



1.0 PERSONAL INFORMATION

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2.0 QUALIFICATIONS

2.1 Academic Qualifications

- 2008: PhD in Early Childhood Studies, Kenyatta University
- 1996: Master of Education in Curriculum Studies, Kenyatta University
- 1987: Bachelor of Education (Arts-Second Class: Upper Division) Kenyatta University

2.2 Professional Courses

- 2017: Training on Development of Scope and Sequence for Early Years Education at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD)
- 2016: Completed a course on the use of IBM SPSS in data analysis at Kenyatta University
- 2014: Completed a course in Ethical and Responsible Conduct of Research at Kenyatta University
- 2013: Completed (Refresher) Course on Teaching Methodology at Kenyatta University
- 1999: Completed a nine months Early Childhood Trainer's Course offered by Kenya Institute of Education (KIE)

2.3 Other courses

- 2015: Training on Module writing (July 2015) - Kenyatta University.
- 2011: ISO 9001:2008 quality MANAGEMENT System Awareness Training

- 2000: Training on Child Rights and Child Protection
- 1999: Standard Course in First Aid

3.0 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- January 2018 to date - Senior Lecturer, Kenyatta University
- 2009 – 2017: Lecturer, Kenyatta University
- 2003-2008: Tutorial Fellow, Kenyatta University
- 1997- 2002: Lecturer, Early Childhood Development, TSC
- 1992- 1996: Assistant Lecturer, Murang'a Teachers' College, TSC
- 1987-1990: Secondary School Teacher, TSC

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 At Kenyatta University

- 2017 to date: Departmental QMS Coordinator
- 2012 - 2016: Examination coordinator, Early Childhood Studies
- 2013- Date: Departmental Corruption Prevention Committee
- 2010 - 2012: Departmental Coordinator- Community Outreach and Extension Programme
- 2009 - 2012: Departmental ISO Coordinator

4.2 At Other Institutions

- 1997- 2002: Programme Officer, Early Childhood Development, TSC- Thika DICECE
- 1994: Head of Professional Studies, Murang'a Teachers' College

5.0 POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

5.1 PhD Supervision

5.1.1 Completed

2014:

- Hellen Kathure Kimathi E83/12978/09: Parental Involvement in Primary Standard Three Pupils' Reading at Home in Igembe South Constituence, Meru County, Kenya

5.1.2 Ongoing

- Kamau Salome Nyawira: Evaluation of the Role of Teachers and caregivers in Development of Life Skills Education of Preschool and lower Primary children in Kasarani Sub-County, Kenya.
- Jane Nungari E83/38271/2016: Determinants of the level of use of Information Communications Technology in implementation of competence based curriculum in lower primary schools in Kiambu Kenya
- Waka Mary Atieno: Teachers' Classroom-based Instruction Strategies and Reading Achievement among Class Two Pupils in Emuhaya District, Vihiga County.
- Joash Nyaundi: Determinants of Parental Involvement on Early childhood Education Programmes: A Case of Migori County, Kenya.
- Damaris K. Wambua E83/27948/2018 Influence of violence against children 4-5 years old on their Learning Outcomes in Public Pre-Primary school in Kitui County, Kenya

Masters Supervision

Completed

2020

- Muriithi Jane Wacuka: Influence of Child Neglect on Education Wastage Among Grade Two Children in Muvuti Sub-Location, Kenya

2019

- Kiyoo Isaac Kariuki: Adequacy of Teacher Characteristics, Classroom Facilities and Materials Associated with Quality Early Childhood Development and Education in Nakuru County, Kenya
- Brian Muriithi Humphrey: Social-Cultural and Economic Factors Contributing to Lower Public Primary School Pupils' Grade Retention in Tharaka Nithi County, Kenya
- Caroline Wairimu Irungu: Influence of Television on Pre-Primary School Children's Attention Span, Activity Level and Achievement in Learning Activities in Murang'a County, Kenya.

