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Helene has field experiences mainly in the West-African Sahel (Niger, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal) as well as Afghanistan. She worked for Save the Children UK, Oxfam GB and ACF. She has extensive experience in food security & livelihoods assessments and programme development to tackle malnutrition.



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John Best's background is in agriculture and agricultural economics. During the 1970s and 80s he worked mainly in Southeast Asia (Malaysia and Indonesia) on tasks aimed at understanding rural livelihood systems and the impact on these of development interventions. A practitioner of RRA (rapid rural appraisal) in the 70s and 80s, he has more recent experience of participatory approaches to engaging with rural people (PRA/PLA), and of attempts to use such approaches to reach findings which are statistically robust. John has also been a development communicator (including a period as a practising editor and publisher in the Department of International and Rural Development at the University of Reading). More recently he worked in a different area of communication, namely researching poor rural people's knowledge and information systems and participating in an initiative (with NGO partners in Bangladesh) which aimed to strengthen access to information as a means of enhancing access to rural services. Between 2000-2006 he worked on several projects (in India, Bangladesh and Nepal) under the DFID Renewable Natural Resources Research Strategy (RNRRS). These included a project in Bihar state which developed an innovative approach to enhancing livelihoods of extremely poor and vulnerable people based on microfinance accessed via self-help groups. This has formed the basis of the project on which he now works (funded by the DFID Research Into Use Programme) which aims to scale up this model both in India and the region.



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Tanya Boudreau is a founding member of FEG Consulting. FEG aims to support livelihoods and reduce poverty by linking decision makers to relevant and actionable information about household economies, through a range of services, including early warning systems design, livelihood baseline assessments, policy advising and institutional capacity building.

Ms Boudreau established and helped institutionalize the first operational food economy assessment and monitoring system in East Africa for Operation Lifeline Sudan in 1994. She has conducted and led household economy assessments throughout Africa, specializing in conflict-prone and pastoralist areas in numerous countries, including Angola, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Pakistan. She has been involved as a senior advisor to USAID's Famine Early Warning System (FEWS NET) since 2000, and has authored and co-authored a number of publications, including: *Solving the Risk Equation*, *People-centred Disaster Risk Assessment in Ethiopia*, ODI HPN Paper 66, June 2009; *Food Economy and Situations of Chronic Political Instability*, ODI Occ. Paper 188, 2002; 'Coming to Terms with Vulnerability: a critique of the food security definition' in *Food Policy* 26:3, 2001; and *The Food Economy Approach: A Framework for Analyzing Rural Livelihoods*, ODI HPN Paper 26, 1998.



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Joost has worked in Niger and Australia, and completed field work in Burkina Faso and other Sahelian countries, Israel, Kenya, the Netherlands, Spain and Tunisia. His work includes preparation of Natural Resource Management options for tropical land use, including formulation of wise-use National Wetland Programme. The review of project portfolios, environmental legislation, implementation strategies of international environmental conventions and research organisation. He undertakes MSc and PhD course development, teaching and thesis supervision, and edits scientific and popular publications in English and Dutch.



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Jane Clark is presently Deputy Head of profession for the DFID Livelihoods Cadre and a member of the DFID Policy and Research Division Food Group. She started working in community forestry work in Eastern Nepal and her research was into the Use of Vegetation to Stabilise Slopes in Eastern Nepal. She joined ODA/DFID as Forestry Adviser in late 1980s and worked on a number of forestry projects in India and Latin America. After taking maternity leave she returned to DFID to lead the Sustainable livelihoods support office, this was a busy , stimulating and productive time for DFID livelihoods advisers.

A growing interest in organisational issues and people strategies lead Jane into working in strategic human resource management and organisational design. Following a brief secondment with Christian Aid Jane has returned to DFID as Deputy Head of Livelihoods cadre . In this role she is responsible for the enhancement of the professional capabilities of the livelihoods cadre, through balanced skills development and knowledge acquisition in order to maintain DFID's cutting edge in international development



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<p>Mark Davies has practical and research experience working in social protection, food security, livelihoods, poverty and vulnerability. He has worked extensively in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi, working within bilateral agencies, multi lateral organisations, in close partnership with government and NGOs. Mark has in-depth knowledge of the policies, institutions and processes that influence both social protection policy and programming, including, knowledge of cash transfers, institutional structures required in establishing social protection programmes, political implications, monitoring and evaluations requirements and systems, potential impacts of programmes at community level. Recent research and advisory activities include: work linking social protection, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction; examining the role of social protection and the financial crisis; convening a Social Protection Training Programme for UNICEF staff; an evaluation of DFID Social Transfer Programmes.</p>	



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He has worked on seasonality since the 1980s ('Food Security, Seasonality and Resource Allocation in Northeastern Ghana', Research Report, ODA, 1989); and more recently: 'Seasons of Hunger' (with Bapu Vaitla and Samuel Hauenstein Swan, Pluto Press 2008); 'Seasonality and Social Protection in Africa' (Future Agricultures Working Paper, 2009).



