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5 **DEGREES**

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB), Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda year
- Master of Public Health (MPH), The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 2003

Courses

2019: 1.5 credit course: Good Clinical Practice	Certificate
2019. Pedagogy	Certificate
2012. Research and Ethics	Certificate
2007. Health Policy and Management	Certificate
2010. Mentorship and Supervision of master's and PhD Students	Certificate
2009. Training and Lecturing Students	Certificate
2007. Experimental Epidemiology	Certificate
2007. Writing in Biomedical Sciences	Certificate
2006. Qualitative Research Methods	Certificate
2006. Gender and Health Research Course	Certificate
2005. Doctoral Research Methodology	Certificate
2005. Quality of Care in TB Services	Certificate
2005. Facilitative Supervision Skills	Certificate

6 **DOCTORAL DEGREE**

- *PhD in Medical Sciences* “Understanding Newborn Care in Uganda – Towards Future Interventions” Karolinska Institutet, 2010. Supervisor Professor Stefan Peterson Karolinska Institutet, Co-Supervisors Professor Goran Tomson, Karolinska Institutet and Assoc. Prof. George Pariyo, Makerere University School of Public Health, Uganda. <https://openarchive.ki.se/xmlui/handle/10616/39729>

7 **POSTDOCTORAL APPOINTMENTS**

- Karolinska Institutet Department of Public Health, Division of Global Health IHCAR 2011-2012. Supervisor Professor Lars Wallin, Karolinska Institutet

8 **DOCENT-LEVEL COMPETENCE**

- Associate Professor of Health Policy Planning and Management, Makerere University, April 2016

9 **CURRENT POSITION**

- *Associate Professor (100% full-time)* at Makerere University School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy Planning and Management, Kampala, Uganda since 2016.

10 PRIOR POSITIONS -

- I have lectured at Makerere University School of Public Health, in the Department of Health Policy Planning and Management, Uganda, from 2008 to present. Responsibilities held include: Teaching Health Policy, Planning, and Management; Supervising master and PhD students; Supervising research projects; Coordinating Demographic Surveillance Site start-up and running Principal Investigator, several Maternal, newborn, and Child Implementation research projects.
- Visiting Researcher at the Dept of Global Public Health, Karolinska Institutet since 2003.
- Post-Doctoral Fellow, Health Systems and Policy, Department of Public Health Sciences, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, January 2011 to December 2012.
- District Medical Officer, Ministry of Health/Iganga district, Uganda. Deputy District Health Officer in charge of health subdistricts, responsible for planning, implementation, supervision, and M&E for comprehensive health care, including human resources for health management and development from 2000-2008. By the time I left, I was at the level of a Principal Medical officer.
- Part-time consultant, World Health Organization/Ministry of Health, Uganda, responsible for situation analysis for capacity for Pediatrics HIV/AIDS training, integration of HIV/AIDS into IMCI, and support scale-up efforts, 2004/2005
- National Health Officer, Uganda Red Cross Society 1999-2000.
- Intern doctor, Rubaga Referral Hospital, Kampala

11. TIME DEDUCTED FROM ACTIVE RESEARCH TIME

None

12. SELECTED ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND OTHER MERITS

- Member of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group of Experts (STAGE) for Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Nutrition, 2021- to date
- Director of Adara Development (Uganda), 2021-to date
- Awarded Presidential National Independence Heroes Medal, 9th October 2016
- Award of Excellency by the Minister of Health for contributing towards improved care for preterm and newborn babies in Uganda, 2012
- Award of Excellence for being a dedicated Lecturer contributing to the Saving Mothers Program at Uganda Christian University, 2012
- Director for the INDEPTH Network Maternal Newborn and Child Health Working Group 2009.
- Director for the Makerere University Maternal Newborn and Child Health Centre of Excellence www.mnh.musph.ac.ug 2004 to date
- Award in recognition of fundraising efforts for newborn health research in the In-depth Network Consortia, 2011

