

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Experience

Since 04/2022 Stand-in Professor (Chair of Prof. Dr. Qaim), Chair of International Food Economics and Rural Development, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, University of Goettingen

01/2018-03/2022 Postdoctoral researcher, Chair of International Food Economics and Rural Development, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, University of Goettingen

12/2015-12/2017 Postdoctoral researcher, Global Food, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, University of Goettingen

04/2015-12/ 2015 Consultant, School of Economics and Business, Norwegian University of Life Sciences

12/2014-04/2015 Consultant, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT).

10/2014-12/2014 Consultant, School of Economics and Business, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, “Capacity Building for Climate Smart Natural Resource Management and Policy (CLISNARP)” project.

02/2014-11/2014 Consultant, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Adoption Pathways Project.

Teaching

Since 01/2018 Lecturer, Quantitative Research Methods in Rural Development Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, University of Goettingen

Since summer 2022	Lecturer, Evaluation of Rural Development Projects and Policies (Master level course), Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, University of Goettingen
Since summer 2022	Participating Lecturer, Introduction to Tropical and International Agriculture (Interdisciplinary Bachelor Level Course), University of Goettingen, (Economics part)
Winter term 2022	Co-lecturer, Socioeconomics of Rural Development and Food Security (Master Level Course), Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, University of Goettingen
09/2012-12/2012	Teaching Assistant, Resource and Environmental Economics, School of Economics and Business, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
09/2010-12/2010	Teaching Assistant, Econometric Methods, School of Economics and Business, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
09/2009-12/2009	Teaching Assistant, Resource and Environmental Economics, School of Economics and Business, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
09/2006-08/2007	Graduate Assistant, Department of Economics, Mekelle University, Ethiopia. Courses taught: Linear Algebra, Microeconomics, International Economics, Urban and Regional Economics

Education and Academic Degrees

2009-2014	PhD in Economics School of Economics and Business Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway Dissertation title- <i>Attaining Secure Rural Livelihoods: The Role of Household Strategies and Public Interventions</i>
2007-2009	MSc in Development and Natural Resource Economics, School of Economics and Business, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway
2002-2006	BA in Economics (Great Distinction), Department of Economics, Mekelle University, Ethiopia

Third Party Funding

DFG (Project number-DE3315/1)-Individual research grant for implementing a research project high value chain employment in Ethiopia. Project active since January 2021.

Main Research Areas

Agri-food Systems Transformation
Household Nutrition and Child Nutrition Analysis
Agricultural Economics
Gender Studies
Poverty, Food Security and Rural Development
Impact Evaluation of Social Protection Programs
Labor Economics

Awards and Scholarships

2019	Award for Best Course in 2019, Quantitative Research Methods in Rural Development Economics in Degree Program MSc. Sustainable International Agriculture, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of Goettingen
2017	3 rd Best Poster Prize, 3 rd International Congress on Hidden Hunger, March 20-22, 2017, Stuttgart, Germany.
2009-2013	Norwegian Quota Scholarship Scheme for developing countries-PhD study
2007-2009	NOMA (NORAD's Program for Master Studies) Scholarship under the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)-MSc study
2006	Award from Mekelle University (Ethiopia) for graduating with Great Distinction
2006	Award from Women's Affairs Office in Mekelle University (Ethiopia) for being the highest female achiever in the Department of Economics (two semesters)

Supervision of students

Since 01/2021	Supervision of PhD student under DFG project (Project number-DE3315/1)
Since 01/2018	Supervision of Master theses of MSc students in Development Economics and Sustainable International Agriculture study programs (ten students), University of Goettingen, Germany
09/2006-08/2007	Supervision of Bachelor thesis, Mekelle University, Ethiopia

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles:

