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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 - Present RWI Essen, Economic Policy Lab Climate Change, Development and Migration
2023 – Present Research Associate, German Institute for Development and Sustainability (IDOS)
2021 – Present Research Associate, Institute for Food and Resource Economics (ILR) & Transdisciplinary Research Area 6: Sustainable Future, University of Bonn
2020 Apata Insights, Co-founder
2022 Senior Researcher, IDOS Bonn
2020 Visiting Fellow (STAARS), Dyson School, Cornell University, Ithaca USA
2018-2022 Postdoctoral Researcher & Lecturer, Institute for Food and Resource Economics, University of Bonn
2014-2018 Junior Researcher & PhD Candidate, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn
2012-2014 Research Analyst, Development Initiatives

EDUCATION

2018 Dr agr. (PhD Agricultural & Development Economics) University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany
Supervisors: Prof Dr Joachim von Braun, Prof Dr. Jan Börner
Thesis: Effects of Community-Based Health Insurance on Child Health Outcomes and Utilisation of Preventive Health Services: Evidence from Rural Southwestern Uganda (magna cum laude)
2011 MA Poverty and Development, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom
2008 BA Development Economics, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in refereed Journals

Gupta, P., Stein, D., Longman, K., Lanthorn, H., Bergmann, R., Nshakira-Rukundo, E., Rutto, N., Kahura, C., Kananu, W., Posner, G., Zhao, K.J., & Davis, P. (Forthcoming). Cash transfers amid shocks: A

large, one-time, unconditional cash transfer to refugees in Uganda has multidimensional benefits after 19 months. (Corresponding author) Forthcoming - World Development

- Tabé-Ojong, M. P., Nshakira-Rukundo, E., & Haile Gebrekidan, B. (2023). COVID-19 and food insecurity in Africa: A review of the emerging empirical evidence. *European Review of Agricultural Economics*, jbad008. Previous Version: IFPRI Discussion Paper 02121.
- Amondo, E. I., Nshakira-Rukundo, E., & Mirzabaev, A. (2023). The effect of extreme weather events on child nutrition and health. *Food Security*, 15(3), 571-596. Previous Version: ZEF Discussion Papers on Development Policy No 309.
- Nshakira-Rukundo, E. (2022). Envisioning climate change debates and policies through the tension triangle lens. *PLOS Climate*, 1(12), e0000109.
- Stein, D., Bergemann, R., Lanthorn, H., Kimani, E., Nshakira-Rukundo, E., & Li, Y. (2022). Cash, COVID-19 and aid cuts: a mixed-method impact evaluation among South Sudanese refugees registered in Kiryandongo settlement, Uganda. *BMJ global health*, 7(5), e007747.
- Tabé-Ojong, M. P. J., Gebrekidan, B. H., Nshakira-Rukundo, E., Börner, J., & Heckeley, T. (2022). COVID-19 in rural Africa: Food access disruptions, food insecurity and coping strategies in Kenya, Namibia, and Tanzania. *Agricultural Economics*, 53(5), 719-738.
- Mussa, E. C., Agegnehu, D., & Nshakira-Rukundo, E. (2022). Impact of conditional cash transfers on enrolment in community-based health insurance among female-headed households in south Gondar zone, Amhara region, Ethiopia. *SSM-Population Health*, 17, 101030.
- Nshakira-Rukundo, E., & Whitehead, A. (2021). Changing perceptions about COVID-19 risk and adherence to preventive strategies in Uganda: Evidence from an online mixed-methods survey. *Scientific African*, 14, e01049.
- Tabé-Ojong Jr, M. P., & Nshakira-Rukundo, E. (2021). Religiosity and parental educational aspirations for children in Kenya. *World Development Perspectives*, 23, 100349.
- Nshakira-Rukundo, E., Mussa, E. C., & Cho, M. J. (2021). Dropping out of voluntary community-based health insurance in rural Uganda: Evidence from a cross-sectional study in rural south-western Uganda. *PloS one*, 16(7), e0253368.
- Nshakira-Rukundo, E., Mussa, E. C., Nshakira, N., Gerber, N., & von Braun, J. (2021). Impact of community-based health insurance on utilisation of preventive health services in rural Uganda: a propensity score matching approach. *International Journal of Health Economics and Management*, 21, 203-227.
- Nshakira-Rukundo, E., Kamau, J. W., & Baumüller, H. (2021). Determinants of uptake and strategies to improve agricultural insurance in Africa: A review. *Environment and Development Economics*, 26(5-6), 605-631.
- Nshakira-Rukundo, E., Mussa, E. C., Gerber, N., & von Braun, J. (2020). Impact of voluntary community-based health insurance on child stunting: Evidence from rural Uganda. *Social Science & Medicine*, 245, 112738. Media coverage: The Economist Feb 1 2020, Page 33
- Nshakira-Rukundo, E., Mussa, E. C., Nshakira, N., Gerber, N., & Von Braun, J. (2019). Determinants of enrolment and renewing of community-based health insurance in households with under-5 children in rural south-western Uganda. *International journal of health policy and management*, 8(10), 593.

