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PROFILE

A dedicated and capable researcher with 20 years of experience in socio-economic research. Extensively publish research reports and journal articles focusing the livestock and dairy development of Sri Lanka. A confident presenter at conferences and teacher in classrooms and able to explain complex information to audiences of all levels.

EDUCATION

- Reading, PhD in Economics, Department of Economics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Topic Factors Affecting Production and distribution Efficiencies of Dairy Farming Systems in Sri Lanka.
- Masters of Rural Development, (2016) Gatton Campus, The University of Queensland, Australia.
- Masters of Animal Science, (2006) Post Graduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka.
- Bachelor in Science of Agriculture (2000) Second class honour, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- Certificate Course on Social Impact Assessment (2007) Social Policy Analysis and Research Centre (SPARC), Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

WORK HISTORY

Senior Research Officer (HARTI) -2014 to up-to-date

Head of the Division – Agriculture Policy and Project Evaluation Division (2018-2020)

Rural Development Division (2021-2023)

Research Officer - 2003 to 2014

Job Description

- Design and coordinate the research and training activities, review & evaluate the progress and execute other appropriate actions to ensure finality of the research projects.

- Develop and perform independent research/surveys and training, publish research papers and publications by analyzing current issues in the field of agrarian sector.
- Undertake consultancies for local and foreign agencies.
- Ensure proper organization of workshops, seminars and conferences at national and international level.
- Provide scientific and technical guidance to the public and other organizations

2001- 2003 Project Manager - Sri Lanka Sumurdhi Authority

Job Description

- Preparation and implementation of small scale income generating projects to strengthen the economic standards of the low income families.
- Supervision of these projects and provide necessary support and guidelines.

TRAINING & SEMINARS

- Seminar on "Tropical Agro-Tourism Development and Planning for Developing Countries," held from 1st November 2004 to 14th November 2004 in Hainan Province, China.
- Asia Productivity Organization (APO) Center on Integrated Rural Development Asia and Pacific (CIRDAP), Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research & Training Institute (HARTI) Collaborative International Forum on Strengthening Food Safety Standards, 5 - 8 March 2018 work as a country coordinator.
- NIRD- CIRDAP International Training Programme on Geo Informatics Applications in Rural Development for sharing innovative and best practices from 22-31 October 2013, NIRD, Hyderabad, India.
- Capacity building workshop on Agricultural Policy Research, Sustainable Agriculture for Food Security and Poverty Reduction 1- 18 November 2011, Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture and Department of Agriculture, Kandy, Sri Lanka.
- Training course on Training of Trainers from 25th to 29th of October 2010 organized by Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration, Sri Lanka.
- International Training Programme on Enhancing Rural Governance Through Total Rural Management, the Malaysian Experience, 16th to 29th November 2009 organized by the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development of Malaysia, Malaysia.
- International training Programme on Poverty Alleviation through Human Resource Development from 15-28 September 2003 organized by SAARC Human Resource Development Centre, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- International training Programme on Rural Micro Enterprise Development from 6th October to 4th November 2003 organized by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India,

National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad, India.

RESOURCE PERSON

- Country coordinator for Collaborative International Forum on Strengthening Food Safety Standards, 5 - 8 March 2018 organized by Asia Productivity Organization (APO) Center on Integrated Rural Development Asia and Pacific(CIRDAP) and Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research & Training Institute.
- In- country training Programme on Participatory Techniques for Planning and Management of Rural Community Development Projects conducted by HARTI – CIRDAP from 28th to 31st December 2003, Sri Lanka.
- Organize Training Series on Reconstruction of Tsunami affected areas in 2005 conducted by Intermediate Technology Development Group, Sri Lanka.
- Organize Training programme on “Technology to Village” conducted by Practical Action from September to November 2005, Sri Lanka.
- Contribute as a Resource Person to the series of training programmes conducted by the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Sri Lanka.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE /PUBLICATIONS