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Shijun Ding has worked as an agricultural economist since the 1980s. He received a PhD degree in agricultural economics from a joint PhD training programme (LEAD21) supported by Winrock International, and is a professor in Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China.

He has expertise in the fields of agricultural technology extension, poverty reduction and farm household risk coping strategies in rural China. Most of his work has been in association with the Institute of Development Studies, UK (rural development studies), and the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines (agricultural technology extension).



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Profile Andrew Dorward has had a varied career in development, research and training in a range of countries, with a primarily African focus. He has long-term interests in issues affecting the livelihoods of poor rural people, in particular problems associated with risk, market access, institutions, and the interactions of agricultural and other activities in rural economies. Work on seasonality has been a core thread running through this, particularly in teaching courses in the socio-economics of rural livelihoods, in rural livelihood modelling, and in policy analysis on market and agricultural development.	



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Peter Dorward specialises in farming and rural systems, participatory research and extension approaches and innovation. He is particularly interested in farmers' adaptation strategies to seasonal variability and climate change and has worked on research in a wide variety of countries. He is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development at Reading University.



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Polly holds degrees in history (BA), economics (MSc) and soil science (PhD). From 1998 to 2001, she worked with the Alternatives to Slash and Burn (ASB) programme, an international research program that focused on the development and implementation of alternative land uses and policies for tropical rainforest margins. From 2001 to 2003, Polly worked for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), a large US NGO with development programs in over 50 countries. She was a Senior Technical Advisor for Agriculture/Environment and provided technical support and advice to programs throughout Africa, Latin America and Asia. Polly was a research fellow at the International Research Institute for Climate Prediction (IRI), at Columbia University in New York, from August 2003 to April 2005. Her research for the IRI analyzed the local and national institutional and policy environment in which climate information (monitoring and prediction systems) will be applied and used. She focused on projects in Africa. She has been in her current position since 2005.

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Frances Foord, BSc. RM. Midwife at West Middlesex University Hospital London.

Undertook midwifery training prior to going to Keneba in The Gambia, having met people working there during the first Seasonality Conference. Between 1980 and 1998 was nurse/midwife with the MRC Dunn Nutrition Unit in Keneba and involved in the research programme. Also collaborated with personnel in the Gambia Ministry and Health Department to establish and evaluate a midwifery outreach service to reduce maternal mortality through the provision of quality midwifery care.

1998 to 2004 was a volunteer with a local NGO in The Gambia working to address traditional practices affecting the lives of women and children. During this time undertook local consultancies including situational analyses on orphans and other vulnerable children, female genital mutilation, and prevention of parent to child transmission of HIV/AIDS; and an evaluation of the national maternal & child health programme. Also involved in setting up the 'prevention of parent to child transmission of HIV' programme and was course coordinator and tutor for the reproductive health care course for the BSc nursing programme at the University of The Gambia.

Interests are development, environment, and third world issues, especially as these relate to women.



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He is a specialist in information systems and policy analysis for vulnerability, food security and nutrition assessment. He has worked in this area in over thirty countries throughout the world, including substantial inputs to a number of national and regional projects in Africa. He is currently Programme Director of DFID's Regional Hunger and Vulnerability Programme (RHVP) in southern Africa, and a member of the AusAID expert panel on social protection.



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Whilst at WFP, he also participated in collaborative development research projects with research institutes and partner UN agencies, including IFPRI, UNESCO, UNICEF and the World Bank. Aulo also led regional capacity building workshops on monitoring and evaluation in Egypt, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Thailand. Aulo holds a BSc in Physics from Imperial College, London, an MSc in Information Processing and Neural Networks from King's College, London and an MA in Human Development and Food Security from the University of Rome.



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Professor Haddad's main research interests have been at the intersection of poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition - including poverty dynamics, social capital, HIV/AIDS, social protection, agriculture and poverty, and women's empowerment. Currently Director of the Institute of Development Studies and a Professor of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, he was formerly Director of the International Food Policy Research Institute's Division of Food Consumption and Nutrition. He is President of the UK's Development Studies Association. An economist, he was selected for the latest *Who's Who in Economics* (Elgar).