2018

- Veronica Mburu: Teacher Education and Acquisition of Numeracy Skills by Pre-Primary Pupils in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

- Diphina Kondara: Influence of Television Watching on Pre-School Children's Choice and use of Play Materials in Kenyanya, Kisii, Kenya
- Uthutu Agnes Mumbi: Influence of Family Based Factors on School Attendance Among Three to Eight Year Olds in Kitui County, Kenya

2017

- **5.2** Mbwiga Karimi- E55/CE/22546/2010: A Situational Analysis of Child Friendliness of Pre-Primary Environment in Igembe North Sub-County, Kenya

2016

- Murage, Moses Ignatius- E55/20986/10: Determinants of Male Students' Enrolment for Early Childhood Education Training in Kenya. A Case of Kenyatta University
- Chirchir, Charles- E55/CE/26391/11: Influence of Home Related Child Labour Factors on Children's Enrolment in Preschools in Cheberus Zone, Nandi County, Kenya
- Mwangi, Mary Wakiuru- E55/CE/23731/12: Influence of Parents' Social-Economic Status on their Participation in Children's Pre-school Education in Kayole, Nairobi County.
- Ngusa Judy Ngina- E55/23423/12: Relationship between School Infrastructure, Pupil-Teacher Ratio, Learning Materials and Standard Three Pupils' Achievement in Mathematics in Dandora Zone, Nairobi County.

2015

- Aoko, Mary Joseph: E55/14816/09: Determinants of the Performance of Trainees in Early Childhood Development and Education in Kisumu Central Sub-County, Kenya.

2014

- Kioko Sarah; E55/CE/22540/2010: Teacher Related Factors Influencing the Teaching of Life Skills Education in Preschools in Makindu District, Makueni County, Kenya
- Arisa E55/OL/22315/2011: Child Abuse in Pre-primary Schools in Ekerenyio Zone, Nyamira County, Kenya
- Okumu Kennedy E55/ol/21614/2010: Parental Socio-Economic Factors Influencing Enrolment and Retention of Children in Early Childhood Development Centers in Lambwe Division, Mbita Sub-County, Kenya

- Kuria Sarah E55/CE/23412/2010: Rate of Access of Children in Public Preschools: A case of Isinya Sub-County, Kenya

Ongoing

- Gitau Stephen Ngaruiya E55/22476/11: Effects of Malnutrition on Cognitive Development of Pre-schoolers in Makuyu Zone in Murang'a County.
- George Kibuku E55/OL/25140: Making a Strategic shift from Institutional Childcare to Community Based Childcare: The Case of Nyeri County, Kenya.
- Kisingo James E55/CE/22474/11: Challenges facing Growth Monitoring and Promotion Programmes in the ECDE Centres in Kasighau Division, Taita Taveta County, Kenya.
- Pauline Nabulu Suiyanka E55/OL/25146/11: Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition of Children of Children Under Five Years in Sompet Loitoktok District, Kenya.
- Wambwile Rebah: Influence of Community Support on Learning of Preschool children in Bungoma County
- Janefrances Patrick: Effects of School Feeding Programmes on Performance of Children aged 3-6 years.
- Diphina Ondara E55/OL/22305/11: Challenges Facing Orphaned learners in Kenyena Sub-county, Kisii County, Kenya.
- Rose Rubia M. Musungu: E55/OL/22234/11: Impact of Malnutrition on Cognitive Learning of Children Aged 4-8 years in Kabras North Division, Kakamega North District, Kakamega County, Kenya.
- Mwangi Nancy Njeri: Impact of School Feeding Programme on Child Performance in Kenya's Slum areas: A case of Riruta Zone, Dagorreti, Kenya.
- Duncan Wachira Ndirangu: E55/OL/20005/12: Effectiveness of paralegal Services in Advocating for Child Rights in Ewaso Division, Kajiado County, Kenya.
- Winfred Joy Gicuku: E55/OL/20354/12 Factors Contributing to the establishment of ECE centres in Kenya
- Seyyida Wanzia Munyoki E55/OL/MSA/25575/2014 Effects of Learner, Teacher, Classroom Characteristics On Academic Engagement Among Early Childhood Learners in Mombasa County

6.0 CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

6.1 Participation in Workshops/Conferences

- Attended International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) conference between 4th and 6th November 2015
- East African Community Early Childhood Development Forum, at Kenyatta University 7-9 October 2008
- Bright Start Training Workshop, Kenyatta University 14th-18th February 2000.

