



2014 BHEARD Scholar
Kwaku Dei Antwi

Profile

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Research Area: Agricultural Economics

BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE: August 2014

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UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: Agriculture, University of Cape Coast, GHANA

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RESEARCH INTERESTS: Agricultural Policy Formulation and Implementation

Kwaku is interested in how different social groups (the youth, women, small scale and large scale farmers etc) are involved in agricultural policy formulation and implementation with special interest in the factors that promote or hinder the participation of these groups. His interest stems from observing the impact of agricultural policies in the achievement of food security (from production through marketing to distribution) around the world and in particular Ghana.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Working the Ministry of Food and Agriculture as a field researcher offers Kwaku the opportunity to influence policies that are made in the Agricultural sector. Kwaku's goal is to contribute and participate in debates that help to promote the development and implementation of sound policies especially on the agricultural sector to provide path towards the achievement of food security in Ghana and Africa at large. He has a goal to engage the government of Ghana at various levels to contribute to finding solutions to the food insecurity situation in Ghana. With the knowledge and experience that Kwaku expects to gain during the PhD Program, he plans to publish several articles on agricultural policies and how policies can impact agriculture and food security in Ghana and other parts of the world, especially in Africa.

In the next 5 years, his goal is to be employed with an international organizations such as IFAD, FAO, WFP, etc that seek to improve farmers' wellbeing and promote food security in the world. At this level his contribution to efforts being made to achieve global food security would not be limited to a particular geographical area.

In his spare time, Kwaku enjoys reading, cooking, adventure and playing hymns on the keyboard.