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*An Economist with over 8 years' experience in social and economic development research, training and project management, with great research experience in Economic Policy Analysis and social research. Undertaken research projects at co-leader, coordination, supervisory and analysis levels supported by but not limited to, Ministry of Health, Stop Malaria Project, Maestral International LLC, Oxford Policy Management, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), AVSI Foundation Uganda, DfiD, International Development Research Center (IDRC), Malaria Consortium Uganda, World Vision Uganda, Mercy Corps Uganda and the World Bank and worked on research projects in Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda and South Sudan.*

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**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

2014 – 2016    **MA.** (Economics), University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
2007 – 2010    **BA.** (Development Economics) Hons, Makerere University, Uganda

**SKILLS**

**Analytical Skills:** Quantitative and qualitative analysis.

**Computer Skills:** STATA, EVIEWS, GAMS, Epi data, Microsoft Access, Spreadsheet, and Word processing, ODK/Survey CTO or KOBO Collect, World Bank Survey Solutions, NVIVO.

**Social Skills:** Ability to adapt, establish and maintain good working relations in a multi-cultural setting and in multi-language teams.

**Organisational Skills:** Excellent coordination and mobilisation skills

**WORKING EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Lecturer of Economics (Part Time) and Researcher, Uganda** **2017- date**  
*School of Economics, Makerere University, Kampala*

**Main Tasks:** Conducting research and undergraduate training in Health Economics, Environmental Economics, Agricultural Economics and Governance and Development and Development Economics

**Data Manager, Uganda** **2019 - date**  
Environment for Development Project (EfD), Makerere University

**Main Tasks:**  
Data capture and data system management, responding to calls to proposals, data analysis, writing research papers and contributing to publishable book chapters.

**Associate Research Fellow (Economic Analysis), Washington D.C** **2019 - date**  
New Markets Lab (NML)

**Main Tasks:**  
Project coordination, responding to calls to proposals, data analysis, writing research papers and reports

**Associate Research Fellow, Uganda** **2017- date**  
Department of Social Work and Social Administration, Makerere University, Kampala

**Main Tasks:**  
Writing research proposals, Research analysis, writing research technical reports, leading and supervising research teams.

**Research Fellow, Uganda** **2017- date**  
Policy Analysis and Development Research Institute (PADRI), Kampala

**Main Tasks:**

Proposal writing, research tool designing and development, data analysis, report and academic paper writing, budget preparations, leading and supervising research teams, provide support to the training in research methodology and analysis using Stata, Eviews and GAUSS software packages.

**Junior Research Fellow, Tanzania**

**March-Oct 2016**

Environment for Development Project (EfD), Dep't of Economics, University of Dar es Salaam

**Main Tasks:**

Project coordination, supervising research assistants, data analysis, writing research papers

**Research Officer, Uganda**

**2011 -2014**

College of Business and Management Sciences, Makerere University

**Main Tasks**

Manage and coordinate all the College Research Projects. Provide support to academic staff in writing technical project proposals and reports and data analysis. Provide support to the development of the technical projects budgets.

Manage the administration and coordination of the college internship/Field Attachment Programme

**SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS THAT I HAVE BEEN PART OF:**

**Fieldwork Manager and Project Coordinator: Uganda Costs of Living with Disability Survey: A Situational Analysis of Persons Living with Disability in Uganda. (August-November, 2019).** This study was funded by DFID and WFP and commissioned by Development Pathways (UK) and Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (MoGLSD). This study aimed at conducting a high-quality survey among a nationally representative sample of households with persons with disability in Uganda on a number of disability-related topics. The results from the survey intended to be used to support the development of a Situation Analysis of Persons with Disabilities. The study covered 86 districts in the country across all the regions.

**Regional Consultant, East African Community: Economic Impact Assessment and Legal review and Analysis of the East African Community Seed and Fertilizer Legislation. (June-November, 2019).** This project was commissioned by ECI-Africa on behalf of East African Community with support from Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). The study involves providing ex-ante economic impact assessments which quantify the impact of policy and regulatory reform options proposed in the EAC harmonized seed and plant varieties release and legislation in the EAC regional market: from an overall Cost-Benefit perspective, and with respect to key stakeholders (e.g. smallholder farmers, seed and fertilizer agribusinesses, SMEs and Public finances).

**Co-Researcher: Promoting Decent Work for Young People: Will Reducing Violence Help? 2019-2020.** This study is funded by Economic and Social Research Council, UK. It is being implemented by London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in collaboration with Makerere University, Department of Social Work and Social Administration. This study aims at developing an evidence base and platform for action around how violence in childhood and adolescence affects child labour, participation in skills programmes and employment outcomes in Uganda.

**Researcher: Developing the Refugees Issues Paper and a scoping study for the National Development Plan (NDP III) 2020/21 - 2024/25.** Jan - June, 2019. The study involved assessing the local government capacity to plan for and manage refugee issues. It therefore involved conducting consultations at National level and with Local Government (LG) leadership at district and all the refugee settlements in Uganda. I assisted in tool development, recruiting and training of enumerators, coordinating field activities during data collection process, data cleaning and analysis and writing and presenting of draft reports on Key refugee concerns at national and LGs and prepared final issues paper and report on refugee issues for the Uganda national Development plan III.