Mussa, E. C., Mirzabaev, A., Admassie, A., Nshakira-Rukundo, E., & von Braun, J. (2019). Does childhood work impede long-term human capital accumulation? Empirical evidence from rural Ethiopia. *International Journal of Educational Development*, 66, 234-246.

Working Papers

Effect of cash transfers and health insurance on food security among female headed households in Ethiopia (with Mussa, E C & Agegnehu, D) *Minor Revision - PLoS ONE*

Good Policy Gone Bad? Health Insurance, Premium Changes and Labour Supply in Rwanda. (with Schroder, S) *Submitted*

The Impact of Social Assistance Programmes in a Pandemic: Evidence from Kenya (with Strupat, C) ZEF Discussion Papers on Development Policy No 316.

Willingness to pay for COVID-19 Vaccination in Africa: Evidence from an Online Survey Experiment in Seven African Countries (with Gebrekidan, B; Tabe-Ojong, M; Nalukwago-Stork, S S; Mussa, E C; Nshakira, N; Rubashembusya, T; Trevenen-Jones, A; Agbaam, C; Cho, M;Boerner, J &Heckelei T (lead author))

COVID-19, Electoral Violence and Voter Civic Participation in Uganda: Evidence from a Survey and a List Experiment in Southern Uganda

Africa and the Russia-Ukraine Conflict: A Sentiments Analysis of the African Public on Twitter (with Gebrekidan, B) *Submitted*

Megatrends and the Future of Democracy in Africa: Urbanisation, Digitalisation and the Demographic Change (with Gutheil, L; Hackenesch, C; Heidland, T; Schweickert, R & Tull D)

The Long-Term Effects of Childhood Work on Earnings in Rural Ethiopia. (with Mussa, E C; Mirzabaev, A; Admassie A & von Braun, J)

From Protection to Production: The Productive Impacts of Cash Transfers and Health Insurance in Ghana (with Tabe-Ojong, MP)

Work in Progress (Selected)

Educational migration and investment in human capital: Evidence from a college access program in Uganda

Determinants of Adoption and Impacts of Agricultural Technologies and Sustainable Natural Resource Management Practices in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries: A Protocol for a Machine Learning-aided Systematic Literature Review

Cash & Coffee: Large One-off Cash Transfers, Farm Investments and Household Welfare among Coffee Farmers in Uganda

Impact of Farm Input E-voucher Subsidies on Food Security and Farm Productivity: An Evaluation of the Agricultural Cluster Development Programme E-Voucher Scheme in Uganda

Cash Transfers, Public Works and Financial Inclusion: Evidence from a Phased-in Implementation of the Northern Uganda Social Action Fund 2016 – 2021.

Monographs

Rukundo, E. N. (2018). Effects of community-based health insurance on child health outcomes and utilisation of preventive health services: Evidence from Rural Southwestern Uganda (Doctoral dissertation, Universitäts-und Landesbibliothek Bonn).

Other Writing

- Nshakira-Rukundo, E (2022) EP Criticizes Fossil Fuels Investments in Uganda and Tanzania: Why such Resolutions Need Revisiting. Megatrends Africa Spotlight (Also in German) <https://www.mega-trends-afrika.de/en/publication/mta-spotlight-17-ep-resolution-on-eacop>
- Garcia-Hernandez, A & Nshakira-Rukundo, E (2021) COVID-19 Around the world: Uganda (COVID en-elmundo. Uganda) Nada es Gratis-Blog. <https://nadaesgratis.es/judit-vall/covid-en-el-mundo-uganda>
- Rukundo, N (2012) Streamline government actions down to local community level. The Daily Monitor, Thursday, November 20 2012
- Rukundo N (2012) Uganda at Fifty: What the statistics on development are not telling us. The Daily Monitor, Thursday October 25 2012.
- Rukundo N (2012) Insights from the budget: focus should be on social service delivery. The Daily Monitor, Thursday June 28 2012.
- Rukundo N (2012) What is the position of the elites on the situation in Uganda. The Daily Monitor, Wednesday May 4, 2012.