1. Mehraban, N., Debela, B.L., Kalsum, U., Qaim, M. (2022). What about her? Oil palm cultivation and intra-household gender roles. *Food Policy* 110, 102276, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2022.102276>
2. Debela, B.L., Ruml, A., Qaim, M. (2022). Effects of contract farming on diets and nutrition in Ghana. *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, 44:911–929, <http://doi.org/10.1002/aapp.13204>
3. Debela, B.L., Shively, G.E., Holden, S.T. (2021). Implications of food-for-work programs for consumption and production diversity: Evidence from the Tigray Region of Ethiopia. *Agriculture and Food Economics* 9, 28, <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40100-021-00189-1>
4. Debela, B.L., Gehrke, E., Qaim, M. (2021). Links between maternal employment and child nutrition in rural Tanzania. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajae.12113>
5. Debela, B. L., Demmler, K. M., Klasen, S., & Qaim, M. (2020). Supermarket food purchases and child nutrition in Kenya. *Global Food Security*, 25, 100341. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gfs.2019.100341>
6. Debela, B.L., Demmler, K. M., Rischke, R. and Qaim, M. (2017). Maternal Nutrition Knowledge and Child Nutritional Outcomes in Urban Kenya. *Appetite* 116, 518-526.
7. Debela, B.L. (2017). Factors Affecting Differences in Livestock Ownership between Male and Female-headed Households in Northern Ethiopia. *European Journal of Development Research*, 29: 328-347.
8. Debela, B.L., Shively, G. and Holden, S. (2015). Does Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Program Improve Child Nutrition? *Food Security*, 7(6), 1273-1289.
9. Debela, B., Shively, G., Angelsen, A. and Wik, M. (2012). Economic Shocks, Diversification and Forest Use in Uganda. *Land Economics*, 88(1): 139-154.

Working Papers:

1. Debela, B.L., Gehrke, E., Qaim, M. (2019). Links between maternal employment and child nutrition in rural Tanzania. GlobalFood Discussion Paper 132, University of Goettingen.
2. Abro, Z.A., Debela, B.L., Kassie, M. (2019). The joint impact of improved maize seeds on productivity and efficiency: implications for policy. GlobalFood Discussion Paper 128, University of Goettingen.
3. Debela, B.L., Demmler, K.M., Klasen, S., Qaim, M. (2018). Supermarket Food Purchases and Child Nutritional Outcomes in Kenya. GlobalFood Discussion Paper 120, University of Goettingen.

4. Debela, B.L., Shively, G.E., Holden, S.T. (2017). Food for Work and Diet Diversity in Ethiopia. GlobalFood Discussion Paper 111, University of Goettingen.
5. Debela, B.L., Holden, S.T. (2014). How Does Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Program Affect Livestock Accumulation and Children's Education? CLTS Working Paper No. 8/2014. Centre for Land Tenure Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway.
6. Debela, B.L., Shively, G., Holden, S.T. (2014). Does Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Program Improve Child Nutrition? CLTS Working Paper No. 1/2014. Centre for Land Tenure Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway.

Review Services for Journals

Agricultural Economics, Environment and Development Economics, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Ecological Economics, Food Security, Appetite, African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Journal of Nutritional Sciences, British Journal of Nutrition, Animal Frontiers

Skills

Software for economic analysis-experienced in using STATA and working knowledge in R

Language- Amharic (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (B1)

Educational Stays and Field Works

01/2010-05/2010	Visiting Scholar at Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University (USA)
01/2008-05/2008	Semester course work, Makerere University (Uganda)
07/2005-09/2005	Internship research program, Ethiopian Economic Association (Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute), Poverty and Human Resource Division.
06/2008-07/2008	Household survey, Masindi district, Uganda as part of NOMA (NORAD's Program for Master Studies) program
06/2010-07/2010	Household survey in NOMA program, Tigray region, Ethiopia
05/2022	Kick off for household survey-DFG project implemented in Oromia region (Batu and Bishoftu), Ethiopia.

Professional Membership

Member in the International Association of Agricultural Economists (Since 06/2018), European Association of Agricultural Economists (Since 06/2017), Ethiopian Economic Association (Since 2005)

References

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