

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Summary

Has from January 2011 to present served as Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Nairobi. He was re-elected in January, 2013 for a second term of two years.

Holds a B.A. (Hon), an M.Sc. Agricultural Education and Extension and a Ph.D. Rural Sociology and Rural development (University of Nairobi) and post-doctoral training at Iowa State University, U.S.A.

Has vast lecturing experience at the University of Nairobi in research methods and development studies including community development studies, community organization and action, rural sociology and rural development, qualitative research methods and programme planning.

He was key in initiating the Diploma in Social Work and Social development and M.A. Rural Sociology and Community Development studies in the Department of Sociology. Currently, in collaboration with colleagues, he is preparing the Community development studies programme to cover diploma, degree and M.A. levels.

He was chairman of the Faculty of Arts Post-graduate Studies Committee and several Department of Sociology and Social Work Committees.

Has served as a research scientist and at the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) (1990-1996) and as coordinator and policy researcher of the Governance and development Programme of the Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR), Nairobi (2003-2006) and briefly as Executive Director, IPAR-Rwanda.

Has been a member of several Government of Kenya Task Forces and carried out a large number of consultancies and personal studies in which he involved several colleagues and students.

### 1.0 Academic Qualifications:

Institutions	Dates	Degree
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University of Nairobi	1976 – 80	Ph.D. (Rural Sociology and Rural Development)
University of Nairobi	1973 –75	M.Sc. (Agricultural Extension)
University of Nairobi	1970 –73	B.A. (Hon. Upper second class)
Private study through Correspondence	1968 – 70	London G.C.E. ‘A’ levels
Guru Nanak Secondary School, Nairobi	1962 –65	Cambridge School Certificate
Kholera Primary School, Mumias. Kenya	1954 – 61	Kenya Certificate of Primary Education

### **Post Doctoral Training Programs**

Iowa State University, U. S.A., 1986 –87, Post-doctoral studies and research

#### **Theses**

1980 Decentralization of decision-making processes: its implications for the Crop Improvement Program, Ph.D. Thesis, University of Nairobi

1975 Introduction of Grade Dairy Animals in Kakamega District: Effectiveness of Agricultural Extension, M.Sc. Thesis, University of Nairobi

## **2.0 Occupational Experiences at the University of Nairobi**

### **2.1 Dean, Faculty of Arts**

The Faculty of Arts with its ten (10) departments, 9,000 students and 250 lecturers is the largest unit in the University of Nairobi. I was elected as its Dean for a two year term in January 2011 and I am seeking re-election for another equal term of two years later this month (January, 2013).

As Dean, I chair the Faculty Academic Board and its Management Committee which oversees all its academic programmes including preparation of new demand-driven and revision of existing ones. I also ensure smooth functioning of academic programmes and their adherence to the Faculty and university-wide regulations. I attend University Senate Meetings and participate in all appointment committees for staff of the Faculty, disciplinary committees for students, University-wide Deans Committee and Procurement, Cash Flow and Anti-corruption Committees of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences in which the Faculty Falls. I consult, counsel and resolve disputes among staff and students as well as in JAB meetings.

I was also a member of the Kibera Review Committee that recently examined distribution of income generated by the University through Module II programmes.

I am also responsible for effective management of the Faculty’s payments to Lecturers of the

Faculty for their Module II teaching which amounts to nearly Ksh.150 million per year as well as other allocations made by the University to the Faculty.

Other responsibilities include overseeing the work of the chairpersons of the 10 departments of the Faculty, chairing Ph.D. defenses and managing the Faculty secretariat comprising two Associate Deans, one Assistant Registrar, 2 Administrative assistants and nearly 10 support staff.

## 2.2 Full-Professorial Position

I applied for the position in the Department of Sociology and Social Work of this University, was shortlisted and I am awaiting to be interviewed for the post.

