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PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a Professional Social Worker with a strong teaching and Research interest in social and Community systems governance and social change, with an engaged scholarship approach. I hold a Doctoral Degree from the School of Law and Government, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dublin City University, Ireland, a Masters Degree in Development Studies (Local and Regional Development) from the Institute of Social Studies, in The Netherlands, and a Bachelors Degree in Social Work and Social Administration from Makerere University Kampala, Uganda

Currently, I am a Senior Lecturer in The Department of Social Work and Social Administration, Makerere University Kampala. My core responsibilities include teaching Graduate and Undergraduate students; Supervising and Examining Doctoral, Master's and Undergraduate Research Students. Previously I have served as a Graduate Programmes Coordinator (2013-2017), and an Undergraduate Programmes Coordinator (2004-2009), at the Department of Social Work and Social Administration. I have also undertaken a number of research projects, some of which have been funded through competitive academic research grants, resulting into publications such as journal articles, books Chapters, and policy briefs. I have also provided research and consultancy/advisory support to local and international service agencies and a number of Government of Uganda Ministries and Departments. More specifically, my advisory work has generated information targeted to address development issues and challenges around household poverty and livelihood well-being, Family and Child Protection, Design and delivery of social services, social development, Participatory Development and governance.

DESIGNATION

Senior Lecturer, Makerere University, Department of Social Work and Social Administration.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Year	Institution	Qualification attained
2010/13	Dublin City University, Republic of Ireland, School of Law and Government.	Doctor of Philosophy (Social Development Policy & Community Systems Governance) Doctoral thesis title: <i>Enabling community-Based Water Management Systems: Governance and Sustainability of Rural Point-Water Facilities in Uganda.</i>
2002-2003	Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands	MA, Development Studies (<i>Local and Regional Development</i>) MA Thesis Dissertation: <i>Managing "Social Welfare deficits". An Exploration into the Livelihood Strategies of the Urban Poor in Kampala City, Uganda: Ma Thesis, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands</i>
1994-97	Makerere University, Kampala Uganda	B.A Hons Social Work and Social Administration (Second class, Upper Division) Dissertation Title: <i>Attitudes and beliefs of people towards hot springs as sources of traditional healing: A case of Hamurwa Sub-county, Kabale district</i>

MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Member, Organisation of Social Science Researchers of Eastern Africa (OSSREA) 2014 to date.
- Member, National Association of Social Workers in Uganda 2015 to date.

POSITIONS AND HONORS

- In 2010, I won a fully funded PhD Scholarship from The Irish-AID funded Water is Life-*Amazzi Bulamu* Project. As a Social Scientist doctoral student researcher graduating with a doctor of Philosophy at Dublin City University in 2013.
- In 2002 I Won the Prestigious NUFFIC scholarship to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Development Studies from The Erasmus Institute of Social Studies in the Hague, The Netherlands between September 2002- December 2003.
- In 1994, I won the *special Scholarship award* from the Government of Uganda, having emerged the 6th best candidate Nationally in the Uganda Advanced Certificate Examinations; owing to this achievement, my Bachelor's Degree course in Social Work and Social Administration was fully funded by the Government of Uganda covering tuition and housing, plus additional annual special allowance.

SELECTED RESEARCH AWARDS AND RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

- In 2021 I won the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (RIF) to undertake a study on Reversing under-five child malnutrition: multidisciplinary innovations to improve free-range chicken production and consumption among poor rural households in Buyengo Parish, Busia District (73,000,000 UGX).

