

# Curriculum Vitae

## I. PERSONAL DATA:

**Name:** Swarna Sadasivam Vepa  
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## EDUCATION: Ph.D. in Economics -- 1994

Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics,  
Delhi University, Delhi-11007, India (UGC- CDE fellowship)

Degree	Subject	Year	Institution
Ph.D	Pulses crops	1994	Delhi University (Dept. of Eco)
M. A	App. Eco*	1968	Andhra University **

\*\* Secured a Second Rank in the University

\*Specialization in Agricultural Economics and Social Change in addition to  
Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Public Economics, and other courses

Fields of expertise:

1. Rain fed Agriculture, Rural and Urban Food and nutrition Security, Employment, Gender issues, and Micro credit
2. Teaching: Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, Micro economics Macro economics, Ecological economics

## Present Positions:

### 1. Visiting Professor (Honorary): 2010 till date

Madras School of Economics, Ranjit road, Kotturpuram, CHENNAI- 60025, INDIA:

- **Teaching** :Taught Development economics till 2014,
- **Student dissertations**: Supervised about 10 student dissertations (till 2014)
- **Research**: Micro credit: Bank SHG linkages funded by Union bank (2012)  
Agriculture Nutrition Linkages in India -Working paper 86 (2014) (LANSA)
- **Project**: Performance of Flagship Programs in Tamil Nadu (2012)funded by GOI

### 2. Independent Consultant: 2010-till date

- **Lead Economist**: Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition' (LANSA) project funded by UK AID - April 2013- March 2015
- **Research Director**: Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition' (LANSA) project funded by UK AID - January 2012 – March 2013

**M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Taramani Institutional Area, CHENNAI-600113, India**

- All research Proposals under the project have been finalized in 2012-13
- 5 Research outputs (3 publications and 2 seminar papers) delivered on Enabling environment of women's agency, water, sanitation and health that could strengthen agriculture-nutrition links in India
- Taught Agricultural Economics at **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras**, (2014)
- Commissioned Paper by IDS-NCAER (2014), Commissioned paper by Nutrition Foundation (2013)
- Consultant to Curriculum development of "Development Practice" at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for youth Development (RGNIYD) 2014

- Complete Curriculum Development of Ecological Economics course at Indira Gandhi National Open University ( IGNOU) 2010-11
- Consultant to UN ESCAP (Bangkok) to draft “**Sustainable food security compact for Asia Pacific Region**” - 2010

## Recent Publications

1. Swarna Sadasivam Vepa, et.Al (2014) “**Agriculture and Child Under-nutrition in India: A State level analysis**”, MSE working Paper no. 86, July 2014
2. Swarna Sadasivam Vepa, et.Al, (2014) “**Women’s Agency and Child Underweight rates in India in the context of Agriculture: A district level analysis**, A chapter in Sonalde Desai, Amit Thorat, Deepta Chopra and Lawrence Haddad (Edited) in Undernutrition in India and Public policy, Routledge Publishers (Book chapter In Press) 2015
3. Swarna Sadasivam Vepa, et.al, **Child Underweight and Agricultural Productivity in India: Implications for Public Provisioning and Women's Agency** , Review of Radical Political Economy, Dec 2015 ( Journal article forth coming Issue) 2015
4. Swarna Sadasivam Vepa, et.al, “**Changing Urban Food Consumption Patterns in the Context of Globalization : The case of India**” in the Book “Food Production and Eating Habits From Around the World: A Multidisciplinary Approach” edited by Francisco Entrena-Duran (Department of Sociology, University of Granada, Granada, Spain) ( Book Chapter In press) 2015 Nova Publications New York
5. **M.S.Swaminathan and Swarna S. Vepa**, “How can India help prevent Food Price Volatility?”,IDS Bulletin, Institute of Developmental Studies, Brighton, U. K, Volume 43, July 2012, Special issue
6. **Shanmugam K.R, Swarna S. Vepa, and Savita Bhat**, “Performance of Flagship Programs in Tamil Nadu” MSE Monograph 2012
7. **D. K. Srivatsava, C. Bhujanga Rao, Swarna Sadasivam Vepa and Brinda Viswanathan** “Urban poverty reduction strategy – A study of six cities” sponsored by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty alleviation and funded by UNDP. (MSE Project) ended in December 2010. This was published by MSE as a Working paper 2011
8. Swarna Sadasivam vepa, “Bearing the Brunt- Impact of rural distress on Women” Sage Publishers April 2009 ( Book)

