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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Economics 2017 – 2020
Makerere University, Uganda
CGPA: 4.86/5

Bachelor of Science with Education (Econ & Math) 2010 – 2014
Makerere University, Uganda
First Class Honors, CGPA: 4.57/5
Major: Economics
Minor: Mathematics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Agricultural Economics, Health Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Microeconomics Department Oct 2020 – Present
Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC), Makerere University

Consultant, IFAD July 2021 – Dec 2021
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
50x2030 Initiative to Close the Agricultural Data Gap

Graduate Intern, Sectoral Department Jan 2019 – July 2019
Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC), Makerere University

Data Analyst, IDRC Tourism Project Dec 2018 – Feb 2019
Makerere University

Micro Loans Officer Jan 2016 – Sept 2017
Centenary Bank, Uganda

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Refereed Journals

Mpuuga, D., & Eshete, Z. S. (2022). Uncovered Silent Killers: The Prevalence of Non-Communicable Diseases and Health Insurance Coverage in Uganda. *African Journal of Economic Review*, 10(1), 95-116. [[PDF](#)]

Nakiyingi, S., & **Mpuuga, D.** (2022). Multi-Level Analysis of Health Care Demand in Uganda: Empirical Evidence from the National Household Survey–2016/17. *Tanzanian Economic Review*, 11(2), 1- 21. [[PDF](#)]

Mpuuga, D., Yawe, L. B., & Muwanga, J. (2020). Determinants of Demand for Health Insurance in Uganda: An Analysis of Utilization and Willingness to Pay. *Tanzanian Economic Review*, 10(1), 1-22 (Lead Article). [[PDF](#)]

Working Papers

Mpuuga, D., Bulime, E. W. N., & Ogwang, A. (2021). Gendered Effects of Land Ownership on Household Food Security and Welfare: Empirical evidence from Uganda. 50x2030 Working Paper. Rome: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Policy Briefs

Mpuuga, D., & Guloba, M. (2021). How improving quality and standards in the Uganda fish value chain impacts sustainable development of decent jobs, *Economic Policy Research Centre*, Issue No. 139. [[PDF](#)]

Mugume, R., Atwine, B., & **Mpuuga, D.** (2021). Challenges Faced by Adolescent Girls in Urban Areas of Uganda and the Case for Targeted Social Protection Programmes, *Economic Policy Research Centre*, Issue No. 138. [[PDF](#)]

Mpuuga, D., Mbowe, S., & Odokonyero, T (2019). Limited Health Insurance Coverage amidst upsurge of Non-Communicable Diseases in Uganda, *Economic Policy Research Centre*. Issue No.106. [[PDF](#)]

Blog Posts

Mpuuga, D., & Ogwang, A. (2021). Government radio sets: will this narrow the rural-urban gap in learning participation amidst the COVID-19 pandemic? *Economic Policy Research Centre*. [[LINK](#)]

Bulime, E N W., **Mpuuga, D.**, & Ogwang, A. (2021). How the government can successfully implement the Programme-Based Approach of NDP III, *Economic Policy Research Centre*. [[LINK](#)]

Work in Progress

STAAARS+ 2022 Research: Linking Agricultural Productivity, Market Performance and Technology use among farmers in Uganda (with Sawuya Nakijoba & Ambrose Ogwang with co-mentors Duncan Boughton [MSU] and Rui Benfica [IFPRI]).

Health expenditure shocks and household poverty amidst COVID-19 (with Sawuya Nakijoba and Bruno L. Yawe), Proposal presented at the AERC Inception Workshop on Addressing Health Financing Vulnerabilities in Africa due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (May 23 – 24, 2022).

Leveraging Digital Services and Market Development for Financial Inclusion (with Isaac Shinyekwa, Enock Bulime and Aida Nattabi), Proposal presented at the AERC Inception workshop on Financial Inclusion and Market Development in EAC Economies (May 25-26, 2022).

Thesis

Mpuuga, D. (2019). “Determinants of Demand for Health Insurance in Uganda”, Master of Arts in Economics Dissertation of Makerere University.