6.2 Presentation of Papers at Academic and Professional Conferences

- Conserving Indigenous Languages: Teachers and Parents' Perspectives on the Value of Mother Tongue in Early Schooling. A paper presented at the International Mother Tongue Conference (Kenyatta University, Kenya; February 2019)
- Training needs of parents and parents' training for engagement in children's reading in Kiambu County, Kenya. A paper presented at the 5th International Annual October Conference on Education and Lifelong Learning (Kenyatta University, Kenya; 4th and 5th October 2018).
- The relationship between School Learning Environment and Pupils' performance in Mathematics in Nairobi County, Kenya. A paper presented at the 4th International Annual October Conference on Education and Lifelong Learning (Kenyatta University, Kenya; 5th and 6th October 2017).
- 'Re-situating Mother Tongue Literacy: a case of Kikuyu Language in Kenya'. Paper presented at the 4th International Conference (IIC4-2017) in Institutionalization of Higher Education in Sustainable Development (Kyambogo University, Uganda; 1-4th August 2017)
- 'Proposal/ Thesis Writing': Observed Areas that Need Attention- 3rd Early Childhood Departmental Postgraduate Seminar (Kenyatta University; December 2016)
- 'Kenya Primary School Teachers' Preparedness to teach Using Computers: Teachers' Beliefs and Attitudes, Self-Efficacy, Computer Competence and Age', a paper Presented at the 3rd International Annual Conference on Education and Lifelong Learning in Kenyatta University, held on 6th and 7th October 2016
- Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education in Kenya: Challenging Neocolonial Practices in Kenya'. 1st School of Education Staff and Graduate Studies Seminar (22nd -23rd September 2015)

- ‘Relative Contribution of Parents’ Level of Schooling, Role Definition, and Average Household Income to Parent Involvement in Children’s Emergent Reading Development’. Paper presented at the 1st International Conference on Numeracy and Literacy (ICNL)- Dar-es-Salaam, July 9-10, 2015
- ‘Ethics and Ethical Consideration in Early Childhood Research’ Paper presented at the 2nd Early Childhood Departmental Postgraduate Seminar (Kenyatta University: 14th August 2014)
- ‘Conserving Indigenous Languages: Challenging Neocolonial Practices in Education.’ 22nd International Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education (RECE) Conference (Kent-Ohio: 2nd-6th November 2014)

6.3 Convening and Coordinating Conferences

- 2008: Assisted in Organizing the East African Community Early Childhood Development Forum, at Kenyatta University

7.0 RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

7.1 Articles in Referenced Journals

- Wairimu C. Irungu, Dr. Mary Ndani (2019). Amount of time spent by pre-primary school children in Viewing Television and Achievement I Learning Activities in Kangema Sub-County, Murang’a County. International Journal of Research and Scientific Innovation. ISSN: 2321-2705. IJRSI Vol. VI pp. 159-163
- Kiyo Isaac Kariuki and Dr. Mary N. Ndani (2019): Adequacy of School Infrastructure and Quality of Early Childhood Education- The Case of Nakuru County, Kenya. European Journal of Education Studies Vol. 5, Issue 12 2019 pp132-143
- Wambiri, G.N and Ndani, M.N. (2016): Kenya Primary School Teachers’ preparedness in ICT Teaching: Teacher Beliefs, Attitudes, Self-Efficacy, Computer Competence and Age. African Journal of Teacher Education (AJOTE) Vol. 5, No. 1. (Online)
- Ndani, M. N. (2015) Parental Involvement and Family Support in Creating Conducive Preschool Physical Environments in Kiambu County, Kenya. International Journal of Humanities and Social Science. ISSN 2220-8488 (Print), 2221-0989 (Online) Vol. 5 No.8 August 2015.