12. Public speaking engagements and keynote presentations

1. The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research 25th Anniversary series, Title of the keynote: "The most significant challenges facing HPSR: 2023: <https://youtu.be/aOxqsgD3IyA> A national television; Title of the keynote: Addressing Preventable maternal deaths in Uganda: 2020: <https://youtu.be/K7mUPnrjz1w>
2. UNC African Studies Center, Title of keynote: Strategies for building effective research partnerships in Africa: Incentives, challenges, challenges and risks, 2020 <https://youtu.be/lfxIxFna6Tw>
3. The 10th National Quality Improvement Conference; Title of keynote address: Understanding health systems strengthening in resource-limited settings; March 12th, 2024. Kampala, Uganda.
4. The first National MNH Quality of Care forum: Title of keynote address: "Promising solutions and innovations that can inform strategy and policy changes to allow for QoC implementation at scale." May 26th, 2022. Kampala, Uganda.
5. Uganda Safe Motherhood Conference 2023; Title of Keynote address: "The State of Maternal and Newborn Health in Uganda." June 18th, 2023, Kampala, Uganda.
6. UPA annual conference. Title of Keynote address: The State of Newborn Health in Uganda, 2021, Kampala, Uganda.
7. The RMNCAH symposium, 2018. The keynote address's title is Maternal, Newborn, and Child Mortality Countdown: Key Best Practices and Lessons for Uganda. Kampala, Uganda.
8. Keynote speaker as a Physician researcher at the 7th Annual Early Career Health Researchers Symposium (November 2023, Aga Khan University, East Africa)

13. LANGUAGE SKILLS

- *High Fluency: English*
- *Native languages: Lusoga and Luganda*
- *Some knowledge: Swahili*

14 REFERENCES

- Professor Claudia Hanson, Department of Global Public Health, Tomtebodavägen, Stockholm, claudia.hanson@ki.se
- Professor Stefan Peterson Department of Global Public Health, Tomtebodavägen, Stockholm, Stefan.peterson@ki.se T: + 46 704460787
- Professor David Sserwadda, Makerere university school of Public Health, College of Health Sciences, Uganda, email serwada@infocom.co.ug

KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET SCIENTIFIC PORTFOLIO

CURRENT SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

I am keen on developing, testing, and advocating for simple, scalable, but effective interventions that can increase the survival rates of mothers and their babies in resource-constrained settings. I have been the principal investigator for two main trials: the KMC Omwana Study and the Preterm Birth Initiative. Both studies demonstrated that KMC and simple simulation-based training can reduce perinatal mortality in rural Uganda.

Specific selected large trials that I have worked on:

- i. I was the Principal Investigator for the Omwana (2019 to 2022) KMC trial, a collaboration between Makerere University, the London School of Tropic Medicine, and Hygiene. In the trial, we demonstrated that KMC is a safe and cost-effective option for managing unstable, sick, and vulnerable babies.
- ii. Over the 4-year Preterm Birth initiative (2016 to 2019), I successfully demonstrated the effectiveness of capacity building through high-fidelity simulation-based training for health providers. This led to a notable improvement in the quality of care and a significant reduction in perinatal mortality rates.
- iii. Digital Health Payment Initiative and Research in Africa- <https://dhipir.mak.ac.ug/> This multi-country three-year project started in 2021. It is focused on generating high-quality evidence on the value of digitizing payments to health workers and the effectiveness and quality of immunization and other health campaigns in sub-Saharan Africa.
- iv. ALERT <https://alert.ki.se> is an ongoing study that aims at using *to use* co-design, capacity building, quality improvement approaches, and data strengthening to improve birth outcomes in rural Ugandan facilities.
- v. Expanded Quality Management Using Information Power (EQUIP) was carried out from 2011 to 2015. It sought to determine whether quality improvement efforts at the district, facility, and community levels could improve maternal and newborn health service delivery in rural Uganda.
- vi. The Community and District-management Empowerment for Scale-up (CODES) study was conducted from 2013 to 2016, and here, we used a customized set of data-driven diagnostic tools to identify and resolve health system bottlenecks.

In addition, I have established a platform called Makerere Center of Excellence for Maternal Newborn and Child Health <https://www.mnh.musph.ac.ug/> whose aim is to support my mission of building sufficient capacity for young researchers. The group consists mainly of young researchers with diverse skills who lead maternal health research, design innovations, and engage in policy development in Uganda.

2 SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

2.1 Bibliometric parameters

P	196	Number of verified publications
Sum JIF	1186.1	Sum of Latest Known Journal Impact Factor
C	4850	Total number of Citations
Avg C top5	455	Average number of citations for the 5 highest cited publications
Avg JIF top5	98.4	Average Journal Impact Factor for the 5 publications with highest JIF
H-index	50	

2.2 List of all original works

1. Kembabazi V, Tigaiza A, Opio C, Aweko J, Nakafeero M, Makumbi FE, Edia M, Kiracho EE, Tsubira AK, **Waiswa P**. Adoptability of digital payments for community health workers in peri-urban Uganda: A case study of Wakiso district. PloS one 2024 19;8 e0308322-

