

# CURRICULUM VITAE Anna Mor M. Ajoc

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# **EDUCATION**

Master of Management (Major in Agribusiness Management) Visayas State University, Philippines (2023 – Present)

Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness (BSAB) Visayas State University, Philippines (2008 – 2013)

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Project Technical Assistant 2

Visayas State University | November 2022 – June 2025

- Assists in implementing gender-responsive agricultural research projects.
- Conducts fieldwork, data collection, and monitoring for knowledge transfer.
- Organizes workshops and training programs for farmers and stakeholders.
- Prepares research reports, technical papers, and knowledge-sharing materials.

#### Science Research Analyst

Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) | June 2017 - October 2022

- Conducted agribusiness and enterprise development research.
- Facilitated market and value chain analysis for inclusive case studies.
- Coordinated stakeholder engagement and multi-disciplinary research activities.

### Service Quality Manager and Store Marketing Officer

Jollibee Foods Corporation | January 2015 – May 2017

- Ensured service quality and customer satisfaction.
- Developed localized marketing plans and executed corporate campaigns.
- Conducted employee training and monitored key performance metrics.

# Vault Operations Officer, Cash and Valuables Custodian

PJ Lhuillier Group of Companies | June - December 2014

- Managed vault operations, cash inflows/outflows, and inventory.
- Ensured compliance with security protocols and audit standards.

# **RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT**

Development of a Gender-Responsive Knowledge Transfer Pathway for Best Practices in Philippine Vegetable Production Systems

Position: Project Technical Assistant | November 2022 – June 2025

Affiliation: DOST-PCAARRD, Visayas State University

Agribusiness-Led Inclusive Value Chain Development for Smallholder Farming Systems in the Philippines (IVC-PH)

Position: Science Research Analyst | March 2020 – October 2021

**Affiliation:** ACIAR, Visayas State University

Learning Alliance Approaches to Scaling Out Vegetable Value Chains in Southern Philippines

**Position:** Science Research Analyst | July 2019 – March 2022

Affiliation: ACIAR, Visayas State University

Developing Vegetable and Fruit Value Chains Integrated with Community Development in the Southern Philippines

Position: Science Research Analyst | June 2017 – February 2019

**Affiliation:** ACIAR, Visayas State University

# **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

**Palaniappan, G., Sun, T., Bongat, H. (2022).** Learning Alliance Approaches to Scaling Out Vegetable Value Chains in the Southern Philippines. ACIAR Final Report.

<u>View Online</u>

Tan, G. N., Bongat, H. N., Catibo, N. J. E., Ajoc, A. M. M. (2021). A Qualitative Assessment of COVID-19 Shock to Smallholder Vegetable Growers in Ormoc City, Philippines.

