

## EDDY JOSHUA WALAKIRA, PHD

### SUMMARY

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Dr Walakira is a specialist in the field of child protection and Women Empowerment. He holds a PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology (University of Vienna, Austria), an MA in Development Studies (International Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands), a Post Graduate Diploma in Children and Youth in Development (ISS) and a Bachelor of Social Work and Social Administration (Makerere University). He is an Associate Professor of Social Work (Children and youth studies). His work for the last 15 years is in the area of vulnerable children and youth and includes, research, teaching and curriculum development and delivery to various categories of learners and practitioners. Dr. Walakira has played an instrumental role in shaping policy and practice in the field of children in Uganda and across the region, by providing technical support to governments, non-government organisations including universities across the region. He currently serves as an Associate Professor of Children and Youth Studies at Makerere University. He is also the Head of Department of Social Work and Social Administration since 2014. He holds other responsibilities in various professional networks, serves on boards of organisations and serves as a visiting lecturer at other Universities in Europe.

#### Summary of the key work in the last 5 years:

- Child Protection and Youth Development specialist
- Head of Department
- Associate Professor of child and youth studies
- Researcher and educationist
- External examiner and visiting professor
- Member to several national committees, university committees and boards  
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#### QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD (Social and Cultural anthropology) University of Vienna, Austria, 2009
- Master of Arts in Development Studies (Employment & Human Resources), Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Netherlands, 1999
- Postgraduate Diploma in Children and Youth in Development, Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Netherlands, 2005
- Bachelor of Social Work & Social Administration, 1996, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.

#### EMPLOYMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Head, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, 2014 to-date; Ag Head 2012-2013.
- Program Leader, Children and Youth, Dep. of Social Work and Social Administration, 2013 to date.

- Associate Professor, Makerere University, Fac. Social Sciences (SWSA Dept) since 2017
- Continuing Visiting Lecturer, University of Gothenburg, Sweden (International Master of Social Work and Human Rights; European Master of Social Work in Families and Children).

### **Selected research projects:**

1. Co-Investigator) for research component: Keeping Children in Healthy and Protective Families (KCHPF). (USAID, Catholic Relief Services, Maestral and Westat 2016-2019). The study measures the effectiveness of parenting program on the children re-integrated from child care institutions to family-based care. It is a randomised controlled trial. The intervention arm receives case management, cash transfer and parenting program. The control arm does not receive a parenting program.
2. Team leader and Senior Project Manager for the Uganda Systems Strengthening Project for the improved wellbeing of children (Makerere Consortium Component) 2017-2020. The Project is led by Catholic Relief Services. Makerere is supporting the component on strengthening the social service workforce through improved training of social workers within universities.
3. 2018-2020: Co-investigator on the promoting inclusion into decent work for youth in Uganda. The study involves research and developing an intervention to eliminate violence against the youth, improve skills training and mitigate the consequences of early childhood violence against the youth. The study is funded by the Economic Research Council of UK and implemented by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine and Makerere University.
4. 2019 Project Manager and Principal Investigator, developing human resource capacity for alternative care delivery in East Africa. Led by Makerere University and supported by SOS Children's Villages.
5. 2014-2016 Principal investigator, effectiveness of integrated interventions (women saving groups, education and violence prevention) for early childhood development in Uganda. Supported by Bernard van Leer Foundation and led by Private Sector Foundation, Makerere University, Health Child and Centre for Elimination of Domestic Violence
6. 2014-2016 Lead Investigator on a study (strong beginnings) on the Implementation of an alternative care model in Uganda led by Child's I Foundation, Makerere University, ANPPCAN and supported by terre des hommes.

### **Selected publications**

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- ii. Nankinga O, Kwagala B, **Walakira EJ** (2019) *Maternal employment and child nutritional status in Uganda*. PLoS ONE 14(12): e0226720. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0226720>.
- iii. Devries K, J. Parkes<sup>2</sup>, L. Knight<sup>1\*</sup>, E. Allen<sup>1</sup>, S. Namy, S. Datzberger, W. Nalukenge, L. Atuhaire, N. Kyegombe, **E. Walakira**, J. Seeley, H. A. Weiss and D. Naker (2019) *Context of*

*Violence in Adolescence Cohort (CoVAC) study: protocol for a mixed methods longitudinal study in Uganda. BMC Public Health.* <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-019-7654-8>.