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2. Swartling Peterson S, Kobusingye O, Mayega R, Orem J, **Waiswa P**. A life-course multisectoral approach to precision health in LMICs. Nature medicine 2024 30;7 1813-1815

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4. Holt K, Challa S, Alitubeera P, Atuyambe L, Dehlendorf C, Galavotti C, Idiidi I, Jegede A, Omoluabi E, **Waiswa P**, Upadhyay U. Conceptualizing Contraceptive Agency: A Critical Step to Enable Human Rights-Based Family Planning Programs and Measurement. GLOBAL HEALTH-SCIENCE AND PRACTICE 2024 12;1

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9. Kwesiga D, Malqvist M, Orach CG, Eriksson L, Blencowe H, **Waiswa P**. Exploring women's interpretations of survey questions on pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes: cognitive interviews in Iganga Mayuge, Uganda. *Reproductive health* 2024 21;1 14-

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2.4 The ten most important publications

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This large trial was the first KMC trial on unstable newborns in Uganda. It demonstrated that KMC was safe and less costly for society and the health care system when used for small and vulnerable newborns.

2. Walker D, Otieno P, Butrick E, Namazzi G, Achola K, Merai R, Otare C, Mubiri P, Ghosh R, Santos N, Miller L, Sloan NL, **Waiswa P**, Preterm Birth Initiative Kenya Uga. Effect of a quality improvement package for intrapartum and immediate newborn care on fresh stillbirth and neonatal mortality among preterm and low-birthweight babies in Kenya and a cluster-randomised facility-based trial. *LANCET GLOBAL HEALTH* 2020 8;8 1061-1070

This large trial, which I led in Uganda, tested a combination of training and quality improvement to reduce the mortality in premature babies in Kenya and Uganda. Premature infants in the intervention compared to the comparison hospitals had a roughly 30% lower chance to die at 28 days (odds ratio 0.66, 95% CI 0.54-0.81). The intervention is one of the few quality improvement initiatives that has successfully achieved improvements in mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa - probably because it had sufficient intensity, combined training and quality improvement, and included a data component indicating regular improvements.

3. Waiswa P, Higgins BV, Mubiri P, Kirumbi L, Butrick E, Merai R, Sloan NL, Walker D, Preterm Birth Initiative Kenya and Uganda Implementation Research Collaborative. Pregnancy outcomes in facility deliveries in Kenya and Uganda: A large cross-sectional analysis of maternity registers illuminating opportunities for mortality prevention. *PloS one* 2020 15;6 e0233845-

This additional analysis based on data from the preterm birth initiative indicated the high burden of perinatal mortality among facility birth in Kenya and Uganda. 1.6% of the 50,981 deliveries included in this study died before discharge. An additional 0.5% of deliveries were early stillbirths and 3.6% late stillbirths. Surprisingly, there was a very high mortality in relation to Caesarean section. As expected, mortality was also higher after referral and higher among preterm birth. Strengthened register data in Kenya and Uganda highlight the need for renewed focus on improving care of preterm and low birthweight infants and expanding access to emergency obstetric care.

4. Akuze J, Blencowe H, **Waiswa P**, Baschieri A, Gordeev VS, Kwesiga D, Fisker AB, Thysen SM, Rodrigues A, Biks GA, Abebe SM, Gelaye KA, Mengistu MY, Geremew BM, Delele TG, Tesega AK, Yitayew TA, Kasasa S, Galiwango E, Natukwatsa D, Kajungu D, Enuameh YA, Nettey OE, Dzabeng F, Amenga-Etego S, Newton SK, Tawiah C, Asante KP,

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This large multi-country analysis – taking off from my long responsibility within the demographic and health surveillances network sited INDEPTH – compared the two interview methods to assess outcomes at birth, stillbirth and neonatal death. These interview methods, i9 a full pregnancy survey and a birth history with additional questions to assess pregnancy loss are typically implemented in household surveys. This work indicated that the full pregnancy history was leading to 20% higher rates of stillbirth compared to the birth history with additional questions on pregnancy loss. No difference in relation to neonatal mortality was observed. The full pregnancy history took 1.4 minutes longer to implement compared to the birth history module. Still, in view of the importance to measure stillbirth mortality this additional time will be well spent to attain better stillbirth data in high burden countries.