## Recent Seminar papers, Invited Lectures and Panel discussions

1. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa**, et.al, ‘Agricultural Productivity and child nutrition link: Implications to Public policy and public services delivery (Paper submitted at Allied Social Sciences Associations (**ASSA**) **conference 2015 at Boston USA**. Revised version presented at Hyderabad Central University National **Seminar on Food and Nutritional Security, March 31 2015, Hyderabad** ( To be submitted as MSE working paper)
2. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa, et.al.**, “Agriculture –**Nutrition links in Fragile Environments with special reference to women and children: A case study 19 villages** (externally reviewed, revised and submitted for seminar presentation 2015
3. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa**, “Determinants of Agricultural Productivity: District level Analysis “ MSE seminar series ” March 2015 (ongoing work)
4. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa**, Vinodhini Umashankar “Variations in the spread of Micro credit in India” presented at **MSE seminar series in 2014** (To be submitted as MSE working paper)
5. **Swarna Sadasivan Vepa** and Brinda Viswanathan, “What drives Women’s employment in Indian Cities? – Paper presented at the annual Allied Social Science Associations **ASSA Conference 2012 Chicago USA** (Updating the paper for publication)
6. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa**, –**Invited Panel Discussant**: “Solutions to a food secure world in a changing climate” – brief talk as a panel discussant in the session on “Climate changes: impacts on food resources” at the Biovision Conference at Lyon , France, March 25th 2013.
7. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa, Invited expert in the Symposium on “End of Hunger 2050** organized by Centre for International Cooperation in Agronomic Research for Development: Talk on “Agricultural sustainability and food security in the changing scenario of globalization, price volatility and international trade” May 2012, Paris
8. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa**, “Food Policy in the context of liberalization and rising food prices”, Paper presented at the National Seminar on Food Security in India during the era of globalization”, Organized by the department of economics, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad. 29-30 March 2010
9. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa**, “Gender Discrimination in the recognition of work and Compensation in Rural India, paper presented at the National Conference on “Challenges in Human Development” Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan Arts College, YANAM, Pondicherry university, 22-23, January 2010

## **Earlier Employment and job profiles:**

**3. Visiting Professor (full time) Jan 2008 – Jan-2010**

**Madras School of Economics, Ranjit road, Kotturpuram, CHENNAI- 60025, INDIA**  
Taught Macro economics, Indian Economy and Development economics, Guiding student dissertations, Project work, Research: Co authored 2 Project documents

**4. Ford Foundation Chair (2004-2007) Director-Food security (2000-2004)**

**M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Taramani Institutional Area, CHENNAI-600113, India**

**Job Profile:** The position held is mainly a research and policy advocacy position. Undertaking research in the topics related women and food security, publishing and disseminating the results of research is the main activity. Served as an advisor/ resource person for organizations such as World Food Programme- Asia Pacific, Cambodia, Food and Agricultural Organization, (FAO) at Bangkok and Rome, Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific, (ESCAP), Bangkok, Stockholm International Water Institute, (SIWI) Stockholm

**Completed Projects at MSSRF**

- **“Food Security Atlas of Cambodia”:** The project was funded by United Nations World Food Programme-Cambodia Country Office-- **April 2005- January 2006.** WFP Cambodia published the book.
  - **“Micronutrient deficiencies in India – Need for Food Fortification”:** Commissioned paper by Micronutrient Initiative – Canada. The paper looks at the dietary deficiencies of micronutrients in detail. **(May 05 – September 05)**
  - **“Asia Pacific hunger hot-spots”:** The Project consists of three Commissioned papers. Two are on identifying the hunger hot spots at national level and sub-national level in the Asia Pacific region;
  - **Food Security Atlases:** Three major projects on Food insecurity situation of Rural India, Food insecurity situation of Urban India, and Sustainability of food security covered the issues of food production, food access as well as food absorption and nutritional security. Agriculture and its natural resource base have been discussed in detail. (2000 and 2004)
  - **State Level Food security studies:** Completed five separate smaller projects of five State level studies on the “Food Insecurity and vulnerability situation in rural Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir. These five detailed reports were based on state level and district level analysis.
5. International Education Institute –Dubai: Senior Lecturer - Sep. 1996 to Dec 1999: Teaching Macroeconomics and Business economics to graduate students appearing for MBA and undergraduate students appearing for the CLEP examination conducted by College Board, U.S.A.
6. Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry, No.17, Parliament Street, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001, India- Senior economist: 1995-1996: Prepare briefs and booklets on industry and agriculture and Economic reforms
7. Institute of Economic Growth, University enclave, Delhi: **1994-1996 Associate professor IES (Indian Economic Service) Section.** Research and teaching
8. Shriram college of Commerce, Delhi University of Delhi:**1991-1994: Lecturer** teaching macro economics and Indian economy to honors students

