

# Curriculum Vitae - Giacomo Mencari



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## EDUCATION

- 2007 - 2008 Master of Science in Rural Development  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany  
Universiteit Gent, Belgium  
Master thesis title: *"Milk, Cows and Chopsticks:  
A Value Chain Approach on the Development of the Chinese Dairy Sector"*
- 1997 - 2004 Master of Science in Livestock Production Systems  
Università di Pisa, Italy  
Thesis title: *"Sustainable Cows into a Sustainable Country Side;  
Case of Study into a Project of Rural Development in the North  
of the Netherlands"*
- 1993 - 1999 Diploma in Musical Education (Trumpet)  
Istituto Superiore di Studi Musicali "Luigi Boccherini",  
Lucca, Italy

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Sept-14 - Nov-15 Triangle Génération Humanitaire  
Triangle G H PO Box 165 - Pantai-Kelapa Pertamina Road  
Dili - Timor-Leste  
Head of Mission in Timor-Leste  
Main Duties: I developed the country resource mobilization strategy, leading funds mobilization efforts through liaison with the donor community within the Country. I ensured operational links between the Triangle G H mission in Timor-Leste and a diverse range of stakeholders, including government, donors, other national and international non-governmental organizations, UN agencies and private sector. I monitored and coordinated the Triangle G H programs, facilitating the achievement of key deliverables, project results and main targets. I managed the country office's human and financial resources, including the implementation of field security and safety policies for the staff. I ensured effective and comprehensive reporting to Triangle G H Head Quarter.

- Dec-13 - May-14 | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO  
 FAO Representation in the Philippines, 29th Floor,  
 Yuchengco Tower I, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue, Makati City,  
 Manila, the Philippines  
 Area Coordinator in Region VI (Western Visaya), the Philippines for  
 the response to the Super Typhoon Yolanda/Hayam, Level 3 (4 field staff).  
 Main Duties: Over all in charge of Haiyan livelihoods relief program and  
 operations in the Western Visaya region, responsible for technical oversight and  
 management of agriculture/food security program to support farmers. In  
 particular, I coordinated the technical and administrative personnel assigned in  
 field operations. I handled the day-to-day operations, including staff recruitment  
 and budgetary management of the field office. I participated in field  
 assessments to evaluate the requirements for the recovery program and  
 provided feedback for the elaboration of project proposals. I actively contributed  
 to the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster to coordinate the humanitarian  
 relief operations, including other UN agencies, INGOs, national authorities and  
 donors.
- Feb - Dec 2013 | CARE International in Timor-Leste  
 P.O. Box 265 Dili Timor-Leste Aldeia Rio de Janeiro, Bairo Pite  
[www.caretimorleste.blog.com](http://www.caretimorleste.blog.com)  
[www.careaustralia.org.au](http://www.careaustralia.org.au)  
 Program Manager for the EC funded food security program 28 field staff.  
 “*Hadia Agrikultura no Nutrisaun*” (HAN). Team leader of 28 field staff.  
 Main Duties: I led activities planning for the last phases of the Program. I  
 managed the budget, matching the requirements of the four donors involved. I  
 technically coordinated the trainings in aquaculture, livestock production and  
 sustainable land management. I represented CARE in the coordination desks  
 with other organizations and government partners in the area of seed security,  
 inland aquaculture and disaster risk management with the aim to advise the  
 Government of Timor-Leste on the related national policies. On behalf of CARE,  
 I served on the committee that carried out the first Seed System Security  
 Assessment in the Country.
- Jun- 09 - Nov-12 | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO  
 FAO Representation in Timor-Leste, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries  
[www.fao.org/emergencies/country\\_information/list/asia/timorleste/en/](http://www.fao.org/emergencies/country_information/list/asia/timorleste/en/)  
 Head of FAO Regional Office in Baucau (8 staff members).  
 Officer in Charge of the FAO Representation in Timor-Leste for two months.  
 Project Manager for the AECID funded project “*Post-Crisis Rehabilitation of  
 Food Security and Livelihoods of the Most Vulnerable Population in the District  
 of Baucau, Timor-Leste*”.  
 Project manager for FAO – WFP – IFPRI joint program for “*The Implementation  
 of Cash Activities for the Spanish Funded Conditional Cash Transfers (CCT)  
 Project*”

Main Duties: In charge and manage programs (Livelihoods, Agriculture and Cash) and office operations for humanitarian emergency response and recovery program, ensuring activities adhere to program quality in compliance with FAO standard. Specifically I managed agriculture and livestock development projects' to enhance livelihoods and food security for 4,500 target beneficiaries in the second most populated region of the Country. I led the design and implementation of Cash component, managing intensive labor activities on reforestation of degraded slopes and rehabilitation of small- scale irrigation systems, targeting 3,000 beneficiaries. I ensured the selection process to identify implementing partners, preparing Letters of Agreement (LoAs) and facilitating linkages between project stakeholders. I organized and supervised trainings and workshops with governmental and no-profit partners. I participated in the recruitment of the national staff and I managed the budget and financial aspects of the project implementation.

Jan - Jun 2006 Caritas Italiana  
<http://caritas.diocesilucca.it/>  
 Development Worker within the Cooperation Project "Casa de Acolhida Souza Araujo" Rio Branco, Acre State, Brazil.  
 Main Duties: Responsible of a team of 5 people involved in agriculture and livestock operations linked with the Leprosy Assistance Center in Rio Branco. I contributed to set up linkages with local partners and other agriculture projects in the area. I organized the livestock operation, designed to reduce overgrazing.

### **INTERNSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

Jan - Mar 2006 Visiting student  
 Faculty of Agriculture, Damascus University,  
 Damascus, Syria

Aug - Dec 2005 Visiting Researcher  
 Research on No-Tillage Forestry Resource Uses in the Uplands of Sierra Nevada  
*"Instituto de Desarrollo Regional de Andalucia"*  
 Granada, Spain

Jun - Jul 2004 Course of Higher Education on  
 Agro-pastoral Systems in Tropical Areas and Rural Development.  
 Sant' Anna School for Advanced Studies  
 Pisa, Italy

2003 - 2004 Research on the Environmental Co-operative "*Vel & Vanla*"  
 Rural Sociology Group of Wageningen Universiteit en Researchcentrum WUR  
 The Netherlands

## LANGUAGE

Italian	Mother Tongue
English	Fluent/Working Knowledge
Spanish	Fluent/Working Knowledge
Portuguese	Fluent/Working Knowledge
Tetun	Fluent/Working Knowledge

## PUBLICATIONS

Yolanda Jiménez Olivencia, Giacomo Mencari y José Gómez Zotano (2006), Evolución de los castañares béticos y nuevas oportunidades para el desarrollo local de los pueblos de Sierra Nevada y Valle del Genal. Paper for VIII Congress of Desarrollo Regional y Territorio: "Nuevos Planteamientos y Perspectivas" held by Asociación Andaluza de Ciencia Regional, 29 – 31th Mar 2006, Granada, Spain.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Sep - Jan 2008	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarships
Sep - Dec 2005	<i>Leonardo Da Vinci Programme</i>
Oct-00 - Jun-01	<i>Erasmus Programme</i>

## MANDATORY CIVIL SERVICE

Sep-99 - Jun-00	Employed at Historical Archives of Pistoia - Italy
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## MEMBERSHIP

1995 - Today	Ordinary member of the Italian Alpinist Club (C.A.I)
2001 - Today	Ordinary member of the Italian Confederation of Farmers (C.I.A)

## REFERENCES

### **Fabrizio Cesaretti**

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