## 2.3 Lecturing experiences at the University of Nairobi

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Institution</b>
2003 (May) to-date	Associate Professor	Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Nairobi
1988 – 92 and 1996 to May, 2002	Senior Lecturer	Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Nairobi
1981 – 88	Lecturer	Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Nairobi
1976 – 80,	Assistant Lecturer	Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Nairobi

### Course units has been teaching:

Rural Sociology to undergraduate and postgraduate classes

Community Development Studies to Social Work diploma class

Programme Planning in Developing Countries to undergraduate and postgraduate classes

Current research methods in development to a post-graduate class

Community organization and action to Social Work Diploma and postgraduate classes

Qualitative Research Methods to an undergraduate class

## 2.4 Supervision of Post Graduate Students

### **Completed Ph. Theses**

Fred Inuani Mugivane	Dairy cattle husbandry among women farmers in Vihiga District: Prospects and Constraints
Mbwesa, Joyce Kanini	Factors affecting effectiveness of learning in agricultural extension: A Case study of community agricultural projects in Mwingi and Makueni districts, Kenya
Dorothy Mukudi Wanyama Masinde	Socio-economic factors in technology development and adoption: An assessment of the push-pull technology controlling maize stemborers in Transzoia district
Beneah M. Mutsotso	The East Pokot pastoralists on the precipice: Conflict and social change in a pastoralist community

### **On-going Ph.D. Theses Supervision**

Jane Munene	Contribution of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the transformation of rural governance in Kenya
Mary Sala Aloo	The delivery of preventive health care services to children in primary schools : A case study of Eldoret Municipality
James Kariuki	Effectiveness of CDF as a tool for community development in Kenya
Christopher Kiara	Effectiveness of CDF on community development in Meru County, Kenya, student of Chuka University College

### **Regular M.A. Students Supervised Over past Five Years**

Anastasia Kimeu Ndunge  
Gladys Moraa  
Kariuki, D.K.  
Veronika Opili  
Elizabeth Were  
Elizabeth Natasha  
Buluma, Felix

### **M.A. Project Papers Supervised over past 5 years**

About 10 each Year

## **2.5 Research Experiences at the University of Nairobi**

### **a. Research Projects**

1999-2001 Principal Researcher, Adoption of crop production technologies and their potential for improving food security of resource-limited farmers in the Mumias Sugar Scheme, western Kenya—a pilot participatory action project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation office, Nairobi

1990-1991 Principal Researcher, Participatory-Action Research project, Funded by Ford Foundation, Nairobi

### **b. Publications**

Research carried out and publications in book chapters and referred journals are presented below.

2012	The Community development movement in Africa during the Colonial Period (1945-63) with emphasis on Kenya. In: J. Mangut and T. Wuam, eds, <i>Colonialism and Transition to Modernity in Africa</i> . Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai: J. Mangut and T. Wuam Publishers
2011	Declining food security among resource limited in the Mumias Sugar Scheme in Western Kenya and potential for improvement. In: P.O. Chitere, ed., <i>Working with Rural Communities</i> , 2nd Edn., Nairobi: University of Nairobi Press
2010	Public Service Vehicle Drivers in Kenya: Their Characteristics and Compliance with Traffic regulations and Prospects for the Future. In: <i>International Journal of Social Sciences</i> , Vol. 2, No. 10
2009	Matatu Paratransit Transport Industry in Kenya: A Study of Characteristics and Performance of its Associations and Companies on Road Safety. In: <i>Journal of Intra-African Studies</i> , No. 2
2009	Neighbourhood Associations and Governance in Nairobi: Their Performance and Prospects. In: <i>Hekima Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences</i> , Vol IV, No.1
2008	District Focus for Rural development as decentralized planning strategy: An Assessment of its Implementation in Kenya. In: Kibua, T.N. and Mwabu, G., eds., <i>Decentralization and Devolution in Kenya: New Approaches</i> . Nairobi: Nairobi University press
2007	Devolution as a Means to Self-Governance in Kenya. In: <i>Perspectives: An Academic Journal of Daystar University</i> , Vol.1, No. 2
1989	Decentralization for rural development. In: <i>African Administrative Studies</i> , No.32 (Chitere, P.O. and Monya, J.)
1994	<i>Community Development: Its Conceptions and Practice with Emphasis on Africa</i> . Nairobi: Gideon, S. Were press (Chitere, P.O., editor)
1991	<i>Working with Rural Communities: A Participatory Action research in Kenya</i> . Nairobi: University of Nairobi press (Chitere, O. and Mutiso, R., editors)
2002	Farmer participation in sugarcane production in the Mumias Sugar scheme, western Kenya. <i>African Crop Science Journal</i> , Vol.5
1988	The women's self-help movement in Kenya. In: <i>Trans-African Journal of History</i> , Vol.17
1985	Extension education and farmers' performance in improved crop farming in Kakamega district. In: <i>Agricultural Administration</i> , Vol.18 (1) (Chitere, P.O. in collaboration with Van Doorne, J.H.)
1982	Choice of methods of farmer contact. In: <i>Agricultural Administration</i> , Vol. 11 (3)

### c. Initiatives taken at the University of Nairobi

Prepared Social Work Diploma Programme (In collaboration with Ms Asha Haji and other

colleagues).

