

## Jeanette Frances Cooke Rural development consultant

### OVERVIEW

Twelve years work experience, ten of which working in water, gender and rural development with a focus on Africa.	
Specialist areas:	Water, gender, targeting, sanitation, hygiene
Skilled in:	Proposal writing, project design, technical 'quality enhancement' reviews of design, implementation support, field research, desk studies/analyses, statistical analysis, writing technical documents and knowledge products, technical presentations, organising and participating in international meetings, aiding policy and strategy development
Country experience:	Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Italy, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Romania, Somalia, Uganda, UK
Languages:	English (mother tongue), French and Italian (working knowledge)
Previous employment:	Rural development consultant for IFAD and FAO working on gender, targeting and water sanitation & hygiene (WASH); WASH Consultant for ActionAid International; Business Scientist in the Water Research Centre, UK; Temporary worker in Finance, Marketing, Events Management and Administration; Assistant Financial Planning and Reporting in NatWest bank, UK.
Education:	MSc Water Management – Community water supply BA (Hons) Business Studies
Interested in:	Full-time, part-time employment and consultancy work.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth:	18 <sup>th</sup> January 1979	Nationality:	British
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### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **2012 – present Rural development consultant for International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Italy**

Various contracts have been undertaken involving research, analysis and writing technical papers and knowledge products on rural and agricultural development, in particular concerning the issues of gender, targeting and water. Work has included:

- Writing two toolkits for the IFAD Policy and Technical Advisory division: "[Reducing rural women's domestic workload through labour-saving technologies and practices](#)"; and "Targeting and gender in IFAD-supported projects" (work-in-progress). The toolkits comprise various documents explaining the subject matter, in particular, why they are needed, what they are, the benefits involved, and how they can be integrated into IFAD-supported operations;
- Analysing the data and writing the results and conclusions of a study by IFAD into how household members use the time saved from water investments, "[Changing lives through IFAD water investments: a gender perspective](#)";
- Researching a broad range of rural and agricultural development topics and writing sections of the "Story of IFAD" publication (work-in-progress), for the IFAD Communications division;
- Writing the gender component of the FAO study and report on "Costs and benefits of clean energy technologies in the milk, vegetable and rice value chains" (work-in-progress), in collaboration with FAO gender experts.

#### **2007 – 2011 Water Sanitation & Hygiene consultant in IFAD, Italy**

Based in the Policy & Technical Advisory Division and the Belgian Fund for Food Security Joint Programme. Responsible for improving the effectiveness WASH interventions to meet local rural demand. My activities included:

- Project design missions in Sub-Saharan Africa to design WASH interventions.
- Technical 'quality enhancement' reviews of WASH interventions during project design.
- Organising implementation support missions to improve WASH interventions in IFAD projects.
- Analysing and drawing lessons learnt from IFAD and BFFS.JP WASH interventions and critically identifying potential partners for co-financing and implementation.
- Gender assessment of BFFS.JP WASH interventions involving field research.
- Writing technical documents on WASH issues to share knowledge in and outside of IFAD.
- Technical WASH input into IFAD strategies and policies.
- Participation in and organising a meeting of the international Multiple Use (Water) Services Group to promote the multiple use of water for poverty reduction

**2008 Water Sanitation & Hygiene consultant for ActionAid International, Italy**

Consultancy services to produce a report analysing the most promising international WASH initiatives active in sub-Saharan Africa and G8 countries' efforts to improve water, sanitation and hygiene in Africa. The report improved in-house knowledge in ActionAid Rome of WASH issues and supported the NGO's advocacy activities leading up to the 2009 G8 summit in Italy.

**2007 English teacher in AngloAmerican school, Italy**

**2003 – 2005 Business Scientist in the Water Research centre (WRc), UK**

My role as a Business Scientist was to support multidisciplinary teams in WRc through projects, for example:

- 'Water Supply and Treatment in Developing countries and the GATS negotiations'. Report reviewing the impact and effectiveness of foreign service providers in developing countries.
- Appeal determination support. Acted as an arbiter on behalf of the UK Environment Agency on disputes that had arisen between a property owner and the sewerage undertaker.
- Guidelines for Town Water Supply Business Plans. Provided research and supported training in Addis Ababa in the development of business plans by Ethiopian water boards.
- CARE-S (Computer Aided Rehabilitation of Sewer Networks). Three year EU funded project (with 15 European partners) to develop computerised decision support tools for optimising the maintenance and repair of sewer systems. Responsibilities involved project administration and communication with partners, assisting in the software development, and presenting progress and results at project meetings.

Clients were water utilities and governments in the UK and worldwide, the UK Environment Agency, European Union, European Parliament, and the World Bank. In addition, I held the informal role of fundraising organiser for WaterAid (International NGO).

**2002 Orphanage carer and journalist volunteer through Teachings & Projects Abroad, Romania**

Volunteer in Brasov, Romania. Worked as a daily newspaper journalist and a carer in an orphanage and lived with a local family.

**2000 – 2002 Temporary worker through HeadStart Recruitment Agency, UK**

Temporary employment contracts during and after university working in Finance, Marketing, Events Management and Administration.

**1999 – 2000 Assistant financial officer in NatWest Bank, UK**

Assistant in Financial Planning & Reporting team, responsible for production of the monthly performance report. The one year contract was the industrial placement (third year) of the Business Studies Bachelors degree.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**2005 – 2006 MSc Water Management – Community Water Supply, 76%, Institute of Water & Environment, Silsoe, University of Cranfield, UK**

**Awarded "Bedford Pumps Prize" for being "the best student" on the course**

Communities & Development, Social and Economic Aspects of Development, Surface & Groundwater Hydrology including basic hydraulics, Health, Sanitation and Wastewater Management, Drinking Water Quality & Treatment, Managing and Financing Water and Wastewater, Water Engineering theory & practice, Emergency water supply and sanitation

*Thesis:* "Practical interventions to meet the menstrual hygiene needs of schoolgirls. A case study from Katakwi, Uganda". Supported and intended for use by the NGO, Lutheran World Federation, Katakwi, Uganda. Research undertaken in conflict area.

**2000 – 2011 Professional training courses**

Gender in Food and Nutrition Security (FAO e-learning course), Logical Frameworks, Proposal & Report writing, Project management, Presentation skills, Time management, Customer contact, Assertiveness.

**1997 – 2001 BA (Hons) Business Studies (sandwich), 2:1, University of Brighton, UK**

Economics, Business Analysis, Statistics, Marketing, Political Economy, Accountancy, Management Science, Business & Corporate Strategy, Human Resource Management, Managing People and French. 12 month work placement in head office of NatWest Bank, UK. Dissertation: "How to introduce and develop 'Continuous Improvement' as a medium for change" in a British Bank.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

- IFAD (2015), Changing lives through IFAD water Investments: a gender perspective. IFAD, Rome December 2015 (co-author)
- IFAD (2016), Reducing rural women's domestic workload through labour-saving technologies and practices. Toolkit. IFAD, Rome April 2016 (Author of the teaser, the how-to-do note and the lessons learnt)
- Parker A.H, Smith J.A, Verdemato T, Cooke J, Webster J, Carter R.C. (2014), *Menstrual management: a neglected aspect of hygiene interventions*. Research Paper. Disaster Prevention and Management journal. Vol. 23 No. 4, 2014 pp437-454. Emerald Group Publishing Limited