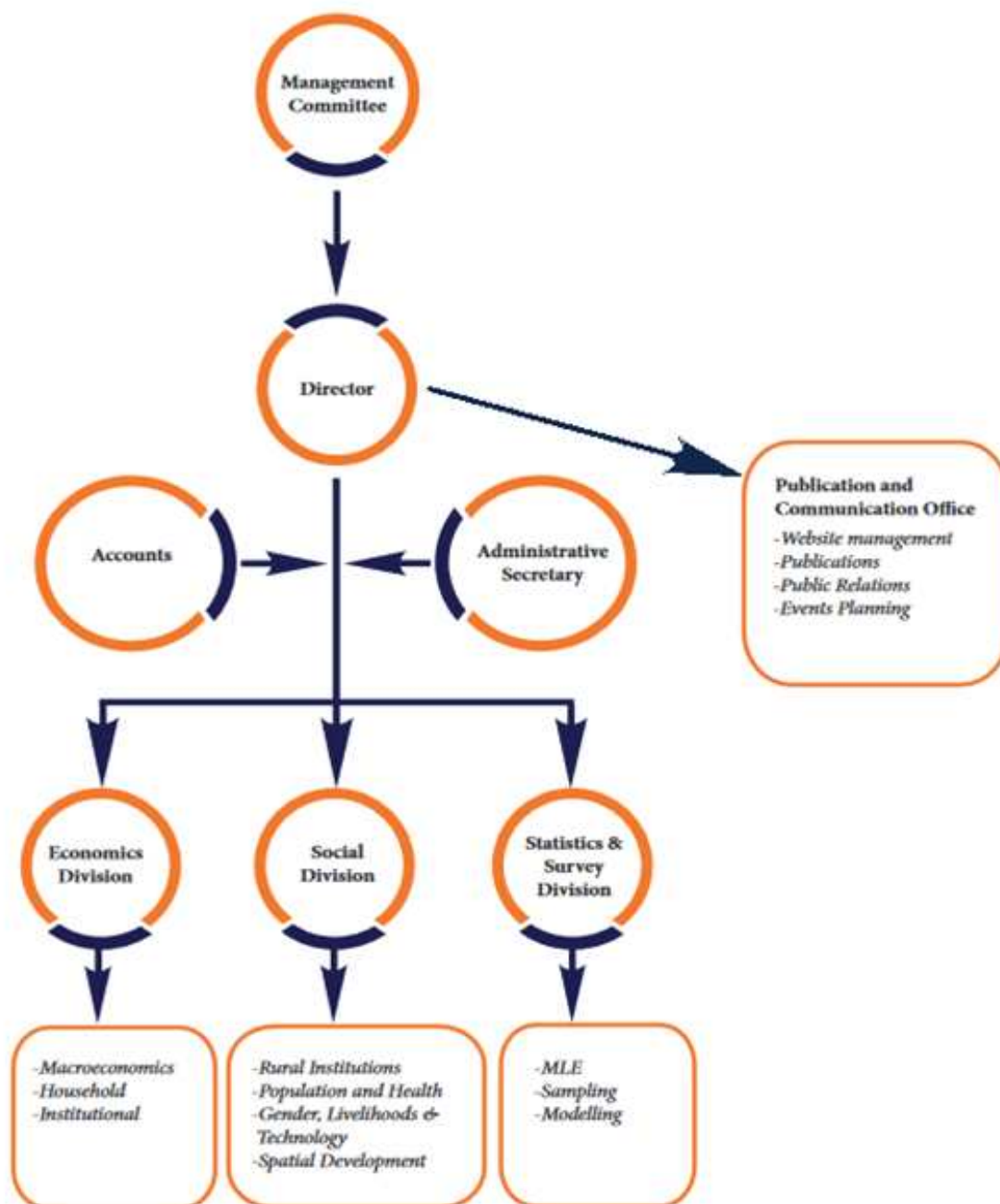
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Mission

ISSER's mission is to carry out activities that would promote the socio-economic development of Ghana in particular and Africa in general. Specifically, the Institute is expected to undertake research in the social sciences and training that:

- Have immediate bearing on the problems and the development needs of Ghana in particular and Africa in general;
- Relate to special assignments for government and other agencies as a way of providing guidance, support and advice;
- Are in keeping with the academic purposes of the University especially in relation to advanced teaching, enriching and adding to the teaching and effectiveness of institutional programmes in the social sciences;
- Serve to monitor and evaluate the effects of development policies, projects and programmes both in terms of their objectives and general consequences.

Our Values

Our values are fundamental to all activities and interactions, and are to describe the ethos and character of ISSER. These are traits that staff will aspire to and will ensure that everyone acts and behaves in a manner that supports the realisation of the institute's goals.

Teamwork

We leverage each individual's unique expertise to achieve the best results and respect the contributions of all.



Credibility

We are thorough and sincere in all our work to ensure the accuracy and integrity of our outputs.



Resourcefulness

We push ourselves to develop solutions in our work and continuously seek new opportunities.



Responsiveness

We respond proactively to the changing dynamics and needs of our environment.



Commitment

We act in the best interest of the institute, holding ourselves accountable for our roles.



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