

ACADEMIC STAFF

1.1 PERSONAL PROFILE

1.1.1 Personal Details

Name: Aflonia Nyambura Mbuthia

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Area of Specialization: Economics

Research Interests:

-Financial Economics

- Informal sector

- Poverty and inequality

- Women Economic Empowerment

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1.1.2 Academic and Professional Qualifications

1. Education/qualifications/Awards - Advanced Poverty Research Methods Course 22nd November to 9th December 2021. Facilitated by Bristol Poverty Institute and African Centre of Excellence in Inequality Research
2. PhD in Economics - Kenyatta University (2011)
 - Area of Specialisation-Financial Economics
 - Title of Thesis - Household Savings Decisions in Kenya
3. Master of Arts in Economics - Kenyatta University (1998)
4. Bachelor of Arts (Economics, Business Studies) –(Second Class Honours, Upper Division) Kenyatta University (1995)
5. Certified Public Accountants Part I - KASNEB (1997)
6. K.C.S.E. (1989)B minus (Gikondi Secondary School)

1.1.3 Employment History

August, 2023 to-date

Chairman- Department of Econometrics and Statistics,

September 2021-August 2023

School of Economics- City campus coordinator

October 2016-January 2021-

Academic data Verification Officer

January 2013- October, 2016

Examination coordinator - Department of Econometrics and Statistics

September 2008 to date

Lecturer, Kenyatta University

School of Business, Economics and Tourism

Department of Econometrics and Statistics

Duties: Lecturing, mentoring and supervising undergraduate and post-graduate students, among other duties.

May 2012-2017

Part-time Lecturer, Jomo Kenyatta University, Nairobi CBD campus

Duties

- Lecturing Economic Analysis, econometrics and Financial Econometrics to students pursuing PhD Studies in Business Administration, Human Resource and Supply Chain Management and Finance.

- Supervising PhD students

June 2005 to August 2008

Lecturer – Kenya Methodist University

Duties and Responsibilities

☐ Program Head, Nakuru campus (From September, 2007 to June 2008)

☐ Lecturing Quantitative Methods and Economics Courses to students pursuing Master of Business Administration and undergraduate students.

☐ Preparing lecture materials for students learning by the Distant learning mode

☐ Supervising students in their research projects.

May 2002 to June 2008

Part time Lecturer – University of Nairobi, College of Humanities and Social Sciences,
School of Economics

Duties and Responsibilities

☐ Lecturing Mathematics for Economists, Statistics and other Economics Courses to full time Undergraduate Economics Students.

☐ Lecturing Economics Economics and research Methods Courses to diploma and post graduate diploma students.

☐ Supervising students in all the various mentioned levels in their research projects.

January 2005 to June 2005

Lecturer- Kenya School of Professional Studies

Duties:

☐ Lecturing Statistics and Economics Courses to Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Information degree students

Dec 2002, April – May 2003

Research Consultant IPAS Kenya, an institution dealing with women reproductive health issues

Duties

☐ Conduct a baseline survey in public and private health institutions in Nyanza and Western Provinces and secondary data collection from Economic Surveys for the purpose of constructing a database then a website on women reproductive health issues in the whole of Kenya.

Sept 2001 – March 2002

Zone coordinator – Kasarani Zone- We Can DO IT Society

Duties and Responsibilities

☐ Introduce, popularise WE CAN DO IT programs, mobilise and facilitate residents to form neighbourhood associations, conduct baseline surveys and organise workshops among residents in Kasarani division, Nairobi.

Jan 2001 – Aug 2001

Part time Lecturer Church Army Christian Business School & Kenya college of Commerce and hospitality

Duties: Teaching Economics and quantitative courses to KASNEB, ACCA & ICM students.

May – June 2000, Nov – Dec 1999

Consultant Research Assistant – Fineline Systems and Management

Duties and Responsibilities

☐ Supervise a team of professionals during data collection for a baseline survey of assessing financial needs of families supported by PLAN INTERNATIONAL in Kiambu and Nairobi districts.

☐ Conducting focus group discussions among the leaders of the community and compiling up the final reports.

Aug – Sept 1999

Census Supervisor – Ministry of Planning and National development

Duties

☐ Training data enumerators, ensuring research ethics are upheld, and complete and accurate household data collected and preliminary reports written in Pumwani division, Nairobi during census survey.

Oct 1998 – July 1999

Market Researcher – Research International

Duties and Responsibilities

☐ Conducting market surveys, coding data and checking for completeness and consistency in various parts of Kenya on products and services offered in the Kenyan Market.

