

# HYANI ELIE

## Food Security & Livelihoods Specialist

Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL) Programme Management | Emergency Response & Resilience Programming | Vulnerability Analysis & Targeting (VAM, HEA, IPC) | Market Assessments & Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) | Agriculture & Climate-Resilient Livelihoods | Quantitative & Qualitative Analysis | Applied Research & Policy Engagement | Programme Implementation & Adaptive Management | Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEAL) | Stakeholder Coordination & Partnerships

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### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Professional with 9+ years of experience in food security, livelihoods, agricultural development, and climate change in fragile contexts. Strong expertise in FSL programme management, field-based analysis, and applied research, including economic and vulnerability assessments. Proven ability to generate evidence and translate findings into policy-relevant insights and effective programme design. Skilled in quantitative and qualitative analysis, research project management, and monitoring & evaluation.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Private Sector Engagement Expert/ UNIDO-DR Congo**

*Octobre. 2025- to present*

Lead private sector engagement to support food security through agro-industrial development and strengthened agricultural value chains in fragile contexts. Mobilize investment and structure partnerships to enhance agri-SME competitiveness, market access, and local food systems. Conduct economic and market analyses to inform programme design and identify scalable, climate-resilient solutions. Engage stakeholders to translate evidence into effective interventions supporting livelihoods, food systems resilience, and inclusive economic growth.

#### **Consultant – International Food Policy Research Institute**

*Aug 2025 – Dec 2025*

Conducted applied research and authored a best practice brief on mitigating the adverse food security impacts of shocks in fragile contexts. Synthesized evidence from literature and case studies (DRC, South Sudan, Ethiopia) to identify scalable approaches for strengthening household resilience.

Analyzed key practices, including community-based agriculture, early warning systems, and conflict-sensitive livelihoods, and translated findings into policy-relevant recommendations to inform programme design and scale-up.

#### **Agro-Industries and Food Security Specialist**

Conducted market and financial analyses to identify high-potential agri-investment opportunities. Designed business models and business plans to improve SME and producer performance. Facilitated product development and operational upgrades, linking firms to concessional finance and bank-supported subsidies. Structured partnerships between agribusinesses, financial institutions, and stakeholders to unlock capital. Engaged with producers, investors, and donors to scale inclusive and climate-resilient value chains.

#### **Food Security and Livelihood Project Manager Feed the Future- ASI (Nov 2022-Mars 2023)**

Defined and developed strategic interventions to address food insecurity and strengthen livelihoods; Led monthly, quarterly, and annual planning aligned with budgets and ensured effective implementation and reporting; Provided technical support and capacity building to FSL teams in program delivery and contextual monitoring; Oversaw program performance and adapted approaches based on evolving needs and contexts; Developed and managed partnerships to enhance program impact and sustainability; Represented the program in sectoral and technical coordination platforms.

#### **Cash-Based Interventions Specialist (CBI) Specialist at UNICEF (2021- Nov 2022)**

Led the design and implementation of cash-based assistance programs, including unconditional cash transfers, voucher distributions, and cash-for-work initiatives. Conducted market assessments and feasibility studies to

determine appropriate delivery modalities. Developed targeting criteria and cash delivery mechanisms in coordination with finance, logistics, and MEAL teams. Ensured compliance with donor guidelines and international humanitarian standards. Provided technical support and training to staff and partners and coordinated with stakeholders to strengthen market linkages and program sustainability.

#### **Livelihoods and Resilience Advisor, (Ivo, June -July 2021)**

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funded by the FCDO to strengthen cashew processing in Africa. **(Adam Smith International)** Provided strategic and technical leadership for the development and implementation of livelihood and resilience-building programs. Designed context-specific approaches to support income generation, food security, and household resilience in fragile and post-crisis environments. Led capacity-building initiatives for local teams and partners. Advised on integrating climate-smart agriculture, vocational training, and social protection measures into programming. Collaborated with government bodies, donors, and technical clusters to ensure alignment with national strategies and sustainability goals

#### **Food Distribution and Emergency Response Officer (DRC, 2018-2019)**

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Supervised emergency food distribution activities in East DRC. Ensured effective beneficiary targeting, crowd management, and adherence to humanitarian standards. Conducted rapid needs assessments and contributed to emergency response planning and implementation. Worked closely with logistics teams and community leaders to ensure timely and transparent distribution. Integrated protection, gender, and accountability considerations into all activities and monitored post-distribution outcomes

#### **Other Relevant**

- UN WOMEN DRC, Women Economic Empowerment Consultant, Kinshasa, 2022
- Consultant – Market Assessments and Emergency Response Catholic Relief Services 2021
- Livelihoods and Market Systems Consultant Concern Worldwide, Bujumbura 2022
- Resilience and Early Recovery Planning Consultant IRC - Congo, 2023

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Master in Agricultural Economics – University of Lubumbashi, Lubumbashi (2020)

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