PROJECTS (SELECTED)

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| 2023 – 2025 | Rigorous Impact Evaluation of Trigger Based Agricultural Micro-Insurance in Vietnam |
| 2022 – 2026 | Enabling Entrepreneurs: An Impact Evaluation of Stanbic Business Incubator Enterprise Development Programme in Uganda. Funder: JPAL Jobs and Opportunities Initiative & International Growth Center (IGC) |
| 2022 – 2023 | Implementation Process, Cost-Effectiveness, and the Impacts NUSAF 3 Economic Inclusion Interventions. Commission by the World Bank (Uganda). Project Partner: Apata Insights |
| 2018 – 2022 | Collaborative Research Center 228: Future Rural Africa - Future-making and social-ecological transformation. University of Bonn & University of Cologne |
| 2022 – 2025 | Delivering Resilient Enterprises and Market Systems (DREAMS) - Uganda Impact Evaluation. Project Partner: IDinsight and The Village Enterprises |
| 2021 – 2023 | Technical (Impact) Evaluation of the e-Voucher Input Subsidy Program in Uganda's Agriculture Cluster Development Project (ACDP). Commissioned by the World Bank (Uganda). Project Partner: Center for Population and Applied Statistics, Makerere University |
| 2020- 2022 | Impact Evaluation of Unconditional cash transfers in Kiryandongo refugee settlement, Uganda. Project Partner: IDinsight |
| 2021 | Fear of COVID-19 and Electoral Process and Outcomes in Uganda. Studying the effect of COVID-19 fear and electoral violence on voter outcomes through a lab-in-the-field experiment in Southern Uganda. Funder: Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) University of California Berkeley |
| 2020 – 2023 | Socioeconomic experiences of COVID-19 in Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Ghana, South Africa, Uganda). Funder: Argelander, University of Bonn |
| 2019 – 2022 | Health Insurance & Labour Markets in Rwanda: An evaluation of a premiums policy change at scale. Funder: Funder: Argelander Early Career Research Grants, University of Bonn |

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Royal Economic Society/Scottish Economic Society (St Andrews, Scotland), German Development Economics Conference (Dresden), NARO-Makerere Conference (Kampala), African Agricultural Economics Conference (Cape Town, Scheduled), Center for Social Protection International Conference (Brighton, UK: Scheduled)
- 2022 100 Years of Development Economics (Cornell), STAARS Workshop (Cornell) European Health Economics Association (EuHEA) Seminar Series, EuHEA, NOVA Africa, German Economic Association, Poverty Equity and Growth Network (PEGNET)
- 2021 C4ED Mannheim, ZEF Bonn, IHEA Congress, EAERE, NORDIC Dev Econ, EuHEA, AHES, University of Maryland Labour & Health Seminar
- 2020 University of Texas- Austin, Development/Labour Economics Seminar
- 2019 PEGNET (Bonn), RGS Doctoral Conference (Essen), CSAE (Oxford), RES (Warwick), AHEPA (Accra)
- 2018 RGS Doctoral Conference (Essen), CSAE (Oxford), Royal Economic Society, Sussex (Brighton), Globalisation and Development (Gottingen), ZEF (Bonn), EuHEA (Maastricht), IDS, Sussex (Brighton), International Health Conference (Oxford)
- 2017 NORDIC Development Economics (Gothenburg), ZEF (Bonn, x3), CINCH Essen Health Economics Workshop (Essen), C4ED (Mannheim) Center for Health Economics (York), ISPOR Europe Congress (Glasgow), African Economic Conference (Addis Ababa).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020/21/22 Rural Development (Master), University of Bonn.
- 2017/18 Health Financing in Developing Countries (Bachelor) Leiden University, The Hague (*Visiting Lecture; Winter Term 2017/18*)

REFEREEING

BMJ Global Health, Agricultural Economics, European Journal of Development Research, Social Science & Medicine, World Medical & Health Policy, Health Policy and Planning, BMC Public Health, PLoS ONE, Global Health Action, International Journal of Health Policy and Management, African Development Review, African Health Sciences, Climate Services, Current Opinions in Nutrition, Sustainability, ZEF Working Paper Series.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English	Advanced/Near Native
German	Intermediate