Jan 1996 – Dec 1997

Voluntary writer & Secretary – SIDAREC, NGO based in Majengo slums, Nairobi

Duties

☐ Secretary for Sauti Ya Pumwani newsletter produced by SIDAREC.

☐ Writing social, environmental and economic features affecting slum dwellers.

☐ Collaboration with the coordinator and other officials in solicitation for funds from

donors and implementing projects in the community.

Research work

2019-todate: Researcher in a project entitled 'Gendered impacts of Kenyan Government Response to COVID 19 in the Tourism sector.' KU WEE hub Project funded by Bill and Melinda Gates foundation

Participated in the development of the report entitled 'Fiscal Incidence, Inequality and Poverty in Kenya: A CEQ assessment. African Centre of Excellence in Inequality Research (ACEIR)

2003: Baseline survey: Assessing Reproductive health needs of Women in Western Region of Kenya by IPAS

2001-2003: Baseline survey to assess households financial needs in Kenya coordinated by Fineline Systems and Management

1998-2000: Market research: Conducting interviews and focus group discussions in different parts of Kenya, on different products used in Kenya: Research International, Kenya.

1.2 Publications

1.2.1 Gendered Impact Of Travel Restriction's Government Policy Response To Covid-19 Pandemic On The Tourism Industry In Kenya, Pilot Report, June 2022. Kenyatta University Women Economic Empowerment Hub, Authors:Dr Leah Wanjama, Dr. Esther Munyiri, Prof Martin Etyang, Dr. Susan Okeri, Dr. Aflonia Mbuthia, Mr. Robert Kamiti, Ms. Philomena Kamau, Mr. Tawari Konchela, Ms. Juliet Mesa, Mr. Kevin Onialo, Samwel Kipruto and Dr Samwel Ngugi,

2. Inequality In Kenya: Trends And Policy Responses, January, 2021
Published In January 2021, December 2020 – No. 18 | Eu-Afd Research Facility On Inequalities, Authors Damiano K. Manda, Samuel Kipruto, Moses Muriithi, Reuben Mutegi, Paul Samoei, Aflonia Mbuthia, Martine Oleche, Anthony Wambugu, Germano Mwabu.

3. Household saving decisions in Kenya: Choice between formal, semi-formal and informal financial institutions Paperback – Illustrated, July 21, 2013, Aflonia Mbuthia (Author),

Publisher : LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing; Illustrated edition (July 21, 2013)

ISBN-10 : 3659267899, ISBN-13 : 978-3659267895

4. Mobilization of Domestic Savings in Formal Financial Institutions: The Missing Link to Economic Growth. AN Mbuthia, AW Ndiritu. International Journal of Business and Social Science Vol. II, No.3, March 2020.

5. Effect of employees' soft skills on performance of public energy sector projects in Kenya
AKK Musembi, W Guyo, DN Kyalo, A Mbuthia, Int. Acad. J. Hum. Press. Bus. Adm 3, 1-13, 2018

6. Effect of employees' leadership skills on project performance in the energy sector in Kenya. AKK Musembi, W Guyo, DN Kyalo, A Mbuthia. International Academic Journal of Information Sciences and Project ..., 2018

1.2.2 Refereed Learning Modules

I have prepared two modules entitled 'Mathematics for Economics II' and 'Mathematics for Economics III' for use by distant learning students pursuing a Bachelor of Economics degree course in Kenyatta university.

1.2.3 Conferences and Workshops Attendance

1. Attended and Facilitated a Validation, Dissemination and Policy Workshop on Gendered Impact of Kenyan Government Travel Restrictions' Policy Response to Covid-19 Pandemic on the Tourism Industry, on 4th, July, 2023, in Rafiki Hotel, Malindi County, Kenya.

2. Have successively attended a Training of Trainers course on Human Development Module, Held on February 22nd to 23rd, 2023, In Kenyatta University.

3. Attended and was a Rapporteur at AERC-IDRC Regional Policy Forum on Inclusive Finance for Fragile and Post Conflict States in Africa, a hybrid policy forum, held on October 27, 2022, in Trademark Hotel, Nairobi.

4. Attended and participated as a Rapporteur in the First International Women's Economic Empowerment Conference, 2022, Held in Kenyatta University between 6th and 8th July, 2022.

5. Attended a "Causal Inference Workshop" organized by the Econometrics Association of

Kenya (EAK), 24th to 28th May, 2021, facilitated online via Zoom.

6. Attended and Participated as a Facilitator in an online “Research Methodology and Report Writing Skills Workshop”, organised by the Econometrics Association of Kenya, between 19th to 29th April, 2022.

