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Place and Date of birth: Mbarara, Uganda 10th December 1977

Education:

PhD (*Intra-household social determinants of demand for maternal and child healthcare in Mbarara district, Uganda*), Mbarara University of Science and Technology, February 2014.

Master of Public Health (MPH), Lund University, Sweden, April 2006.

Bachelor of Arts - Honors (Sociology and Religious Studies), Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, April 2001.

Teaching experience and other related responsibilities:

Pioneer Director, Institute of Interdisciplinary Training and Research, Mbarara University of Science and Technology - June 2013 to date

Head of Department, Development Studies, Mbarara University of Science and Technology - September 2010 to June 2013

Lecturer, (Sociology of Development, Qualitative research and Gender and Women Health Promotion); Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Institute of Interdisciplinary Training and Research (IITR) former Faculty of Development Studies - June 2009 to date

Assistant Lecturer, Mbarara University of Science and Technology Faculty of Development Studies - February 2007 to 2009

Teaching Assistant/Volunteer, Mbarara University of Science and Technology Faculty of Development Studies - June 2006 to February 2007

Facilitator and Project Coordinator, MUST Peer Education Project, 2003 to 2005

Facilitator, Course in Participatory Methods; tools for facilitators - Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Department of Community Health 2003 to date

Facilitator, Global Health Course by Lund University facilitated in collaboration with Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Department of Community Health 2003, 2004 and 2005

Facilitator, Albert Austen University, USA, Medical Students community practice and research - Global Health Course in Kisoro hospital rural southwestern Uganda 2006, 2007

Publications:

Viola Nilah Nyakato, Land inequality and Family Planning, In DRUSSA Platform 2013 Getting Evidence Based Development Research into Use in Sub-Saharan Africa available at www.drussa.net

Viola Nyakato and Charles Rwabukwali, Couple Relations, *Decision making Hierarchy and Use of Maternal Health Care in Rural Uganda*, European Academic Research **Vol. I**, Issue 6, September 2013

Viola N Nyakato, *Gender Inequality in Household Labour: Implications for Demand of Maternal Health Care in Uganda*, In Mansah Prah (Ed) Insights into Gender Equity, Equality and Power Relations in Sub-Saharan Africa, Fountain Publishers, Kampala 2013

Viola N Nyakato, *Unmet Sexual and Reproductive Health of University Students in Uganda*; Saarbrücken., Lambert Academic Publishing February 2013

Viola N Nyakato and Wim Pelupessy; *'Not by money alone: the health poverty trap in rural Uganda'*; *Nnuaire Des Grands Lacs* 2010-2011; Antwerp University website - <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Afrique-2010-2011-Grands-Annuaire/dp/2296129862>

Viola N Nyakato, *The path to maturity and sustenance for young people within rural south western Uganda; a scenario from Kisoro District*; *Mbarara University of Science and Technology Medical Journal*, February 2007 Vol. 13

Brenner Jenny, Bagenda Fred, Nyakato Viola, Ruzaaza Gad Ndaruhutse, Kabakyenga Jerome and Singhal Neha; *A Situational Analysis of Child Health in CPS - MUST Project Communities in South-western Uganda* Paediatr Child Health 2004;9; (Supp A):33A

Research Awards and Grants:

2013 VIRL-OUS South Initiative - a grant for "Exploring opportunities for partnership and initiating joint research on the topic: Intra-household and gender analysis to address food and health insecurities among rural communities in south western Uganda" in collaboration with Prof. Nathalie Holvoet, Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Antwerp

2012/2013 Association of Commonwealth Split-Site Scholarship - research fellowship at School of International Development, University of East Anglia, UK

2012 African Initiative Exchange Programme - support towards short term academic placement at the Department of International Development Studies, University of Dalhousie, Halifax Canada, April to September 2012.

2011 Gates Grand Challenges Exploration Grant - Use and effects of household-level clean energy in rural Mbarara, Uganda - 2011/2013.

2010/2011 PRB Policy Fellow - International Population Policy Fellowship award by Population Reference Bureau, Washington D.C.

2007 PhD Research Scholarship - NUFFIC scholarship offered by the Embassy of the Netherlands in Uganda to support Capacity Development of the Faculty of Development Studies (MUST) under NPT/UGA/188 project, 2007/2010.

Healthy Child Uganda - Grant for a rural communities qualitative baseline survey for a collaborative project under MUST, Uganda and University of Calgary, Canada - 2006

Tuwatanise Health Project - Grant for rural community participatory research from Christian Aware, United Kingdom; ongoing since 2005 to 2010.

