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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
2022 – 2022	Senior Researcher, German Institute for Development and Sustainability (IDOS)
2020 -	Co-founder, Apata Insights
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

Articles in refereed Journals

- Strupat, C; Nshakira-Rukundo, E & Richert, A (2025) The Impact of Shock-responsive Social Cash Transfers: Evidence from an Aggregate Shock in Kenya. *The Journal of Development Studies* (2025) 0(0) 1-25. Previous Version: ZEF Discussion Paper No 316.
- Ankel-Peters, Jörg, Gunther Bensch, Ashwini Dabadge, Anicet Munyehirwe, Julian Rose, Maximiliane Sievert, Emmanuel Nshakira-Rukundo, and Jann Lay. "Tax carbon cautiously for sub-Saharan Africa." *Nature Climate Change* 15, no. 1 (2025): 7-9.
- Mussa, E. C., Agegnehu, D., & Nshakira-Rukundo, E. (2024). Combining social protection interventions for better food security: Evidence from female-headed households in Amhara region, Ethiopia. *Plos one*, 19(2), e0283812.
- 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. Cash transfers amid shocks: A large, one-time, unconditional cash transfer to refugees in Uganda has multidimensional benefits after 19 months. (Corresponding author) *World Development* 173, 106339
- Tabe-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* 50 (3) 853–878.
- 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.
- 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.
- Tabe-Ojong, M. P. J., Gebrekidan, B. H., Nshakira-Rukundo, E., Börner, J., & Heckeleei, 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.
- Tabe-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.

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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

Adoption and impacts of agricultural technologies and sustainable natural resource management practices in fragile and conflict affected settings: A review and meta-analysis. (with Tabe-Ojong Jr, M. P., Gebrekidan, B. H., Agaba, M., Surendran-Padmaja, S., & Dhebibi, B. IFPRI Discussion Paper 02199 (2023) *Revise & Resubmit: Nature Communications Earth and Environment*

Good Policy Gone Bad? Health Insurance, Premium Changes and Labour Supply in Rwanda. (with Schroder, S, McKay, A & Hasarcklilar M) *Under Review: Health Economics*

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

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

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) Megatrends Working Paper 16 (2025). *In Preparation for African Affairs*

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

Work in Progress (Selected)

Refugees and Welfare: Evidence from Uganda (with Sarah Schroeder, Lluís Quintana Noriega and Tim Schülke)

Impact of farmer-input subsidies on farm productivity and commercialisation: Evidence from an E-voucher subsidy program in Uganda

Impact of farmer-input subsidies on food security and welfare: Evidence from an E-Voucher subsidy program in Uganda

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

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 & Heckeleei T (lead author))

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.megatrends-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 enelmundo. Uganda) Nada es Gratis-Blog. <https://nadaesgratis.es/judit-vall/covid-en-el-mundouganda>

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)

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 COVID19 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

- 2024 CSAE Annual Conference (Oxford), German Health Economics Association (Hall/Salle), NOVA Africa Conference (Lisbon), Rotterdam Global Health Initiative
- 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

World Development, World Development Sustainability, World Development Perspectives, 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