5. Medvedev MM, Brotherton H, Gai A, Tann C, Gale C, Waiswa P, Elbourne D, Lawn JE, Allen E. Development and validation of a simplified score to predict neonatal mortality risk among neonates weighing 2000 g or less (NMR-2000): an analysis using data from the UK and The Gambia. *LANCET CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH* 2020 4;4 299-311

Two different data sets, i) the UK National Neonatal Research Database from 187 neonatal units, and the ii) Early Kangaroo Mother Care Trial from data from the Edward Francis Small Teaching Hospital (EFSTH), Banjul, The Gambia were used to develop a score to predict neonatal mortality. Three indicators showed a good discrimination in relation to mortality risk: birthweight, admission oxygen saturation, and highest level of respiratory support within 24 h of birth. The score requires further validation using a larger dataset from low-income and middle-income countries, but it has the potential to improve individual- and population-level neonatal care resource allocation.

6. Waiswa P, Manzi F, Mbaruku G, Rowe AK, Marx M, Tomson G, Marchant T, Willey BA, Schellenberg J, Peterson S, Hanson C, EQUIP study team. Effects of the EQUIP quasi-experimental study testing a collaborative quality improvement approach for maternal and newborn health care in Tanzania and Uganda. *Implementation science : IS* 2017 12;1 89-
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I coordinated the EQUIP quasi-experimental trial – a FP-7 EU funded study – which was testing a systemic quality improvement approach implemented in Uganda. We implemented quality improvement at community and health facility level. Our quality improvement approach was able to improve two of the four primary outcomes. Results from thus study are now increasingly used to shape the quality improvement approach in low and middle income countries.
7. Namazzi G, Okuga M, Tetui M, Muhumuza Kananura R, Kakaire A, Namutamba S, Mutebi A, Namusoke Kiwanuka S, Ekirapa-Kiracho E,

Waiswa P. Working with community health workers to improve maternal and newborn health outcomes: implementation and scale-up lessons from eastern Uganda. *Global health action* 2017 10;sup4 1345495-

One of my main research interests is to examine the impact of community health workers in improving maternal and newborn health. This paper analysed implementation challenges of a community health worker intervention including training, supervision, and motivation. This mixed method study indicated that knowledge among Community Health workers improved, but not consistently and not in regard to all important aspects of maternal and newborn health – pointing to the need of continuous education. Community Health Workers expect a competitive remuneration as well as travel refunds or bicycles to support their work

8. Lawn, JE, Blencowe, H, Waiswa, P., Amouzou, A, Mathers, C, Hogan, D, Flenady, V, Frøen, JF, Qureshi, ZU, Calderwood, C, Shiekh, S, Jassir, FB, You, D, McClure, E M, Mathai, M and Cousens, S (2016) 'Stillbirths: rates, risk factors, and acceleration towards 2030', *The Lancet*, 387(10018), pp. 587-603.

I participated in the important and highly cited Lancet series which estimated the global burden of stillbirth. We estimated that 2.6 million third trimester stillbirths occurred in 2015 (uncertainty range 2.4-3.0 million). Our analysis suggested that the number of stillbirths has reduced more slowly than has maternal mortality or mortality in children younger than 5 years, which were explicitly targeted in the Millennium Development Goals. The burden was in particular high in Africa and in areas affected by conflict – these countries will have to more than double present progress to reach the target on no more than 12 stillbirths per 1000 birth. We also highlighted the need to records and register all births, stillbirths, neonatal, and maternal deaths in a health facility. Improved data alone will not save lives but provide a way to target interventions to reach more than 7000 women every day worldwide who experience the reality of stillbirth.

9. Sewankambo N, Tumwine JK, Tomson G, Obua C, Bwanga F, Waiswa P, Katabira E, Akuffo H, Persson KE, Peterson S. Enabling dynamic partnerships through joint degrees between low- and high-income countries for capacity development in global health research: experience from the Karolinska Institutet/Makerere University partnership. *PLoS medicine* 2015 12;2 e1001784-

This important analysis paper described the partnership between Karolinska Institutet and Makerere University for research capacity building with the potential to increase research capacity in both settings. The paper highlights the main achievements, particular the high academic productivity of this collaboration resulting in 44 graduated PhD students and over 500 papers with mostly Ugandan first authors. The partnership also led to a strong engagement with the national health structures, including the Ministry of health and has built a strong group of Ugandan researchers building their own research groups and attracting further international funding.

