

ISNAD-Africa Mentorship Experience

Mentor: Prof. Christopher Bryant: Agriculture and food production; community development; resilience building for communities exposed to flooding and climate variability.

Mentee: Rachel Zakayo, Sokoine University of Agriculture Topic: Gender and adaptation to climate variability among smallholder farmers in Kilosa district, Tanzania

This short report gives an account of my mentorship experience under the Mentoring for Research Programme (MRP) 2020. I am humbled by this amazing opportunity bestowed to me by ISNAD-Africa to be part of a programme that nurtures quality research among young African learners. It has been fairly an interesting time doing my research under the arms of an expert in the community development field, Prof. Christopher Bryant. Prof. Christopher Bryant devoted his time and expertise despite his busy schedule to my work. He found me journeying with my thesis but upon sending him my chapters he was able to review my work and give me thesis writing tips that improved how my thesis was presented. Our communication was mainly through email. His email response turns around was always great such that I was able to increase the step of writing of my thesis. Prof. Christopher Bryant was more like a father to me he supported me unconditionally. He went further to send me links to get reading material for my topic. I am still in touch with him as he assists me in publishing my work that would be my spring board to undertaking my PhD studies. My heartfelt gratitude goes to Prof. Christopher Bryant for his special supervision and to the organizers of the Mentoring for Research Programme (MRP), ISNAD-Africa for their determined efforts to make this programme a success. More specifically to my buddy Mary immaculate she is an amazing young woman she always checks on and my progress I surely appreciate her support