9. Delhi college of Arts and Commerce: **Delhi University: 1989-1991: Lecturer** teaching Micro economics and Macro economics to B.A (hons.) students
10. University Grants Commission **CDE Research fellowship: Department of Economics Delhi University : 1984-1989:** Submitted term papers in lieu of M.Phil and started the Ph.D work
11. Institute of Financial Management and Research, **Chennai: 19801-1983:** Research associate on a World bank Project on Poverty alleviation and employment generating Schemes; and Evaluation of Drought Prone areas program in Ramanathapuram district
12. University of Bombay Department of Economics: **1970- 1979:** Research Assistant and UGC Fellowship for Research: A study named **Income Distribution in Agriculture: Causes and conflicts** was completed –Submitted latter to Delhi school of Economics as one of the term paper in lieu of M.Phil.

### **Selected Papers and Publications:**

1. Swarna Sadasivam Vepa, Brinda Viswanathan, Sandepta Dhas et al. “Women’s agency and child undernutrition rates in India” paper prepared for the **NCAER-IDS Project on Undernutrition and Public Policy in India, September 2013**
2. Swarna Sadasivam Vepa, Vinodhini Umashankar and R.V Bhavani “Agriculture poverty and undernutrition in India: linkages and disconnects” **Paper Commissioned by Public Health Foundation of India August 2013**
3. **M.S.Swaminathan and Swarna S. Vepa**, “How can India help prevent Food Price Volatility?”, **IDS Bulletin, Institute of Developmental Studies, Brighton, U. K, Volume 43, July 2012, Special issue**
4. **Swarna Sadasivam and Vinodhini Umashankar**, Micro credit in India – paper prepared for Union Bank chair at Madras school of Economics
5. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa and Brinda Viswanathan**, “What drives Women’s employment in Indian Cities? – Paper presented at the annual **Allied Social Science Associations Conference** held at **Chicago 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012**
6. **D. K. Srivatsava, C. Bhujanga Rao, Swarna Sadasivam Vepa and Brinda Viswanathan** “Urban poverty reduction strategy – A study of six cities” sponsored by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty alleviation and funded by UNDP. (MSE Project) ended in December 2010. This was published by **MSE as a Working paper** in 2011
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1. *Swarna S. Vepa* : “Bearing the Brunt- Impact of rural distress on Women” Sage Publishers April 2009 ( Book)
2. M.S.Swaminathan and **Swarna S. Vepa**, “How can India help prevent Food Price Volatility?” **IDS Bulletin, Institute of Developmental Studies, Brighton, U. K, Volume 43, July 2012, Special issue**
3. **Swarna S. Vepa** “Technology adoption and micro finance – Micro enterprises run by women in India, **Tech monitor Asia Pacific Journal, March April- 2008.**
4. **Swarna S. Vepa**, “ **Gender equity and human development**”, **Indian J Med Res 126, October 2007, pp 328-340**
5. *Swarna S. Vepa et. al.*, Food Insecurity Atlas of Cambodia **Published by Royal Government of Cambodia and World Food Programme 2006 (Book)**
6. *Swarna S. Vepa, et, al*, Atlas of the Sustainability of Food Security, **Published by WFP – MSSRF, February 2004 (Book)**
7. *Swarna S. Vepa et, al.*, “Study across the states”, in Food Insecurity Atlas of Urban India, **Published by MSSRF-WFP 23 October 2002 (Book)**
8. **Swarna S. Vepa**, “Food Insecurity Atlas of Rural India” **WFP-MSSRF, MSSRF- WFP, June 2001 ( Book)**
9. **Swarna S. Vepa** “History of Rice in South Asia - India“, In S.D. Sharma, **Rice: Origin, Antiquity and History** , The Science Publishers **June 2010**
10. **Swarna S. Vepa**, “Changing Consumption patterns and Implications to balanced diets in India” in Food and Water Security in Developing Countries, edited U. Aswathanarayan, Taylor & Francis (U.K.) **2007**
11. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa** “The Feminization of Agriculture and the Marginalization of Women’s Economic Stake”, in Gender, Food Security and Rural Livelihoods, edited by Maithreyi Krishnaraj, Stree Publications 2007
12. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa** and Ruchita Manghnani, “Rice production and Rice markets,” in the book Rice in Indian Perspective, Book edited by S. D Sharma and B.C. Nayak **2005**, Today and Tomorrow Publishers
13. **Swarna S. Vepa**, “Is hunger real or imaginary? **Economic Times, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2007**
14. *Swarna S. Vepa*, “Gender equity and Human development” **Indian Journal of Medical Research, October 2007**
15. **Swarna S. Vepa**, Paper on “Shrinking Livelihood Opportunities of Rural Poor at the Turn of the Century, - Implications to Rural Women” -Paper presented at the Seminar Organized by National Sample Survey Organization on 27-28 September 2006 (Published in The Seminar Proceedings of the National Sample Survey Organization, New Delhi, 2007