2.5 List of general articles and book chapters

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2.6.1 Reports of assessments, evaluations and technical reports

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3 INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESSES

3.1 Invited speaker or chair

3.2 Oral presentations of own accepted abstracts

4 RESEARCH FUNDING OBTAINED IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS

4.1 External research funding obtained as the principal applicant in international or national competition.

Project Name	Funder	Funding Amount (\$)	Start Date	End date
Preterm Birth Initiative Study (PTBi)	University of California San Francisco (UCSF)	2,814,487	Sep-15	Sep-19
(CODES) Implementation of the Global Action Plan for Pneumonia/Diarrhoea in Uganda	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation/UNICEF	8,277,941	21-04-11	14-04-16
Expanded Quality Management using Information Power (EQUIP)	European Union	1,028,696	01-11-10	31-10-14
MANEST (Innovations for increasing access to integrated safe delivery, PMTCT, and newborn care in rural Uganda)	World Health Organization	236,145	01-07-11	31-05-14
Preterm babies (EINHORN)	Einhorn Family Charitable Trust	76,394	Jan-15	Dec-16
MANe SCALE project	Social Initiatives in Sweden	135,000	Jan-15	Dec-16
Systematic documentation of community-oriented approaches to improve recognition of the appropriate care seeking for newborn and maternal complications study (Traction study)	Ifakara Health Institute (Prime donor-USAID)	48,105	30-01-15	30-09-15
Saving New Born Lives/ Maternal & New Born Centre for Excellence	Save the Children International in Uganda (Prime: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)	406,796	24-03-14	06-30-2017
INDEPTH Maternal and Newborn Working Group (MNWG) (ENAP Project)	INDEPTH Network (Prime: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)	329,768	17-05-16	31-05-19
Development and Use of the Lives Saved Tool (LiST)	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	25,000	01-06-16	01-07-17
Maternal and Newborn Scale-Up	Social Initiative ideell forening (SI)	187,189	01-01-17	31-12-18
A feasibility study evaluating a reservoir storage system for continuous oxygen delivery	University of California	39,123	01-12-16	31-12-17
Uganda-specific desk research and Qualitative Research	Living Goods	19,667	12-06-17	30-03-18

NeMo (Neonatal monitoring)	Center for Bioengineering Innovation and Design, Johns Hopkins University	28,000	2017	2019
Community in which Mothers and Newborns Thrive (COMONETH)	Comic Relief & Big Lottery Fund	657,333	Jul-17	Jul-20
Saving 1000 babies and 100 mothers in Eastern Uganda (Training and mentorship of health workers in newborn care in Busoga region)	The ELMA Foundation	600,000	01-07-17	30-06-20
Analysis of newborn care in Karamoja and West Nile to inform sustainable programming with impact	UNICEF	45,956	Aug-17	Dec-18
Statistical analysis of district-level coverage and other indicators to inform the mid-term review of the Health Sector Development Plan (HSDP) 2015/2016-2019-2020	African Population and Health Research Centre	19,369	01-06-18	15-07-18
Turning Data from the INDEPTH Network Sites to Drive Newborn Programs and Policy	New Venture Fund for Global Policy and Advocacy	150,000	01-10-17	30-09-18
Maternal Health Academic Consortium: Women and Health Initiative	Havard T. H. Chan School of Public Health (Prime: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)	28,060	01-10-17	31-03-18
Developing and piloting a low-cost and scalable intervention to promote early childhood nutrition and development in rural Uganda	University College of London	156,547	25-09-17	24-02-19
Testing the feasibility of preconception care implementation in Uganda: a pilot on policy and program context in Uganda	March of Dimes	48,000	01-08-18	31-07-20
The Countdown to 2030 for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' health	African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)	23,590	Sep-18	30-04-19
Kampala MaNe/Slum Project: implementation research for improving illness recognition, care seeking and referral linkage to quality health facility care for pregnant mothers and their newborn babies in Kampala	Population Services International (PSI) (Prime: USAID)	1,273,808	30-11-18	30-06-21
Programme Transforming Measurement for Every Newborn - Phase 2	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (Prime: Children's Investment Fund Foundation)	439,439	01-03-18	30-11-19