- iv. Knight, I., E. Allen, A. Mirembe, J. Nakuti, S. Namy, J. C. Child, J. Sturgess, N. Kyegombe, **E. J. Walakira**, D. Elbourne, D. Naker and K. M. Devries (2018) Implementation of the Good School Toolkit in Uganda: a quantitative process evaluation of a successful violence prevention program. *BMC Public Health* <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-018-5462-1>.
- v. **Mafigiri D. K and Walakira J. E** (Eds). (2017). Child abuse and neglect in Uganda: Vol. 6; Child maltreatment: Contemporary Issues in Research and Policy: Jill E. Korbin and Richard D. Krugman (Series Eds). Springer, Switzerland. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-48535-5.
- vi. **Walakira**, E.J. D. Kikulwe, R. Luwangula, M. Riley, B. Bukenya and I. Ddumba-Nyanzi (2017) System Strengthening to Improve Alternative Care for Neglected and Child Survivors of Violence in Uganda: Critical Areas for Consideration. **In: Mafigiri D. K and Walakira J. E** (Eds). Child abuse and neglect in Uganda: Vol. 6; Child maltreatment: Contemporary Issues in Research and Policy: Jill E. Korbin and Richard D. Krugman (Series Eds). Springer, Switzerland. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-48535-5 <http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319485348>.
- vii. **Walakira**, E.J., D. Kikulwe, R. Luwangula, D. Mafigiri, B. Bukenya (2017). Building research evidence and collaborative partnerships in Uganda to prevent and protect children against violence: Concerns and priorities for action. **In: Mafigiri D. K and Walakira J. E** (Eds). Child abuse and neglect in Uganda: Vol. 6; Child maltreatment: Contemporary Issues in Research and Policy: Jill E. Korbin and Richard D. Krugman (Series Eds). Springer, Switzerland. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-48535-5 <http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319485348>.
- viii. Ojiambo W. S, K. Clarke, L. Knight, E. Allen, **E. Walakira**, S. Namy, D. N., K. Devries (2017) Violence against children perpetrated by peers: A cross-sectional school-based survey in Uganda. **Child Abuse and Neglect**. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2017.04.006>
- ix. Kayiwa Joshua, K. Clarke, L. Knight, E. Allen, **E. Walakira**, S. Namy, K. G. Merrill, D. Naker, K. Devries (2017) Effect of the good school toolkit on school staff mental health, sense of job satisfaction and perceptions of school climate: Secondary analysis of a cluster randomised trial. **Preventive Medicine**. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2017.05.022>
- x. Devries, K. M \*, N. Kyegombe, M. Zuurmond<sup>1</sup>, J. Parkes, J. C. Child<sup>1</sup>, **E.J. Walakira** and D. Naker<sup>4</sup> (2015) Violence against primary school children with disabilities in Uganda: a cross-sectional study. doi:10.1186/1471-2458-14-1017, *BMC Public Health* 2014 14:1017.
- xi. **Walakira E. J.**, Ismail Nyanzi-Ddumba, S. Lishan and M. Baizerman (2014) 'No Place is Safe: Violence Against and Among Street Children and Youth in Uganda. *Vulnerable Child' Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies: An interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care*, Doi: 10.1080/17450128.2014.934750
- xii. **Walakira, E. J.**, Awich E.O., Bukuluki, P. & Sue A. (2014) 'Residential care for abandoned children and their reintegration in family-based setting in Uganda. Lessons for policy and programming'. **Infant Mental Health Journal**, Vol. 00(00), 1–7 (2014) 2014 Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health, DOI: 10.1002/imhj.21432
- xiii. **Walakira, E.J.**, Mafigiri, D., & Ddumba, I. (2014). 'Well-Being of Children Affected by HIV and AIDS'. In Ben-Arieh, Asher. Casas, Ferrá Fronès, Ivar, and Korbin, Jill (eds.) *Handbook of Child*

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**Springer**, pp. 2355-2378

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