Interview by Jonathan Ritchie and Musawe Sinebare with Michael Dom, Lae, 9 September 2014

PhD, Agricultural Science, University of Adelaide, (John Allwright Fellow), 2013-

[00:00:10]	Currently studying a PhD at the University of Adelaide on a John Allwright Fellowship Scheme scholarship from the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR). Started working for the National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) in 2003 analysing poultry feed and faecal samples. In 2006 he transferred to Lae and worked with pigs. He met Janet Pandi and other colleagues then. Saw the benefits of long-term research initiated by ACIAR. [Comments about how the project has expanded.] When he applied for the scholarship he wanted to do his research in PNG and was able to negotiate spending half of his time in PNG doing research trials. It's a challenging schedule but works quite well. [Comments about how the scholarship has allowed for real development outcomes in PNG as well as giving him experience studying overseas.]	Scholarship experience; Career; Alumni network; Application process; Motive to study overseas
[00:04:14]	Janet finished her master's in 2004. Michael started his MPhil last year and extended his research to a PhD after eighteen months. This was made possible by support from the project partners and project management – South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI), especially Dr Phil Glatz – NARI and staff at the Labu research station. Studying at the University of Adelaide was a new experience, especially since he was studying animal science when his bachelor was in chemistry. It was challenging for both him and his four supervisors but everyone has been helpful.	Alumni network; Research collaboration with Australia; Scholarship opportunity; Studying in Australia
[00:07:52]	[Comments about the roles of Professor Paul Hughes and Phil Glatz (from SARDI) and Roy Kirkwood (from the university).]	Mentors

[00:11:41]	Has lived in Adelaide for six months in 2013 and about five months in 2014. That was his first time in Adelaide, he had been to Queensland a number of times before. He lives at Roseworthy, about an hour north of Adelaide. It's quite isolated which he likes. The facilities are great. [Story about Dolly, the cloned sheep.] There's dormitories, student houses, and the school helps students find rooms if they want to live in town. Last year Michael stayed in the dorm, this year he's in a share-house with international students. The dorm was noisy and lively but the undergrad students had respect for the postgrad students.	Living in Australia; Existing connections with Australia; Accommodation on campus
[00:16:23]	He shared the house with two Christians, two Hindus and a Muslim. It was a great experience and he was sad to leave. Impressions of Australia? South Australians are different to Queenslanders, who are more laid-back but also more boisterous. The pace in Adelaide seemed faster, the workforce seems time-conscious and businesslike.	Living in Australia
[00:20:11]	Has three more experiments to do before going back to university in February. Is expecting to submit before July 2016, wants to allow himself enough time. The stipend has been great. He has a partial contract from NARI while he's in PNG and the stipend when he's in Australia. It's enough. The food is different in Australia – he misses rice and green leafy vegetables. He has dinner at the mess hall and caters for himself at breakfast and lunch.	Fieldwork experience in PNG; Scholarship experience; Living in Australia
[00:23:24]	Has made some really good friends, research scientists from other countries, and hopes he will keep in touch with them. [Comments about the value of getting to know other scholars personally as well as the facilities and staff in Australia.]	Friendships; Professional networks
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