Hospital to Home – Improving newborn follow-up for high-risk infants in low-resource settings	Adara Development-Uganda (Prime: Grand Challenges Canada)	9,375	01/01/2019	30/09/2020
OMWaNA Operationalising kangaroo Mother care before stabilisation among low birth Weight Neonates in Africa: RCT to to examine mortality impact in Uganda	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (Prime: UK Medical Research Council)	£73,311	31/01/2019	30-Jul-22
Advancing Countdown to 2030: Country, Regional and Global Analyses	John Hopkins University (Prime: New Venture Fund funded by BMGF)	50,000	15/04/2019	31/03/2020
Strengthening Health Professional Regulation in Kenya and Uganda	Medical Research Council	61,472 GBP	01/03/2019	28/02/2021
Action Leveraging Evidence to Reduce perinatal mortality and morbidity in sub-Saharan Africa (ALERT)	European Commission (Coordinator-Karolinska Institutet)		01/01/2020	
Building the evidence base for unlocking demand for self-injection	University of California, San Francisco (Prime: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)	502,198	01/12/2019	30/11/2021
Maternal Child Health and Nutrition Activity	FHI 360 (Prime: USAID)	1300000 (Sh. 3,704,210,600)	Feb-20	Aug-24
Be Alert: Kuwa Macho Action is to prevent intrapartum-related complications in Eastern Uganda.	Karolinska Institutet (Prime: Swedish Research Council)		30/04/2020	30/03/2024
The Countdown to 2030: Strengthening Global and Country Analytical Capacity	African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC) (Prime: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)	150,000	20/05/2020	30/09/2022
"Kuwa Macho" Action to prevent intrapartum-related complication in Eastern Uganda	Karolinska Institutet (Prime: Swedish Research Council)		43899	2024
Facility-level analyses of Countdown steering committee member performance of hospitals with special attention for C-sections	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	60,950	15/4/2019	30/09/2020
Countdown to 2030: Strengthening Global and Country Analytic Capacity	African Population and Health	150,000	20/05/2020	30/09/2022

	Research Center(Prime: The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)			
The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on use of health services with special reference to reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health: a multi-country study project.	African Population Health and Research Centre(APHRC) (prime: Gates)	5000	02/03/2021	30/05/2021
Quality Improvement Process Metrics for Cesarean Section in a Lower Resource Setting: Development and Feasibility Assessment	The Regents of the University of California (Prime: UCSF)	44,064	4/1/2021	12/31/2021
Urban Thrive Project (UTP): Increasing coverage and uptake of voluntary family planning in emergent towns and cities in Uganda	John Templeton Foundation	982,279	7/1/2021	3/29/2024
M&E and field supervision Labour Supply Services	Population Services International Uganda(PSI)		7/12/2021	1/12/2022
Campaign worker digital payment evidence building	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	3,449,644	10/25/2021	7/15/2024

4.2 External research funding obtained in international or national competition as *co-applicant*.

4.4 Significant other research funding received

5 SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATIONS

- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Professor Joy Lawn, several projects including
- Institute of Tropical Medicine (Belgium) Countdown to 2030 collaboration, Ties Boerma
- Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Science (MUHAS), Tanzania ALERT project
- Aga Khan University, Medical College (East Africa),
- College of Medicine, Malawi ALERT Project
- Centre de Recherche en Reproduction Humaine et en Démographie (CERRHUD) (Benin)
- Save the Children USA, Professor Joy Lawn Research and policy collaboration on *Newborn health*, Three joint publications.
- Johns Hopkins University, Professor Robert Black and David Peters, outgoing and incoming chair of the International Health Department, one project and publication with each

- Swiss Tropical Institute, Professor Don de Savigny, one large project (ARVMAC from EU) and one joint publication.
- INDEPTH Network in Ghana, Professor Osman Sankoh, executive Director. Collaboration on HDSS activities, social autopsy and newborn working groups.
- Ifakara Health Institute in Tanzania, Dr Fatuma Manzi, Health Economist. One large project from EU (EQUIP).
- Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation USA, Prof Stephen Lim, on GAVI Multi-country Evaluation 2012-2016
- PATH USA, Jeff Bernson, Evaluation specialist. Two projects 2011-2016

6 SUPERVISIONS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

- 6.1 PhD candidates supervised up to the defence of the candidate's doctoral thesis, with the applicant serving as *main supervisor*.
- Doris Kwesiga, "Exploring the Under Reporting of Pregnancy and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes in Population and Health Surveys: A Multi-Country Qualitative Study", registered at Makerere University and Upsalla University
- 6.2 PhD candidates supervised up to the defence of the candidate's doctoral thesis, with the applicant serving as *co-supervisor*.
- Joseph Akuze, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 2022
 - Dorcus Kiwanuka-Henrikson, Uppsala University, Sweden, defence 2017
 - Gertrude Namazzi, Makerere University, defence planned March 2022
 - Christine Nalwadda Division of Global Health, Karolinska Institutet and Makerere University, defence 2014
- 6.3 Students supervised up to their licentiate degree, with the applicant serving as *main supervisor*.
- 6.4 Students supervised up to their licentiate degree, with the applicant serving as *co-supervisor*.
- 6.5 Ongoing supervision of a PhD candidate, with the applicant serving as *main supervisor*.
- Phillip Wanduru "Understanding short and medium-term sequelae, their predicting factors, and experiences of caring for newborns with intrapartum hypoxic-ischemic insults: a cohort study in rural Uganda," registered in Oct 2020 as a double degree student at KI and Makerere, Uganda.
 - Jackie Sanyu: 'Implementing family planning interventions in urban settings in Uganda' registered in 2021 as a double degree student at Upsala and Makerere, Uganda.
- 6.6 Ongoing supervision of a PhD candidate, with the applicant serving as *co-supervisor*.
- Catherine Birabwa, Institutet of Tropical Medicine Antwerp, registered 2020
- 6.7 Postdoc supervision
- 6.8 Supervision of other researchers who have defended a thesis.
- 6.9 Ongoing careers of holders of earlier PhDs and of postdocs

