

ISNAD-Africa Mentorship Experience

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Topic: The Key Factors Influencing Access to Finance for Scaling up Clean modern energy in Rural areas of Rwanda.

This brief summary note testifies the experience with Mentoring for Research Program 2018.

First and foremost, I would like to commend the work done by an incredible ISNAD_ Africa Team in making sure that this noble program of supporting African students across and beyond the continent becomes a success, and I remain truly thankful for the invaluable input I have gained from Dr. Joanne Lee through MRP 2018 program.

I firstly talked to Dr. Joanne about my work and ideas that I intended to develop on 20th May 2018. Despite the challenge of tight and short period of time that I had to finish this thesis, she paid attention and listened very carefully for all the details of what I wanted to bring forth. Dr. Joanne's input and insights to my work was priceless starting from structuring of the work to give it a bit of nice flow, her intelligence counsel and advice on the approach especially during data collection and analysis but most of all her sense of humor, she has dedicated her time and expertise in supporting my work when I mostly needed help.

We have exchanged many emails as well as Skype calls and at some extent we once connected to WhatsApp call due to internet failure. She was really flexible and understanding

During my study I had to identify the key factors influencing access to finance for scaling up clean modern energy in rural areas of Rwanda, Dr. Joanne has tirelessly gone through and made some correction to the different questionnaires that was employed in gathering needed information from stakeholders. Her guidance and encouragement throughout the journey have permitted me to produce this informative work in rural electrification struggles amongst the underprivileged population in Rwanda.

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