Grants

Gendered Effects of Land Ownership on Household Food Security and Welfare: Empirical evidence from Uganda”, [**Principal Investigator**]: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), 50X2030 Initiative Research Grant – 2021 (US \$ 6,550)

Reports

Co-author: Action-oriented diagnostic for strengthening evidence use as Uganda transitions from sector to programme approach. (with EPRC, Office of the Prime Minister-Uganda, INASP, and Oxford Policy Management-UK).

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **STAAARS+ Fellow - 2022** May 2022 – June 2023
Mentors: Duncan Boughton (MSU) and Rui Benfica (IFPRI)
- **Visiting Fellow** Sep – Oct, 2022
Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University.
- **HEED-Africa Master’s Mobility Scholarship** Dec 2019 – July 2020
College of Business and Economics, Addis Ababa University
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **AERC-CMAP, Joint Facility for Electives Scholarship** June 2018 – Sept 2018
Kenya School of Monetary Studies, Nairobi, Kenya
- **First class honors degree recognition** Jan 2014
At the 64th Makerere University graduation ceremony
- **Government of Uganda National Merit Scholarship** Aug 2010 – Jan 2014
Makerere University, Uganda

- **Certificate of guidance and counselling** Feb 2013 – May 2013
School of Education, Makerere University, Uganda
- **Overall best student in UACE exams** 2009
At Kawaala College School
- **Overall best student in UCE exams** 2006
At St. Mary's S. S. Ssanje

RECENT TECHNICAL TRAININGS ATTENDED

- BREAD-IGC Virtual PhD Course, Spring 2022 Jan 2022 – May 2022
Modules on Education (Led by Mark Rosenzweig, Esther Duflo et al.);
Credit, insurance, and risk (Led by Chris Udry, Pascaline Dupas et al.);
Migration (Led by Melanie Morten, Dean Yang, Mushfiq Mobarak et al.)
- Implementing Indicators of Reach, Benefit, and Empowerment Feb 10, 2022
Facilitators: Dr. Ruth Meinzen-Dick & Dr. Elizabeth Bryan (IFPRI)
- Research Ethics Nov 8, 2021
Facilitator: Prof. Christopher Barrett (Cornell University)
- Technical training on grant proposal writing Jun 9, 2021
Led by Prof. Thom Jayne, Michigan State University (MSU)
- Implementation Research with Emphasis in Infectious Diseases May 24 – 28, 2021
Led by APHRC-Kenya in partnership with CEQA at UC Berkeley

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- AERC Inception workshop on Financial Inclusion and Market Development in EAC Economies (**May 25-26, 2022**). **Proposal presented:** “Leveraging Digital Services and Market Development for Financial Inclusion”
- AERC Inception Workshop on Addressing Health Financing Vulnerabilities in Africa due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (**May 23 – 24, 2022**). **Proposal presented:** “Health expenditure shocks and household poverty amidst COVID-19: How catastrophic?”
- The International Association of Official Statistics (IAOS) Conference: International conference to be held on **April 26-28, 2022** in Krakow, Poland. **Paper presented:** “*Gendered Effects of Land Ownership on Household Food Security and Welfare: Empirical evidence from Uganda*”.
- The 50x2030 Global Data Use Conference, organized by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) under the 50x2030 Initiative to Close the Agricultural Data Gap [**Nov 30-Dec 2, 2021**]. **Paper presented:** “*Gendered Effects of Land Ownership on Household Food Security and Welfare: Empirical evidence from Uganda*”.

ABILITIES

- Computer literate and application of data analysis software: **Stata, EViews, Matlab, Dynare, SPSS, EpiData, Microsoft (Office, Excel, PowerPoint), R**
- Application of data collection tools: **CAPI, PAPI, SurveyCTO**
- Document and presentation preparation software: **LaTeX Beamer**
- Proposal writing, data analysis and report writing
- Project management e.g. project budget management
- Quantitative and qualitative research, monitoring and evaluation

AFFILIATION TO ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

- The Econometric Society
- Uganda Economics Association (UEA)
- African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)

References: Available upon request