DOI: <u>10.5281/zenodo.5843925</u>

# TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

- **Conference Participant**: 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Women Empowerment and Leadership in Agriculture (WELA 2025), Butuan City, Philippines, May 14-16, 2025.
- Training Participant: Gender Equity and Social Inclusion in Research Course, delivered by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) through ACIAR Learn, April 24, 2025.
- Training Participant: Interdisciplinary, Critical & Participatory Approaches to Research for Development Course delivered by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) through ACIAR Learn, April 25, 2025.
- Training Participant: Introduction to Academic Writing Course delivered by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) through ACIAR Learn, April 28, 2025.
- **Training Participant**: Scientific Data Analysis and Interpretation Course delivered by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) through ACIAR Learn, May 08, 2025.
- **Training Participant**: Writing an Empirical Journal Article Course delivered by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) through ACIAR Learn, May 05, 2025.
- Training Participant: Introduction to R, Data Camp, February 04, 2025.
- Paper Presenter: Addressing Gender Disparities in Philippine Vegetable Production Systems: Strategies for effective Knowledge Transfer in Ormoc City, Leyte, 52<sup>nd</sup> National Conference of the Philippine Agriculture and Economic Development Association (PAEDA), December 3-5, 2024, Visayas State University, RDE Hall, Visca Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines.
- Poster Presenter: Strengthening Knowledge Transfer (KT): Gender- Responsive Strategies for Soil and Land Management (SLAM) in Vegetable Production in Ormoc City, Leyte, 52<sup>nd</sup> National Conference of the Philippine Agriculture and Economic Development Association (PAEDA), December 3-5, 2024, Visayas State University, RDE Hall, Visca Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines
- Paper Presenter: Enhancing Women's Access to Agricultural Knowledge: A Gender-Responsive Study in Ormoc City's Vegetable Farming, 2024 Global Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship (GAME) Conference, October 24–25, 2024, SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, Philippines.
- Presenter: Innovate Challenge: Leyte Business Conference, hosted by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Tacloban-Leyte Inc., October 9–29, 2024, Leyte Academic Center Gym, Palo, Leyte.
- Resource Person: Entrepreneurial Mindset: The Key to Success, Department of Business Management, Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, July 13, 2024.
- Training Participant: Gender Equity and Social Inclusion in Research Course, delivered by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) through ACIAR Learn, August 21– November 26, 2023.
- **Webinar Participant**: *Engendering Research and Why It Matters*, organized by GAD-AANR and UP Mindanao via Zoom Teleconferencing, July 21, 2023.
- **Webinar Participant**: Participatory Research and Gender Analysis in AANR, organized by GAD-AANR and UP Mindanao via Zoom Teleconferencing, July 21, 2023.

- **Training Participant**: *Quantitative Analysis Workshop*, Visayas Socio-Economic Research and Data Analytics Center (ViSERDAC), Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, June 1, 2023.
- Training Participant: Digital Data Collection and Visualization for MAGPANGUAPA Barangays, Institute for Strategic Research and Development Studies, Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, May 18, 2023.
- Conference Participant: Climate Justice for Gender-Responsive and Resilient Communities, RDE Hall, Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte, March 17, 2023.
- Workshop Facilitator: Developing Marketing Strategies for GAP Vegetable Farmers, Baybay City Agriculture Office, CGAD Conference Room, New City Hall, Baybay City, Leyte, March 14, 2023.
- Forum Participant: Layo Na, Pero Layo Pa: Conversations on Creating a Gender-Equal and Socially Inclusive University, Institute for Strategic Research and Development Studies, Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte via Zoom Teleconferencing, March 8, 2023.
- Training Participant: Policy Brief Writing Training and Workshop, organized by Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) Australia, CCE Building Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, May 16-18, 2023.
- **Training Participant**: Basic Video Editing Course, LAM Room, College of Management and Economics, Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, March 8–9, 2022.
- **Seminar Participant**: Agribusiness Enterprise Development Project Seminar, Department of Business and Management, College of Management and Economics, Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, via Zoom Teleconferencing, March 4, 2022.
- **Seminar Participant**: *Talk Show with the Theme: Sustainable Agribusiness: Principles to Practice*, College of Management and Economics, Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, via Zoom Teleconferencing, March 3, 2022.
- Training Facilitator and Coordinator: Farm Business Literacy Training, Department of Business and Management, College of Management and Economics, Visayas State University, City Agriculture Office, San Pablo, Ormoc City, Leyte, November 29, 2021.
- **Training Participant**: *Crop Protection in Vegetable Production*, ATI-RTC 8, Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte, October 15, 2019.
- **Trainer**: Rapid Market Appraisal (RMA), Cagayan de Oro City and Misamis Oriental, July 22–29, 2019.
- Training Participant: Training Workshop on Parametric and Non-Parametric Analysis for Socio-Economic Research Using SPSS, Visayas Socio-Economic Research and Data Analytics Center (ViSERDAC), Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, April 4–5, 2019.
- Training Participant: Training Workshop on Paperless Survey using Open Data Kit (ODK) for Good Agricultural Practices, Visayas Socio-Economic Research and Data Analytics Center (ViSERDAC), Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, December 17, 2019.
- Training Participant: Training Workshop on Socio-Economic Research Methods Using R Studio, Visayas Socio-Economic Research and Data Analytics Center (ViSERDAC), Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, September 7, 2018.
- Forum Participant: Gender Sensitivity Training and Anti-Sexual Harassment Orientation, Institute for Strategic Research and Development Studies, Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, July 27, 2018.