Post Graduate Studies Research Supervision:

Lilian S Rutandaro, Integrating Community- Based Response to Address OVC Needs by Civil Society Organisations: A Comparative Study of Icobi and Ankole Diocese in Mbarara District - Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies, completed 2012

Namala Angella Clare - Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies, completed 2012

Weijahe Clare, Examining the State of Health Services Utilization among Refugees: A Case Study of Nakivale Refugee Camp, Rugaaga Sub-county, Isingiro District - MA Development Studies, Completed 2010

Juliet Ntawubona, Participation of Women in Recruitment for Political Decision Making Positions in Mbarara District - MA Development Studies, Completed 2009

Press Commentary:

Women's decisions: the missing MDGs gauge; The Monitor Publications; October 12 2010 available at <http://www.accessmylibrary.com/article-1G1-239347730/women-decisions-missing-mdg.html>

Uganda's education, rethinking the relevancy of social sciences disciplines; The New Vision; January 14 2012

Research work, Presentations and Conference Papers:

Viola N Nyakato, *'Women's decision-making on a margins': determining factors responsible for unmet need for family planning in rural Mbarara District Uganda*, presented at presented at Mbarara University of Science and Technology, 9th Annual Research Dissemination Conference in November 2013.

Viola Nilah Nyakato, *Land, Property Rights and Power Relations: what is wrong?* panel paper presented at the International Women's Day organized by Norfolk Federation of Women Institutes, Norwich UK, March 2013

Viola N Nyakato, *Couple Relations and Decision Making Hierarchy: Facts about Household Level Maternal Healthcare Delays*, presented at presented at Mbarara University of Science and Technology, 8th Annual Research Dissemination Conference in December 2012.

Jessica Perkins and Viola N Nyakato, *Social Networks, Health and Development in Southwest Uganda*, 7th Annual Research Dissemination Conference in November 2011.

Viola N Nyakato, *Assessing Gender Gap within Household Care Activities labor in Rwanyamahembe Sub-county, Kashari County, Mbarara Uganda*, presented at Mbarara University of Science and Technology, 6th Annual Research Dissemination Conference in November 2010.

Pamela Mbabazi and Viola N Nyakato, *Challenging determinants of National Minimum Health Care Package (UNMHCP) delivery in Mbarara District*, presented at Mbarara University Annual Research Conference: December 2009

Viola N Nyakato and Pelupessy Wim, *Not by money alone: the health poverty trap in rural Uganda*, presented at the Human Development and Capability Approach in New Delhi India September 2008.

Viola N Nyakato (2007), *Who will feed the world? - Defining the role of social relations; experience from poor households in Rural Uganda*, presented at the World Food Day Symposium organized by Tilburg University, Netherlands available at <http://www.books4life.nl/tilburg/B4LMag2007.pdf>

Viola N Nyakato and Ndaruhutse Gad Ruzaaza, *The role of social and family relations in promoting community health outcomes and economic progress*, A thematic poster presentation at The-Network TUFH Conference, 20 September 2007, Kampala Uganda

Viola N Nyakato, *Unmet sexual and reproductive health of young people; a case study of students at Mbarara University of Science and Technology*, Master's thesis, Division of Social Science Medicine, Lund University Sweden, April 2006

Viola N Nyakato, Brenner Jenny and Ruzaaza G Ndaruhutse, (2006); *Mainstreaming Child Health in southwestern Uganda: being an under five in a rural community*, a paper presentation at The Network TUFH Conference, Belgium August 2006.

Viola N Nyakato (2006), *Unmet sexual and reproductive health of young people; a case study of students at Mbarara University of Science and Technology*, a paper presented at the 3rd Annual Scientific Conference organized by Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda.

Viola N Nyakato, Ruzaaza Gad Ndaruhutse, Jerome Kabakyenga, Bajunirwe Francis, Cundall, David and Moore R John, *Factors influencing the social marketing of insecticide-treated mosquito nets in rural areas in South-Background*, a paper presented at the 2nd Annual Scientific Conference organized by Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda, September 2005.

Viola N Nyakato and Kyagaba Emmanuel, *From policy and planning to action: Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) community opinions and attitudes towards health services and policies*, a paper presented at the 2nd Annual Scientific Conference organized by Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda, September 2005.

Professional and Committee memberships:

Champion, Development Research Uptake in Sun-Saharan Africa, May 2012

Faculty Representative, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Institutional Quality Assurance Committee 2010 to date

Chairperson, Mburara International School Parents Teachers Committee 2011 to date

Chairperson, Institute of Interdisciplinary Training and Research Graduate Studies and Research Committee 2009 to date

Referees

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