- Abyasekara, R., Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M., peris, K.A.R., (2024) Production Efficiency of Dairy Industry of Dry zone of Sri Lanka, Abstracts, Sri Lanka Economic Association.
- Abyasekara, R., Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M., peris, K.A.R., (2024) Progress Prospects and Challenges of Animal Husbandary in Sri Lanka, Special Reference to Dairy and Poultry, Sri Lanka Economic Journal, Vol. 21(Special).
- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.,**(2023), Analysis of Value Chain Gaps of Dairy Industry of Sri Lanka, “Govikatauthu Adayanaya” HARTI Colombo Sri Lanka.(Sinhala)
- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.,**(2022)Reviewing the Dairy Extension Programmes in the Kurunagala District; the Pluses and Minuses, Sri Lanka Journal of Agrarian Studies, Vol.19, no.01, HARTI, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.,**(2019)Analysis of dairy Production System of Seethawaka Area, “Govikatauthu Adayanaya”, HARTI Colombo Sri Lanka.(Sinhala)
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- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**(2022)Identification of Current Gaps in Value Chain to propose Mitigation Measures for the Dairy Industry in Sri Lanka through Value Chain Analysis, Third International

Conference on Agriculture Food Security and Safety, University of Mysore, India.

- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M** and H.A.C.B Karunarathna (2022), Identification of Value Chain Gaps and Suggestions for Dairy Development. International Journal of Recent Advances in Multidisciplinary Topics, Vol.3, no. 3, pp.10-19, <https://www.ijramt.com>.
- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, Lurdu, M.D.S., Bamunuarachchi, B.A.D.S(2021) Value Chain Analysis of Dairy Industry in Sri Lanka in Sri Lanka, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Bamunuarachchi, B.A.D.S, **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, Lurdu, M.D.S., (2020) Good Agricultural Practices(GAP) in Sri Lanka: Status Challenges and Policy interventions, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Lurdu, M.D.S., **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, Bamunuarachchi, B.A.D.S(2021) Evaluation of “Hela Bojunhall” Programme implemented by Department of Agriculture in Sri Lanka, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.** (2017) Evaluation of Small-Scale Poultry Industry in Sri Lanka, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, Lurdu, S (2016) Investigation of Peri- Urban Dairy Production System in Seethawaka Area, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, Epasingha S., (2015) Socio - Economic Condition of Dairy Industry in Mahaweli H Area, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Epasinghe S., **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, (2013) Cultivation of Ginger in Sri Lanka, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Epasingha S., Weerakody P.R., **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, (2013) Identify the Potentials and Constraints of Indigenous Yams as Additional Food. Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Nadika Damayanthi, M.K., Smamarasinha, G.G.de L.W., Bandara M. A. C. S., **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.** Hitihamu, Perera, S. Youth in Development: Sri Lanka, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
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- Lurdu S., **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, (2011) Impact of Using ICT for Agricultural Extension in Small Holder Farming Sector Specially Focused on Cyber Agricultural Extension Units in Sri Lanka, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Training Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Lurdu M.D.S., **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, (2011) Problems and Constraints in Adapting of System of Rice Intensification Govi Katauthu Adyanaya, Vol. 2, no. 1, pp no 61 -71.

- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, Epasinghe S., (2010) Dairy Village Development Project: Findings from the Mid-Term Evaluation, Fourth Annual Research Forum, Agricultural Economics Association Abstracts, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
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- **Hitihamu, H.M.S.J.M.**, Samantha N.P.G., Rathnayake R.M.G.K.B., (2005) Factors Affecting Cost of Production of Milk in the Kurunagela District, HARTI, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

SKILLS

- Excellent interpersonal skills and communication skills.
- Computer skills. (Word, Excel, Power point)
- Extensive research and training skills.
- Ability to work with peoples from diverse.
- Fluent in English.
- Superior time management and organizational ability.

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Committee member of Research Officer's Association of Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Sri Lanka.
- Member of Gatton alumni Student Association, University of Queensland, Australia
- Member of Sri Lanka Agriculture Economic Association.

REFERENCES

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