**Project Coordinator and Researcher: Empowering Vulnerable Women in Eastern Africa through Innovative Savings Schemes Feb 2018-Feb 2020.** This study is commissioned by the International Development research Institute (IDRC) and it aims at exploring the impact of Savings Groups on women empowerment in Burundi, Kenya and Uganda.

**Co-investigator:** Assessment and Prototyping Pathways to improving Economic Wellbeing of Vulnerable Youths in Kampala, Feb-March 2018. This project was commissioned by World Vision Uganda. I worked as a Quantitative analysis specialist.

**Project Coordinator and Researcher: Youth Employment and Migration in Eastern and Southern Africa (YEMESA Project), Jan. 2017 to date.** This research project is commissioned by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). It is aimed at exploring how youth migration maximizes employment, self-employment and enterprise development opportunities with measurable returns in the four Eastern and Southern African countries of Uganda, Kenya, Malawi and Zambia.

**Project Supervisor: Keeping Children in Healthy and Protective Families: Effects of a Household-based Parenting Programme on Reintegration of Children into Family-based Care in Uganda. (KCPHF Project), November 2017-date,** commissioned by USAID in Partnership with a consortium of organizations led by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) with partners IntraHealth, Maestral, Pact, Plan International, and Westat. 4Children.

**Project Supervisor, Deinstitutionalization of Vulnerable Children in Uganda (DOVCU Project), August-September 2017,** commissioned by Maestral LLT, in partnership with Oxford Policy Management and Makerere University.

**Project Supervisor, Impact Evaluation of the effectiveness of the youth life skills programme in Uganda, Jan – June 2017.** The Study evaluated the effectiveness of the life skills training programme that AVSI Foundation Uganda and partners were implementing under the Sustainable Comprehensive Responses (SCORE) for Vulnerable Children and their families supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**Project Supervisor: Impact Evaluation of the effectiveness of Parenting Training Programmes in Uganda, Jan-June, 2017.** This study evaluated the effectiveness of the parenting training programme that AVSI Foundation Uganda and partners were implementing under the Sustainable Comprehensive Responses (SCORE) for Vulnerable Children and their families supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**Project Supervisor, Impact Evaluation of the effectiveness of the youth life skills programme in Uganda, Jan – June 2017.** The Study evaluated the effectiveness of the life skills training programme that AVSI Foundation Uganda and partners were implementing under the Sustainable Comprehensive Responses (SCORE) for Vulnerable Children and their families supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**Research Assistant, The Value for Money Analysis of the Accelerating the Rise for Contraceptive Prevalence in Uganda (ARC) Programme, June-July 2017,** commissioned by DFID Uganda. The Study estimated the social return on Investment (SROI) by comparing the value of benefits to the material stakeholders and the economic cost of the programme.

**Project Coordinator and Supervisor, Merck for Ugandan Mothers: Impact evaluation of the Social Franchising program for maternal healthcare services in the private sector in Uganda, June-Dec, 2015.** This study evaluated the impact of PROFAM franchise in improving maternal health care in Uganda, commissioned by the London school of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK. **Main Tasks:** contributed to the development of research tools, mobilised and led the fieldwork teams in 15 districts in Western, Central, Eastern Northern and West Nile regions.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

**The 12<sup>th</sup> African Economic Conference 4-6 December, 2017; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.**

I presented a research paper titled: *Financial Literacy and Household Investment Choices in Uganda.*

This conference was organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in partnership with African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

## MAJOR ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

**2014-2016:** African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) sponsorship for an MA degree in Economics, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam - Tanzania.

**2018:** Am part of the research team that secured a research grant from Economic and Social research Council (ESRC) together with colleagues from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, on a research project titled: Promoting Decent Work for Young People: Will Reducing Violence Help?

## MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS

Am passionate about enhancing my skills in conducting rigorous research in the fields of Labour markets, trade, finance, environment, agriculture, education and social policy.

I also have the urge to enhance my quantitative analytical skills specifically in the areas of advanced methods and modelling that involve larger data sets.

## ACADEMIC PAPERS/MANUSCRIPTS

Byela Tibesigwa, Razack Lokina, **Fred Kasalirwe**, Richard Jacob, Julieth Tibanywana, and Gabriel Makuka. *"In Search of Urban Recreational Ecosystem Services in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania"* EFD Working Paper Series, March 2018. EFD DP 18-06. Found on the link: <http://www.rff.org/research/publications/search-urban-recreational-ecosystem-services-dar-es-salaam-tanzania>.

**Kasalirwe F**, and Lokina R. *"Gender, Access to Resources and Agricultural Productivity in Uganda."* (**Manuscript**)

**Kasalirwe F & Lokina R.** *"Financial Literacy and Household Investment Choices in Uganda"* (**Forthcoming**)

**Kasalirwe F**, Walakira E.J; Mubiri P; Luwangula R. *"Life Skills, Apprenticeship Programs and Labor Market Outcomes among Vulnerable Youths in Uganda"* (**Manuscript**)

## REFEREES

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