- In 2020 I won the Makerere Research and Innovations Fund Grant in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic (60,000,000 UGX) to Lead a project on ‘Leveraging Civic Technology to address the Covid-19 Pandemic in Uganda’
- In 2018, I won the Andrew Mellon Early Careers’ fellowship grant (USD 20,000) to undertake research on “Community Capitals and University-Community Engagement for Total School Enrolment and Retention in Uganda. The fellowship was Coordinated in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University.
- In 2015, I won (together with colleagues from the Netherlands) a Research Grant (Euro 200,000) and served as a **Co-Principal Investigator and Uganda Country Coordinator** for a two-year project on “Building an Economic case for investment in social protection in Uganda”. The two-year research project was implemented in Uganda between 2015 and 2017 and funded by the Netherlands Organization NWO-WOTRO Science for Global Development.
- **Lead Researcher on the thematic area**, “Social Accountability and Reproductive Health Rights and Services in Uganda”. Under the Strengthening Education and Training Capacity in Sexual and Reproductive Health Project (SET-SRHR) in Uganda. A five-year project funded by the Dutch Government and Implemented by The Erasmus Institute of Social Development in Partnership with Makerere University School of Public Health since 2017.
- I served as the **National Consultant on Institutional Framework sub-component** during the Evaluation of the National Development Plan 2010/11 -2014/15 and Mid-term Review of the National Development Plan 2015/16 -2019/2020. I produced and presented a report on the Institutional Framework sub-component of the of the two national development Plan periods and presented them to national stakeholders. This activity took place between June 2018 - February 2019

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE or PUBLICATIONS

- Mugumya, F., Mutababazi, M.M, Mushabe, S., Asabahebwa, H., & Mukamba J., (2022). Understanding imperatives for total school Enrolment and retention among refugees: The soma initiative in Nakivaale refugee camp in south western Uganda in: Fanning, B., & Munck, R. (Eds.). (2011). Globalization, Migration and Social Transformation. Ashgate.
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- Mugumya F., and Asingwire N. (2015) Governance and safe water provisioning in Uganda: theory and practice; in, Munck Ronaldo et. al. eds (2015) *Water and Development: Good Governance after Neoliberalism*.
- Mugumya, F., Munck, R. & Asingwire, N. (2015) Leveraging Community Capacity to Manage Improved point-water facilities; in Fagan G. Honor et al (2015) *Water is Life: Progress to secure safe water provision in rural Uganda*. Practical Action Publishing, UK.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED AND PAPERS PRESENTED

- October 2019: Attended the international Social work Conference in Kampala and Presented a paper on *Community Capitals and University-Community Engagement for Total School Enrolment and Retention in Uganda*.
- June 2017: Attended a conference organised by the APPAM (Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management) Conference in Brussels and Presented a paper entitled *"Beyond aggregate measures: Exploring the impact of local structures on economic multipliers of social pensions in Uganda"*
- January 2013: Attended the International Social Work Conference and presented a paper on *Representation, Voice and Empowerment: towards engendered decision making in Uganda's local governance units*
- May 2020: Presented a paper on Risks and Protective Factors for Violence Against Children outside of family care on the streets of Kampala. Presented on the AfriChild and The Child Protection Learning Network Webinar series.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: RESEARCH SUPPORT

- **Co-Investigator** - A Qualitative Formative Research on Maternal and Child Feeding and Caring Practices and Beliefs in 19 districts in Uganda. A study commissioned by UNICEF in collaboration with the Ministry of Health to inform the process of developing a communication strategy for improved nutrition in Uganda - February - April 2015.
- **Research Advisor** - End of project evaluation for the one-year project entitled *'HIV/AIDS and Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Project among Women Living with HIV'* of the ICWEA funded by Robert Carr Network Fund. November 2014 - January 2015.
- **Lead Researcher** Participatory and qualitative assessment of the Social Assistance Grants for Empowerment (SAGE) programme. Contracted by the United Nations Development programme to lead the study on behalf of the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic development. **June - Sept 2014.**
- **Advisor** on the study assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of targeting beneficiaries of the Social Assistance Grants for Empowerment (SAGE) programme. **2013 - January 2014.**

- **Research Advisor** - Baseline study of the 'Hear My Voice Project' of World Vision Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania. The project used the Citizens Voice and Action methodology to engage the communities and public service providers in dialogue over the quality of health and education services (October 2013 - Jan 2014)

Declaration

I declare that the information presented above is correct and represents me, my qualifications and professional experience.

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