

## Djax J.S. Biria

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<b>ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION</b>	YEAR	AWARD	UNIVERSITY
	2001-2003	M.Sc. (Community Economic Development)	Southern New Hampshire University (USA)
	1982-1985	B.A. (Econ) Hons (Agric and Rural Development)	University of Dar es Salaam
<b>LANGUAGES (FLUENT IN)</b>	English & Kiswahili		
<b>OTHER SKILLS</b>	Word Processing (MS Word) and Microsoft Excel, SPSS		

### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Mr. Biria is one of the founder members of the Tanzania Evaluation Association (TanEA) and has served as the first Executive Secretary for 10 consecutive years. During his tenure, he engaged in numerous impactful assignments and was an active board member in several civil society organizations.

As an independent consultant and the director of Maarifa Consult, Mr. Biria has maintained a steadfast commitment to the field of evaluation. From 2006 to 2022, he was the Executive Secretary of TanEA ([www.tanea.or.tz](http://www.tanea.or.tz)). He also held the position of Executive Director-cum-Consultant at the Training and Consultancy Centre (TRACE) from 2006 to 2016. Prior to this, from 1999 to 2005, Mr. Biria was the Executive Director-cum-Trainer at Actions for Development Programs (ADP) Mbozi and served as the Project Coordinator for the Ileje Food Crop Production Project (IFCCP), which was funded by the international Belgian NGO known as VECO, now Rikolto, from 1996 to 1998. Additionally, he was a government employee at the Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) Uyole from 1990 to 1996, where he served as the institute's Planning Officer and a part-time tutor at the Ministry of Agriculture Training Institute Uyole, teaching farm management to diploma students.

Mr. Biria's main competencies encompass evaluation and studies including baseline surveys, socio-economic research, strategic planning, project planning, monitoring, evaluation, learning and reporting (PPMELR), organization development, facilitation skills, change and change management, project cycle management and design.

Over the years, Mr. Biria has acquired extensive experience in training NGO boards, strategic planning, resource mobilization, fundraising, proposal writing, policy development, lobbying, and advocacy. He has excelled in building capacity in areas of organization development, organizational capacity assessment, governance, and leadership skills. His work in conducting formative and summative evaluations, mainly related to agricultural projects, managing projects and organizations, and developing programs in agriculture, has been recognized widely. He has a robust track record in team building, coaching, mentoring, value chain development, commodity investment plans, and integrating cross-cutting issues such as environment, gender, youth, HIV/AIDS, climate-smart agriculture, food security, WASH, and impact assessment.

Biria is a co-founder and member of the Tanzania Evaluation Association (TanEA), a member to the African Evaluation Association (AfrEA) and European Evaluation Society (EES). He has been engaged in over 200 consultancy assignments, published 7 articles, and developed over five manuals.

Also, Mr. Biria has vast experience in developing and executing organizational sustainability strategies and policies. He has worked with both Local and International NGOs inside and outside the country. Some of the countries where he has worked include Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, and Finland. A summary of his experience is presented hereunder:

#### EXPERIENCE OF SERVING IN VARIOUS BOARDS

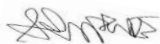
Year	Responsibility/Organization
2006- 2022	Executive Secretary Tanzania Evaluation Association (TanEA)
2012- 2016	Board member of the National NGO Coordination Board
2011- 2014	Board member Association for Managing Knowledge in Agricultural Development (AMKA)
2008 – 2011	Member of the National Advisory Committee, Africa Farm Radio Research Initiatives (AFFRI)
2010- 2013	Vice Board Chairperson, Heifer Project International – Tanzania
2005-2005	Team member Steering Committee to oversee the performance of agent of Agricultural Sector Marketing Development Project funded by IFAD
2005- 2007	Chairperson, PELUM Tanzania and Country Representative to the PELUM Association (Regional level)
2004- 2005	Mbeya Regional Representative to the National Council of NGOs
2004- 2011	Chairperson, National Council of NGOs (NaCoNGO)
2003 - 2010	Board member, Heifer Project International- Tanzania
2003- 2005	Member Mbozi District Local Government Reforms Team
2003- 2005	Advisory Board member, CRDB Bank Ltd, Mbeya Branch
2003-2004	Vice Chairperson of the PELUM Tanzania Board of Trustees
2000-2002	Board member, Organizational Development Training and Facilitation Centre (TRACE), Dar es Salaam
2000-2002	Coordinator, Mbozi Ileje and Isangati Consortium (MIICO)
1999- 2003	Member, National Council VeCo Tanzania (A Belgian International NGO)

#### PUBLICATIONS

1. **Biria, D.** (2022, July 26-27). Policy and fiscal changes required to support the promotion of organic horticulture in Zanzibar. Paper presented at the Organic Agriculture Conference, Ngalawa Beach Resort, Zanzibar.
2. **Biria, D.** (2015). Governance manual for smallholder farmers in Eastern and Southern Africa (ESAFF). A food security project supported by GRET and EU.
3. Eastern and Southern Africa Small Farmers' Federation. (2017). Governance manual for smallholder farmers in Eastern and Southern Africa. <https://www.esaff.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ESAFF-GOVERNANCE-MANUAL-NEW-2017.pdf>

4. **Biria, D.** (2012, November 27-28). Enhancing communication and collaboration between partner state governments and CSOs in issues related to EAC regional integration. Paper presented at the East Africa Civil Society Forum, AICC, Arusha.
5. **Biria, D.** (2012, October). Tanzania Civil Society Organizations contribution to development: the challenges of tracking and documenting results. Paper presented at the 10th European Evaluation Society (EES) Biennial Conference, Helsinki, Finland.
6. **Biria, D.** (2010, September). Experiences of training leadership innovations: The case of TRACE in Tanzania. Paper presented at the East Africa Leadership Practitioners/Trainers Meeting, Heron Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.
7. Kwiligwa, E., & **Biria, D.** (2001). Agro biodiversity experiences in Mbeya Region: the case of Ileje Farmers promoting medicinal plants. Paper presented at the FAO-LINKS project workshop, Morogoro, Tanzania.
8. **Biria, D.,** & Liwenga, J. (1992). The impact of the Uyole Agricultural Research and Training activities on the Southern Highlands of Tanzania. Paper presented at the International Conference, Mbeya, Tanzania.
9. Rees, D., & **Biria, D.** (1992). An overview of the Agricultural Sector of Tanzania. Paper presented at the FINNIDA Project Personnel Meeting, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

#### CERTIFICATION

<b>Declaration</b>	I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience, I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.	
<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date:</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2024

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