#### **SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES**

# Leadership and Project Management

- Coordinated multi-stakeholder projects aimed at improving agricultural value chains and fostering inclusive economic development in region 8, Philippines.
- Successfully managed complex, multi-partner projects, ensuring alignment with long-term objectives while meeting short-term targets.
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- Collaborated cross-functional teams, providing mentorship and driving strategic initiatives to achieve project objectives within set timelines and budgets.
- Demonstrated leadership in capacity-building activities, fostering cooperation and enhancing the skills of local farmers and stakeholders.

#### Data Collection and Analysis

- Designed and conducted comprehensive surveys, interviews, and focus group discussions to collect both qualitative and quantitative data for diverse agricultural research topics.
- Applied statistical tools and analytical techniques to derive actionable insights and inform strategic decision-making.
- Interpreted research findings and synthesized recommendations for stakeholders, contributing to evidence-based policy and program design.

### Cross-Cultural Stakeholder Engagement and Networking

- Engaged with diverse stakeholders, including farmers, government agencies, NGOs, and industry representatives, to foster collaboration and promote inclusive development.
- Facilitated workshops, seminars, and capacity-building sessions across cultures, enhancing crossregional cooperation and knowledge-sharing.

# Market Research and Sector Analysis

- Conducted market research to assess agricultural commodity trends, demand-supply dynamics, and value chain inefficiencies.
- Developed market development strategies and business models that support sustainable agricultural practices and inclusive growth.
- Analyzed the impact of local and international policies on market development and the agricultural sector, identifying key opportunities for regional collaboration.

#### Report Writing and Public Speaking

- Co-authored comprehensive reports and research publication to communicate findings to key stakeholders, including policymakers and industry leaders.
- Presented research outcomes at national and international conferences, contributing to global dialogues on agricultural development and inclusive value chains.

## Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

- Delivered technical assistance to smallholder farmers and local organizations, enhancing their skills in agribusiness practices and sustainable agriculture.
- Designed and conducted training programs tailored to the needs of diverse stakeholders, empowering them to implement best practices in agricultural production and value chain management.

#### Community Development and Inclusive Leadership

- Promoted gender equality and social inclusion by integrating gender-responsive approaches into agricultural knowledge transfer and community development activities.
- Demonstrated leadership in community-based projects, fostering collaboration and resilience among local stakeholders.

# Documentation and Organizational Efficiency

- Maintained accurate records of project activities, financials, and inventory to ensure compliance with organizational standards.
- Documented research methodologies, findings, and outcomes, ensuring transparency and continuity for future project iterations.
- Prepared detailed reports summarizing project progress, stakeholder consultations, and key milestones, facilitating effective project oversight and decision-making.

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Certificate of Appreciation for Best RDE Paper, "Learning Alliance Approaches to Scaling Out Vegetable Value Chains in the Southern Philippines", 34th Joint ViCARP and RRDEN Regional Research, Development and Extension Symposium, November 2022.
- **First Runner-Up**, MAM (Modernizing Active Recycling Method) Entrepreneurial Business Pitching Competition, International Business Competition, Agritechno Business Centre, Brawijaya University, November 2024.
- Second Runner-Up, Strengthening Knowledge Transfer (KT): Gender- Responsive Strategies for Soil and Land Management (SLAM) in Vegetable Production in Ormoc City, Leyte, 52<sup>nd</sup> National Conference of the Philippine Agriculture and Economic Development Association (PAEDA), December 3-5, 2024, Visayas State University, RDE Hall, Visca Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines
- **Finalist**, *Exploring Gender Dynamics in Household Farm Decision Making*, Gender Equity and Social Inclusion Poster Competition, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research through ACIAR Learn, November 13, 2024 via Zoom.

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