- Wambiri, G.N and Ndani, M.N. (2015): Relative Contribution of Caregivers' Level of Education, Role Definition and Average Household Income to Caregiver Involvement in Children's Emergent Reading. *Journal of Education and Practice*: ISSN 2222-1735 (Paper), ISSN 2222-288X (online), Volume6 No.24, 2015
- Kimani E.N. and Ndani M. N (2011): Challenges Faced by Teacher Students of Kenyatta University in Accessing Further Education through e-Learning. *International Journal for Education, Science & Public Policy in Africa (IJESPA)* Blomsuburg PA 17815, USA Fall Edition: Print ISSN 2158-5598: 2158-558X.
- Ndani M. N. and Kimani E.N. (2010): Factors Influencing Early childhood Development Teachers' Motivation in Thika District, Kenya. *African Journal of Teacher Education (AJOTE)* Volume 1 No. 1 pp 34-47: ISSN 1916-7822.
- Ndani M.N. and Kimani E.N. (2009): Community participation: a factor in preschool teacher motivation and adequacy of the physical learning environment. *Inizulu International Journal of Education* Volume 1 2009- ISSN: 2078-7545

7.2 Articles in Conference Proceedings

- Richard N. Arisa, Esther Waitthaka and **Mary Ndani (2015)**. Child Emotional Abuse in Pre-Primary Schools in Ekerenyo Zone, Nyamira County, Kenya 2nd International Annual Conference on Education and Lifelong Learning in Kenyatta University,
- **Ndani and Wambiri (2016)** Kenya Primary School Teachers' Preparedness to teach Using Computers: Teachers' Beliefs and Attitudes, Self-Efficacy, Computer Competence and Age', a paper Presented at the 3rd International Annual Conference on Education and Lifelong Learning in Kenyatta University.

7.3 BOOKS

- **Child Rights and Child Protection**: Longhorn Publication ISBN 978 996 36 448 X (2009).
- **Children in Need of Special Protection**: Longhorn Publication ISBN 978 9966 36 442 0 (2009).

7.3.1 Modules

- Modules for **Diploma** in ECE:
 1. Introduction to Child Development II: Early, Middle and Late Childhood.(2003)

2. Introduction to Care Giving and the Role of the Family in a changing Society. (2003; Revised 2017)

- Modules for Undergraduate **Degree** in ECE
 1. Health Education and Practices (2010; Revised 2017)
 2. Foods and Nutrition (2010; Revised 2017)
 3. Organization and Management of Feeding Programmes (2014; Revised 2016)
 4. Children's Rights and their Welfare (2013; Revised 2016)
 5. Role of the Family in a Changing Society (2013; Revised 2016)

- Modules for **Masters** Degree in ECE
 1. Families, Communities, Culture and Development (2010; Revised 2016)
 2. Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances (2012; Revised 2016)

8.0 NET-WORKING AND COLLABORATING WITH EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- February 2017: Participated in Curriculum Reforms (Development of Scope, Sequence and Designs for Early Years Education Curriculum).
- May 2016: Enrolled as a member of the Early Childhood Professional Association of Kenya (ECPAK)
- May 2016: Supervision of Masters Research Project; Mount Kenya University.
- March 2015: Wrote a proposal for funding titled; 'Urbanization and Expansion of Informal Settlements in Developing Countries: Insecurity and Child Abuse among Primary School Children in Kenya', in collaboration with Asayo Ohba from Osaka University, together with Dr. Ephantus Kaugi & Prof. Elishiba Kimani (Both of Kenyatta University)
- October 2014: Served as a resource Person for Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC): Motivating Primary School Children in Gatanga Zone, Murang'a County.
- June 2012: Participating as a member of the Basic Education Course Panel at the Kenya Institute of Education (KIE), Currently Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD)
- March 2002: Collaborated with Plan International in Training Community Health Workers in Thika District.
- Sept. 2000: Worked with the Coalition on Child Rights and Child Protection c/o African Network on the Protection and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

(ANPPCAN) in the Development of a training manual for Early Childhood Development (ECD) teachers on Child Rights and Child Protection in Kenya

- 1999: Worked with MOE and UNICEF in the development of a training Module on Alternative and Complementary Approaches to Early Childhood Care for Survival, Growth and Development in Kenya.
- 1998: Collaborated with then Kenya Institute of Education (KIE).in a Joint Training Initiative on Experiential Participatory Methods for Mombasa ECE Trainers.