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Sierd has worked for Development Aid from People to People, Zambia, the Integrated AIDS Programme, Zambia and Action Against Hunger, UK. He studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics at the University of York and Governance and Development at IDS.

Sierd's development interests are: seasonality; participation; education; resource management; rule of law; co-operation; governance and the history of development.



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Samuel Hauenstein Swan has been working for humanitarian organisations since 1994, focusing on health, hunger and rights issues.

His work looks specifically at the interaction of humanitarian and development assistance with local structures. His publications include: Seasons of Hunger, Women and Hunger, The Justice of Eating (co-edited), Feeding Hunger and Insecurity. He heads Hunger Watch, Action Against Hunger's policy and advocacy department. He holds a Master in political economy of violence, conflict and development from SOAS University of London.



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Asmita Jayendra is a Masters student in the Science, Society and Development Program at IDS. Asmita's studies at IDS have been informed by her experience of working with women. Her focus in her studies is on understanding the role of policy interventions for advancing women's strategic interests in the agricultural domain, especially in the African region.

Prior to coming to IDS, Asmita worked with Marathmoli an organisation she founded, in India. Marathmoli works with women in rural Marathwada to raise their awareness of science and technology policy processes over their lives, to validate their experiential knowledge, foster innovation and build their capacity to influence and shape technology development.



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Richard Longhurst is a development economist with over thirty years experience: his research covers development aid policy, rural poverty, agriculture, food and nutrition policy, gender, child health and child labour, and mainstreaming human rights. Over the last twelve years he has worked on several evaluation studies for international organizations, both as evaluator and manager. He is currently a Research Associate at IDS.



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Recent projects include the mid-term review of the Millennium Villages Project commissioned by the Open Society Institute. Some of her current work-streams include research on livelihoods of coffee producers in Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania; a Long-term Action Research Study on water and growth focusing on how investments in water can contribute to poverty reduction and more resilient livelihoods; and contributions to a number of ongoing activities on Climate Change adaptation.



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A journalist and researcher by profession he has worked for Oxfam GB for nearly 25 years in a variety of roles, including Press Officer and Executive Assistant to the (former) Director (David Bryer) before his current role as Programme Researcher.

He has written, commissioned or contributed to several Oxfam reports on climate change impacts and implications, including reports on Uganda, Vietnam, South Africa and Malawi, and the humanitarian implications of climate change ("Climate Alarm", 2007) and he has contributed to all of the reports of the "Up in Smoke" group of development and environment agencies.



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Dr Mukherjee is also on the Editorial Boards of 3 reputed journals: (a) *International Journal for Agriculture Sustainability* (Earthscan publications, UK), (b) *Fair Trade Journal* (Victoria Press, USA) and (c) *PLA Notes*, Participatory Learning & Action Network, IIED, London, UK.



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The DFID/World Bank-funded Rural District Council Capacity Building Programme was designed to capacitate rural-level institutions so that they were able "to plan, implement and manage their development programmes on a sustainable basis".

Josphat has a Bsc (Hons) Politics and Administration (University of Zimbabwe), Post-Graduate Diploma in Population and Sustainable Development (University of Botswana), Msc in Disaster Management and Sustainable Development (Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK), and has just completed his DPhil (Development Studies) at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK.



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He is also implementing a number of different bi-lateral development projects in relation to food security and climate change through partnerships with government, non-government, private sector and universities to ensure government resources and facilities are given to the poorest families.



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Sergiy Radyakin graduated from V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, (Kharkiv, Ukraine) in 2002, with a degree of Specialist in Economic Cybernetics. In 2004 he graduated from the University of British Columbia (Vancouver, Canada) with a Master of Arts in Economics. In 2004 Sergiy started a PhD programme in Economics (specialising in labour economics) in Darmstadt University of Technology (Darmstadt, Germany) and in 2006 transferred to Leibniz University of Hannover (Hannover, Germany). He has worked as a consultant in the research department (DECRG) of the World Bank since 2007.

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After doing research and working with peasant communities as an associate researcher for UNALM, she was granted by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a NUFFIC scholarship to do her masters in Development Studies at Larenstein University in The Netherlands. After her return to Peru, she started teaching at UNALM and combined research and extension work as a collaborator in the Institute for Small Sustainable Production of UNALM. At the same time she commenced research with Aymara peasant communities in the Altiplano with the Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program (SANREM CRSP) from USAID. Currently, she is a Fulbright scholar from the US Department of State in the doctoral program of Rural Sociology at the University of Missouri, United States. Her doctoral dissertation research will be about using the action research method to assess Governance Institutions for rangelands of Alpaca Pastoralist Communities in the highlands of Peru.



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