6.2 Master student thesis supervision

(a) Karolinska Institutet

- George Kalaiti, thesis supervisor Master in Global Health 2012
- Ana Hagström, thesis supervision Master in Global Health 2013
- Sewit Mogos, thesis supervisor Master in Global Health 2013
- Liga Timsa, thesis supervisor Master in Global Health 2013
- Shu Su, thesis supervisor Master in Global Health 2013
- Yiruo Dong, thesis supervisor Master in Global Health 2012

(b) Makerere University School of Public Health

- Kanya Daniel, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2021
- Nakafeero Rhita Tamale, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2019
- Achii Pamela, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2018
- Picho Brenda Amon, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2018
- Begumisa Christine, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2017
- Sserwanga Asadu, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2016
- Kayiwa Denis, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2015
- Nakiire Lydia, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2015
- Nyakoojo Ronald Rogers, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2015
- Aldo Burua, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2012
- Michael Ediau, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2011
- Ndyamuba Refaya, thesis supervisor Master in Global Health 2011
- Hanifa Sengendo, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2012
- Kyomugisha Salome Trinhah, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2012
- Carol Agaro, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2012
- Violet Gwokya, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2012
- Bakehena Francis, thesis supervisor Master Public Health 2012
- Kirabo Rhoda, Master of Health Services Research, 2019
- Nantume Susan, Master of Health Services Research, 2019
- Nyamwire Bonnita, Master of Health Services Research, 2018
- Okerenyang Michael, Master of Health Services Research, 2018
- Nyakol Ronald, Master of Health Services Research, 2017
- Okello Gerald, Master of Health Services Research, 2017
- Opio Charles, Master of Health Services Research, 2017
- Fuathum Norah, Master of Health Services Research, 2013
- Puleh Steven Sean, Master of Health Services Research, 2013
- Atukunda Patience, Master of Health Informatics, 2019

(c) Other Universities

- Christine Deurman, external and field mentor, Master in Tropical and Infectious Diseases (MTID) Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, 2011
- Mabel Namwabira, Master of Public Health Leadership, Uganda Christian University Mukono, 2013
- Winfred Nyamutale, Master of Public Health Leadership, Uganda Christian University Mukono, 2013

6.3 Bachelor student dissertation supervision at Makerere University School of Public Health

- Carol Namalwa, Bachelor of Environmental Health, 2011

- Wilson Woodford Arop, Bachelor of Environmental Health, 2013
- Kamugisha Stephen, Bachelor of Environmental Health Science, 2018
- Namara Frank, Bachelor of Environmental Health Science, 2015
- Owalinga Louise Odeke, Bachelor of Environmental Health Science, 2009
- Teko Timothy, Bachelor of Environmental Health Science, 2009

6.3 Other supervision

- Gertrude Namazzi, Makerere University School of Public Health CDC Fellowship Program, 2013
- Jane Namuddu, Makerere University School of Public Health CDC Fellowship Program, 2012

7 THESIS EVALUATION

7.1 Serving as thesis opponent

7.2 Serving as a member of a thesis examination committee

- Pre-defence moderator, Elizabeth Ekirapa, PhD, March 2013
- Pre-defence PhD opponent, Elin Larsson, 2012

8 EVALUATION OF OTHERS' WORK

8.1 Referee for scientific journals

- I am a regular expert referee for several journals since 2010 including: Lancet, Lancet Global Health, PLOS, Bulletin of the WHO, a range of BMC journals, Tropical Medicine and International Health, Health Policy and Planning, BMJ journals, and others
- I am on the editorial board of IJPH (since 2015)

8.9 Other relevant evaluation assignments

- Regular reviewer, Makerere University College of Health Sciences internal grants incl. Makerere University scholarships calls 2012-to date.
- Regular reviewer for MRC, Wellcome Trust, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research call on Implementation Research, 2010.