Prepared Module II, M.A. Rural Sociology and Community Development Cluster which has had the highest enrolment in the Department of Sociology and Social Work.

Prepared Faculty of Arts Format for proposal and Thesis/Project papers (In collaboration with Prof. G. Mwabu)

Currently, in collaboration with colleagues, we are preparing Community Development Studies Programme to cover Diploma, B.A. and M.A. levels in the Department of Sociology and Social Work.

### **3.0 Internal and External Examination/Moderation**

Member of several Ph.D. and M.A. examination boards at University of Nairobi and Egerton University

Internal moderator, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Nairobi, 2008-2010.

External Examiner (Theses), Department of Agricultural Education and Extension, Egerton University, 2006-2010

External Examiner Daystar University, 2005-2006

External Examiner Chuka University College, 2010

External Examiner Catholic University, 2002-2006

External Examiner, Kibabi University College, since December, 2012

### **4. Employment at Research Institutions**

Dates	Position	Institution
April, 2006-August, 2006	Executive Director	Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR-Rwanda)
July, 2003-April, 2006	Research Fellow and Coordinator	Governance and Development Program, Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR-Kenya)
January, 1990 – March, 1996	Associate scientist and field coordinator	International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, Social Science Research Department

## **Responsibilities at the Research Institutions**

### **Executive Director, Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR–Rwanda)— April-August, 2006**

Made preliminary preparations for launching of the Institute including, preparation of the Institute’s Road Map, job descriptions for its staff and tender documents for procurement of offices, vehicles, equipment and utilities.

### **Research Fellow, Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR –Kenya)—July, 2003 – April, 2006**

Overall coordination of the Governance and Development Programme’s policy analysis and research activities including ensuring collaboration with associates and all stakeholders as well as dissemination of outputs.

Policy analysis and research topics covered and associated non-referred publications are presented below.

2005	The Provincial Administration in Kenya: A study of its characteristics and potential for sustainability under devolved system of governance. IPAR Discussion Paper No. 074
2006	Public procurement Process in Kenya: Factors Influencing its Effectiveness. Paper presented at IPAR’s Stakeholders Seminar, Held at Panafric Hotel, Nairobi
2004	Matatu industry in Kenya: A study of the performance of its owners, workers and their associations and potential for improvement, IPAR Discussion Paper No.55
2005	The Mumias Sugar Scheme in Kenya: A study of farmers’ participation in its privatization programme. IPAR Discussion Paper No. 068
2006	Public Service vehicle Drivers in Kenya: A Study of their Compliance with Road safety and Potential for self-regulation, IPAR Discussion Paper No. 081/06

### **Research Scientist, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE)**

1993-96 Field Coordinator, ISERIPM Project, Muhaka Field Station, Kwale

Responsibility for socio-economic studies

Management of project support staff and funds

Management of other project resources such as vehicles and computers and

Maintenance of an effective link between scientists working in the project but located at headquarters and other ICIPE stations

1990-93 Ensuring social science research and interface with crop pest scientists, Mbita Point Field Station

Field Research topics covered and associated publications are included in the above list of referred publications.

## **5. Recent Consultancy Assignments/ Member of Task Forces**

**Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development (MGCSD):** Prepared the National Policy on Community development

**Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development (MGCSD):** Prepared Training Manual for District Social Development Committees

**Matatu Owners Association (MOA):** Consultant for the Association's Lobbying and Advocacy Project funded by the Business Advisory Fund (BAF) of the European Union, 2006-2010

**Ministry of Transport:** Member of the Task force that prepared the National Road Safety Action (NRSAP) Plan, 2005

Recent consultancy assignments have been with the Volunteer Services Overseas (VSO)/United Nations Volunteer (UNV) programme, the Kenya Water and Health Organization (KWAHO) and Dupoto-e-Maa

