

Curriculum Vitae

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A- CONTACT DETAILS:

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B- Skills and qualities

- Photography/filming (media)
- Participatory methods
- Community engagement
- Discipline
- Honesty
- Determination
- Commitment
- Earnest
- Conscious of the quality of work to deliver
- Eager to learn

C- Education

1. Sound Primary education – Attended the Wowetta Primary School, North Rupununi for over ten years.
2. Bina Hill Institute, Annai, North Rupununi, region #9
 - Completed courses with Leadership, Agriculture, Basic Computer Skills, Mathematics and English.

D- Working experiences

- **Community Research Assistant**- Three years working as a Community Research Assistant under NRDDDB, COBRA Project. This has given me a bigger chance of experiencing Participatory Action Research (PV and PP). With this project, I continue to develop the skills, improve and build a stronger working relationship with the communities of the North Rupununi, and most importantly in a participatory manner. This opportunity had given me a chance to realise the importance of community engagement towards development of these communities. Working with communities has also made me build stronger confidence and it's my vision of continuing what I have gained and is willing to share my knowledge. Opportunities like this has also exposed me to not only work with the local communities in the country of Guyana. but also meet and work with my fellow Indigenous peoples of Guiana Shield Countries.
- **Makushi Research Unit**- Worked with communities and schools in reading and writing Makushi language.
- **Participatory Video** - Worked with communities documenting traditional stories, nature stories (Black Caiman survey) and memory stories (1969 uprising).
- **Arapaima Management** – Worked with the communities to help survey and manage the population of Arapaima in the North Rupununi.

E- Other trainings

- Computer skills training (Word and Excel) with Global technology and Women Agro Processors Development Network(WADN) in Georgetown (February, 2015)
- PV (participatory Video) training with National Communications Network (May, 2010)
- PV (Participatory Action Research and Video) training in the UK, with the Open University (January, 2015)

F- Community engagements

- Secretary and treasurer of the Wowetta Women's Agro Processors- I have been involved in community small enterprises, in particular the Wowetta Women's Group. I continue to serve my community in where necessary of my skills and knowledge.

G- Countries visited

- Suriname
- London,UK
- England
- Brussels

I. Hobbies

- Meeting new people from different places, with different working backgrounds, experiences.
- Exchange experiences with other people
- Travelling
- Working with fun
- Outdoors activities

J. Current engagement:

- Working with the community, specifically with the Wowetta Women's Agro Processor
- Agriculture activities (farming)