8 INTERNATIONAL VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

9 SCIENTIFIC DISTINCTIONS

- Awarded National Championship medal by the Minister of Health in recognition of my contribution to the national fight against preterm birth and death, June 2012
- Awarded an international medal by the INDEPTH Network in recognition of my contribution to growth of newborn research, November 2011
- Awarded best oral presentation at the Federation of African Medical Students Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, 1996
- Awarded second best oral presentation at the Federation of African Medical Students Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, 1997

11 OTHER SCIENTIFIC MERITS COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY

1. Member, Vaccines Advisory Expert Committee, Uganda National Academy of Sciences.
2. Member, Uganda Medical and Dental Association.
3. Chairperson, Uganda Red Cross Society, Iganga branch
4. Vice Chairperson and founder member, Uganda Development and Health Associates (www.udha.net)
5. Member and outgoing chairperson, Reproductive Health Uganda, Busoga branch, Uganda
6. Executive member, Uganda National Association of Community and Occupational Health (UNACOH)
7. Member, Karolinska institutet, Sweden and Makerere University Steering Committee

12 PRACTICAL TRAININGS AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

8. High Performing Teams Online Training Series, MUBS Leadership Training Centre, 30th April to 28th May 2022
9. Effective Training Online Training Series, MUBS leadership Training Centre, 25th September to 6th November 2021
10. Become a Better Leader, Online Training Series, MUBS leadership Training Centre, 22nd October to 19th November 2022
11. Building Executive Presence, Online Training Series, MUBS leadership Training Centre, 27th March to 8th May 2021
12. Strategic Leadership, Online Training Series, MUBS leadership Training Centre, 4th June to 02 July 2022
13. Organizational Conflict Management, Online Training Series, MUBS leadership Training Centre, 24th July to 18th

13 LEADERSHIP AND BOARD POSITIONS

1. **Member** of the Parenting Practitioners Steering Committee, Makerere University Child Health and Development Centre, 2024
2. **Board Member** of the Research Utilization Advisory Board, 2024
3. **Member of the** Advisory Board of Enhancing Nutrition Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Learning (NuMERAL) Activity, RTI Uganda, 2024
4. **Chairperson** of Research Ethics committee, Uganda Christian University Mukono, 2020 to present.
5. **Advisory Group member** of the Uganda National Immunization Technical (UNITAG) 2013 to present.
6. **Board Chair** of Uganda School of Ophthalmic Clinical Officers, Jinja.
7. **Board Member** of the International Health Sciences School, Jinja
8. **Advisory Group member** of Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) Advocacy Group
9. **Advisory Group member** of Countdown 2030 health policy and systems group
10. **Founder and Chairperson;** Busoga Health forum, Uganda

11. **Member**, of the WHO Guideline Development Group (GDG) focused on influenza clinical management; July 2023 to date
12. **Member**, of the WHO-UNICEF informal technical advisory group on norms for small and/or sick newborn care; April 2023 to date
13. **Commissioner**, Lancet Commission on Evidence-based implementation in Global Health; August 2022 to date.
14. **Co-Chair**, Quality of Care subgroup of the Child Health Task Force; October 2022
15. **Advisory Board Member**, Swedish Organization for Global Health
16. **Member**, Subcommittee for the quinquennial review of the MRC The Gambia Unit, 2021 to date
17. **Board Member**, Global Health Faculty of Experts, 2020 to date

14 RESEARCH PLAN

I am dedicated to working in the fields of health systems and implementation science to enhance maternal, newborn, and child health. One of my main focuses is innovating and accessing interventions to improve the quality of care for women and babies during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postnatal period. I test various strategies, including classical quality improvement, training, standardization, improving data, and combining multiple strategies. These approaches are tested using cluster-randomized, plausibility, and pre-post evaluation designs.

Another critical area of focus is implementing evidence-based practices in healthcare through implementation science. Mainly, I concentrate on neonatal care and support adopting evidence-based practices in community-based settings.

My work also involves understanding neonatal and infant illnesses and death, including exploring community and healthcare factors and community perceptions. An emerging area of interest is comprehending the causes of stillbirths, which have been previously overlooked.

Additionally, I work on improving newborn care at the community level. I have led various trials and continue to evaluate strategies to enhance the involvement of Community Health Workers, home visits, and working with families to improve care.

Lastly, I have contributed to global and national agendas by collaborating with leaders in the newborn health field and participating in global studies to address perinatal health issues, including the Lancet series on stillbirths.