9.0 EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL GRANTS

- April 2017: Participated in the Bill & Melinda Gates Proposal Writing Committee on ‘Wearables and Technology for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Behaviour Change’.
- September 2016: wrote a proposal for funding from Kenyatta University Vice Chancellor’s Research Grant; Titled ‘Empowering Parents for Quality Engagement in Children’s Reading: Developing a Needs Based Training Guide’. In collaboration with, Gladwell Wambiri and Esther Waithaka.
- March 2015: Wrote a proposal for funding to the Japan based Suntory Foundation, titled: ‘Urbanization and Expansion of Informal Settlements in Developing Countries: Insecurity and Child Abuse among Primary School Children in Kenya’. Other research team members were Asayo Ohba (University of Osaka), Prof. Kimani, Elishiba and Dr. Kaugi, Ephantus (Kenyatta University).
- September 2010: Expressed interest to conduct a study in the East African Region on the ‘Viability and Need for a Regional Structure Where Child Whose Rights have been Violated can Access Justice’, in collaboration with Prof. Elishiba Kimani and Dr. Lucy Maina.
- August 2009: Applied for consultancy to Kenya Community Development Foundation together with Drs. Barbara Koech, Gladwell Wambiri and Esther Waithaka.

10.0 LOCAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

10.1 Appointment to Boards

- March 2019: Appointed Member of Board of Management, Gatunyu Secondary School for a period of three (3) years.

- October 2015: Appointed Member of Board of Management, Gatunyu Secondary School for a period of three (3) years.
- September 2012: Appointed Member of Board of Governors, Gatanga C.C.M. Secondary School for a period of three (3) years.
- March 2010: Appointed Member of Board of Governors, Gatunyu Secondary School for a period of three (3) years.
- September 2009: Appointed Member of Board of Governors, Gatanga C.C.M. Secondary School for a period of three (3) years.

11.0 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

• Leadership at Community level

- 2007-2010: Secretary- Mahuti Catholic church council
- 2010-2013: Chair person- Mahuti Catholic church council
- 2013 to date : Member - Mahuti Catholic church development committee

• Giving Talks as Guest speaker:

- 5th November 2015: Moi Primary School Thika: ECDE Graduation Ceremony
- 18TH April 2015: Career Guidance Seminar for St John the Baptist Catholic Church Youths. Gave a talk on THE TEACHING CAREER
- 12th November 2012 Sukari Presbyterian Academy: ECDE Graduation Ceremony
- Gatunyu Secondary School Girls: Talk Title- 'DEMYSTIFYING SUCCESS'

• Participation in Benevolence and Development Fund Raisers

- 20/11/2016: Guest of Honour to a Medical Bill in aid of Scholastica Kiragu at St. Mary's A.C.K. Church (Kenol)
- 19th March 2017: Guest of Honour in a Church Construction Fund raiser held on at Gituamba Catholic church, Gatanga Parish, Murang'a Diocese.

13.0 ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

13.1 Development of Academic Programmes at Departmental Level

- 2016-2017: Review of Early Childhood Education Curriculum in the Department of Early Childhood Studies, Kenyatta University.

- 2014-2015: Development of the Early Childhood Education Curriculum for Kigali University.

13.2 Development of Academic Programmes External to Kenyatta University

- **March 2017:** Participated in development of Curriculum design for pre-primary one and two in the area of Environmental Activities.
- **February 2017:** Participated in a two weeks Curriculum Reforms workshop.
- **June 2012:** Participated in development of the Child Minders' Certificate Syllabus at Kenya Institute of Education (**KIE**)
- **1999: UNICEF:** Participated in Development of Alternative and Complementary Approaches to training on Early Childhood Care for Survival, Growth and Development (ECC for SGD) in Kenya.

12.0 OTHERS

12.1 Contribution to University Advancement

- 2017: Departmental Quality Management Systems/ISO Coordinator
- 2014: Development of Departmental Digital students' CAT papers and Examination Scripts distribution form – for accountability.
- 2013- Date: Participation in Departmental Corruption Prevention Committee
- 2013-2016: Chaired Departmental marks verification Committee
- 2009 - 2012: Departmental Quality Management Systems (QMS) Coordinator.

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