7. I attended a training workshop on CEQ Methodology for “Impacts of Fiscal Policies on Inequalities and Poverty Reduction in Kenya”, Funded by French Development Agency (Afd), from 26-30th September, 2019, in Maanzoni Hotel, Machakos County, Kenya.

8. I have presented a paper entitled Household Financial Savings Decisions in an international conference in Durban South Africa held on October 2016.

9. Have attended a training workshop on “Using R for Econometrics” Organised by The Department of Econometrics and Statistics, Kenyatta University on 30th August, 2017

1.2.4 Unpublished Research Work

1997-1998 Masters Project “Profits and Linkages in the urban Informal Sector: Case of Kamukunji Food Sub-Sector in Kenya”.

1.3 Quality teaching, Learning and Mentorship

1.3.1 Student Evaluations- Evaluated per semester

1.3.3 Ongoing Supervisions

PhD Thesis

Albert Nambuwani Wasike K96/CTY/22508/2011 Efficiency of Digital Finance Agent Networks as a Channel to Financial Inclusion in Kenya

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Masters Projects

1. Benson Kimani – K102/CTY/PT/32892/2015– Relationship Between Access to Microfinance Credit and Household Incomes and Savings in Kenya

2. Zillah Mulyungi - K102/CTY/PT/29498/2014 – The Economic Impact of the Bond Market in Kenya: A Macroeconomic Assessment

3. Eugene Ndungutse K102EA/CTY/PT/39307/2016 Effect of Monetary Policy on Financial Performance of Domestic and Foreign Commercial Banks in Rwanda

4. Joshua Lodungokiok K102/CTY/PT/20391/2022 Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers on Livelihoods of Orphans and Vulnerable in Samburu Central Subcounty

5. Roble Mohammed Financial Incentives and Financial Performance of Technology Startup Firms in Kenya

6. Walter Omwenga K102/27047/2014 Effects of Value Added Tax Refunds on Volume of Exports by the Kenyan Firms.

7. Jackline Waikinda – K102/CTY/PT/32870/2015 Effects of Financial Literacy on Retirement Planning in the Informal Sector: Case Study of Kiambu County

1.3.4 Supervision of Postgraduate Students

1.3.4.1 Graduated Masters Projects

1. Hakuzwimana Alfred – K102EA/20093/2010 - The Effects of Exchange Rate

Depreciation on Trade Balance in Rwanda –Kenyatta University - 2013

2. Samuel Okotti – K102/23197/2010 Analysis of Private Domestic Investments in Kenya –
Graduated in 2015

3. Mary Mutindi Mangeli – K102/26352/2013- Diaspora Remittances, Human Capital
Investment and Economic Growth in Kenya (Kenyatta University-2016)

4. Githinji Andrew Kiiru- K102/21340/2012 - Technical efficiency analysis of public road
transport providers in Nairobi- Kenya (2015) (Kenyatta University, 2015)

5. Gladys Jelagat Kemboi – K102/28750/2018-Impact of Export Processing Zones Foreign
Direct Investments on Economic growth in Kenya- (Kenyatta University- 2022)

6. Margaret Wanjiku Mukundi - Relationship Between Unemployment And Economic
Growth In Kenya –kenyatta University- 2017

7. Kiptoo, Sylvano Kipkorir. (K102/PT/CTY/21503/2010). “The Demand for Non-life
Insurance in Kenya,” (Kenyatta University, 2016)

1.3.4.2 Phd-Thesis

1. Annastacia Musembi – Effect Of Project Employees’ Soft Skills On Performance Of
Public Energy Sector Projects In Kenya- Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and
Technology PhD (2019)

1.4 Professional/Consultancy

1.4.1 Membership in Professional Associations

Member and Treasurer, Econometrics Association of Kenya since 2019

1.6 Community engagements and other contributions

- 1.6.1 - Am a board member, Karindi Secondary School, Nyeri county from 2022 to date
- I have supported my Alumni, Gikondi Secondary School in their fundraising activities
- From 2016, I have been a member and an Official in Kenyatta University Nyeri Staff Association (KUNSA), and currently serving as Chairman, Supervisory Committee.

Referees

1. Prof. Nelson Wawire

Professor of Business, Economics and Tourism, Kenyatta University,

P.O.Box 43844, Nairobi.

Tel: 02-810901-12.

2. Dr. Angelica Njuguna

Senior Lecturer, Department of Econometrics and Statistics

School of Business, Economics and Tourism

Kenyatta University

P.O. Box 43844, Nairobi.

3. Prof. Charles Kimamo

Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Nairobi,

P.O. Box 44600, Nairobi.

I confirm that the information provided in these curriculum vitae is true

Aflonia Nyambura Mbuthia Date: 7th November, 2023