16. **Swarna S. Vepa**, "Role assigned to women by Development advocate" - Implications to Gender Equity", Paper Presented at the "National Seminar on Development Issues", organized by Nizam College, Osmania University, Hyderabad on 23-24 June 2006, and published in "**Development Issues, edited by Prof. Vijayalakshmi Reddy**, Department of sociology Nizam College, Osmania University, 2007 Hyderabad.
17. **Swarna S. Vepa** "Feminization of Agriculture and marginalization of their Economic Stake" **Economic and Political Weekly**, Vol. XL, No. 25, June 18, 2005
18. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa**, " Policy implications of Food Insecurity", in, From Vision to Action Book edited by M.S. Swaminathan and Pedro Madrano, - **East West books Pvt. Ltd. 2004**
19. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa**, "Support of the Vulnerable" in **IRDA Journal**, published by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, January 2004
20. **Swarna S. Vepa**, "The second Green Revolution- A catalyst of rural Uplift" **Yojana**, - A Journal of the Planning Commission of India, Ministry of Information and broadcasting, August 2004
21. **Swarna Sadasivam Vepa**, "Public policy and action for sustainable food security in Rural India", in "**Towards Hunger free India, - Ethical Dimensions**, Book Edited by M. S. Swaminathan et. Al. East West Books Pvt., Ltd., 2004
22. **Swarna S. Vepa**, "Impact of Globalization, on Food Consumption of Urban India" in Globalization of Food systems in developing Countries: Impact on food security and nutrition, FAO, Rome, 2004 (Proceedings of the international conference held in FAO Rome, 8-10 October 2003)
23. **Swarna S. Vepa**, "Measuring Forest Capital of India - its usefulness for forest Regeneration" in Bringing back the Forests – Policies and practices for degraded lands, and forests, Proceedings of the international Conference, FAO, regional Office, for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, 2003.
24. **Swarna S. Vepa**, "Carbon Trading under Kyoto Protocol –vital for restoring forests" – Hindu Business Line, December 26, 2002
25. **Swarna S. Vepa**, "Food availability and Food Access in Rural India" – Productivity - Journal of the National Productivity Council, Vol.43, No.1–April –June 2002.
26. **Swarna S. Vepa**, "Dimensions of Food Insecurity in Rural India" in Science for Sustainable Food Security, Nutritional Adequacy and Poverty Alleviation in Asia Pacific region, Proceedings of the conference, **MSSRF- May 2002**.
27. **Swarna S. Vepa** "Price and Non-price factors in Input use and Output supply-A case study of gram in Uttar Pradesh, " -- **The Indian Economic Review**, No.1, Vol. XXVIII, Jan-June, 1993.
28. **Swarna S. Vepa** "Pattern of Pulses Production in India-- An analysis of growth trends" - - **Economic and Political Weekly**, December 23-30 198999999999