## **6. Recent Conferences Attended**

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| 2005      | Paratransit Transport Conference, Addis- Ababa, Organized by the Sub-Saharan Transport Programme(SSATP). Presented paper on Matatu Industry in Kenya.   |
| 2007      | Public Transport in Sub-Saharan Africa Conference, Accra-Ghana organized by SSATP   |
| 2009      | Public Transport in Africa organized by Union of Transport in Africa, Gigiri, Nairobi.  |
| 2008-2010 | Facilitated/participated in a large number of workshops held by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development, Matatu Owners Association, Kwaho and other agencies  |
| 2011      | Presented a Paper Entitled "Termini and Routes in Nairobi" for Public Transport Vehicles in Nairobi at the South African Transport Conference (SATC), July, 2011, Pretoria.   |
| 2012      | Presented a Paper Entitled "Public Road Transport Services in the City of Nairobi: A Case Study of the Potential for their Conversion into a Hybrid Transport Mode", South African Transport Conference (SATC), July, 2011, Pretoria. |

## 7. Consultancy Assignments

Year	Assignment
2010	Ministry of Gender Children and Social Development: Consultant, Preparation of Training Manual on Community Development
2009	Ministry of Gender Children and Social development: Lead Consultant, Preparation of Community Development Policy
2008-09	VSO/UNV, Nairobi : Lead Consultant, National Study of Volunteerism in Kenya
2009	Dupoto e-Maa, Kajiado: Lead consultant, Review of its Educan Project
2001	VSO, Nairobi: Review of its South-South Volunteer's Programme's First Year of operation in Kenya
2009	Kenya Water Non-Governmental Organization: Consultant, Review of its Water and Sanitation Programme in Kenya
2000	United nations Volunteers (UNV): Compilation of Its Volunteers' (UNV) Annual Conference Proceedings
1999	United Nations Volunteers (UNV): A Review of its Volunteers' Programme-- Its operations and achievements
2003	University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania: Regional Consultant, Evaluation of its Research in Democracy and Development (REDET) Program,
2000	DANIDA, Kenya: Member of its Monitoring Team for the Micro-Enterprise Development Project (MEDP) in Taita-Taveta, Makueni and Kitui Districts
1997-99	Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi: Baseline data collection and impact assessment of DFID funded credit schemes in Kenya, University of Nairobi
1998, 2001	DANIDA, Kenya: Member of its Team for Review of the Micro Enterprise Development Project (MEDP) in Taita Taveta Makueni, Kitui, Kwale and Thika Districts, Kenya
1997-98	International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology: (1) Reviewed its Neem Awareness Project with emphasis on workshops that were used to create awareness about Neem trees, and (2) Carried out a study of adoption of the tree on Rusinga Island
1997	World Bank: Baseline data collection on the social and demographic factors likely to influence implementation of The Roads 2000 Project in Nyandarua, Kisii, Baringo and Koibatek Districts
1990	Impact assessment of micro-enterprise projects, IDS Discussion Paper, No.298, Nairobi (Chitere, P.O., Njeru, E., Otunga, R., Ongile, G., Njoka, J., Copestake, J.g., McGregor, J.A. and Johnson, S.)
1990	Impact assessment of the WEDCO enterprise development project, IDS Occasional Paper No.68, Nairobi (Maalu, J. Khayesi, P., Alila, P. Chitere, P., Kibas, P., Karega, R., Bowen, M. and Onjala, J.)
1986	Action Aid Kenya: Impact assessment of the performance of its Young Farmers' Scheme
1985	CARE-Kenya: Baseline data collection for its Community-Based Agroforestry Project in Siaya District, Kenya
1984	World Bank/National Irrigation Board, Nairobi: Impact assessment of Bura Irrigation Settlement Scheme,
1984	Impact assessment of Homa Hill Centre Community Development project in

	Kendu Bay, Kenya
1983	Redd Barna: Impact assessment of Partnership for Productivity's (PfP) Revolving Loan Fund scheme
1981-85	Mazingira Institute, Nairobi: Agro-forestry site selection, establishment of local management committees, monitoring their performance and impact assessment,
1981	AMREF: Impact assessment of its Primary Health Care project in Machakos and Kitui Districts

### 8. Membership in Academic Associations and Networks

Member of the Association for Third World Studies since 2001

Member of the International Association of Community Development since 1982

Member of the Society for International Development (SID) since 1987

Member of the American Rural Sociological Society since 1987

Member of the Indigenous Technical Knowledge (ITK) network

### 9. Academic Fellowships/ Scholarships

Recipient of DAAD scholarship for M.Sc. degree studies, 1973-75

Recipient of International Development Research Centre (IDRC) scholarship for Ph.D. degree studies, 1976-80

Recipient of the United Nations University fellowship for post-doctoral studies and research, 1986-87.

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