

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Research Interest

To be involved in research, planning and policy making of laws and programs pertaining to good governance, migration, health issues, poverty reduction, community mobilization, youth and gender development.

Biographical Statement

I work for the Ministry of Education in Lusaka as a Senior Education Officer-Open and Distance Learning. I received my PhD in Demography and Population Studies at University of the Witwatersrand, MA in Population studies and B.A. in Mathematics Education from University of Zambia. My main research interests are in policy research and maternal health, with a focus on addressing health policy questions for maternal health issues. Have distinct skills in research, policy analysis, monitoring and evaluation, qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, coordinating workshops/seminars, In-service trainings, preparing work plans/budgets/reports and use of computer software prevalent in the commercial sector. Have excellent communication and presentation skills. Am goal oriented, able to work in teams, proven experience in management and research skills, able to adapt and adjust to dynamic working environments. I have presented papers and chaired at several population conferences.

Publications

- **Banda, P.C.**, Odimegwu, C.O., Ntoimo, L.F., & Muchiri, E (2016). Women at Risk: Gender Inequality and Maternal Health. *Women & Health*, DOI: 10.1080/03630242.2016.1170092
- Odimegwu, C.O., De Wet, N., & **Banda, P.C.** Risky Sexual Behavior among Women in Africa: Does Economic Empowerment Matter? Case of Gabon, Mozambique, Sierra-Leone and Zambia, *African Journal of AIDS Research*, 15:4, 333-340, DOI: 10.2989/16085906.2016.1238401
- Waterhouse, P., Wielen, N., **Banda, P.C.**, & Channon, A.A. The impact of multi-morbidity on disability among older adults in South Africa: do hypertension and socio-demographic characteristics matter? *International Journal for Equity in Health* (2017) 16:62 DOI 10.1186/s12939-017-0537-7

Under review

- Banda, P.C., Odimegwu, C.O., Ntoimo, L.F., & Chisumpa, V. Is community context an overlooked factor in exposure to High Risk Pregnancy in Zambia? *Demography Journal*
- Living Arrangements and Nutritional Status of Under-five children in Sub-saharan Africa. Banda, P.C., C.O., Ntoimo, L.F., & Olamijuwon, E. *African Population Studies Journal*.

Selected Presentations in Scientific Meetings

- Living Arrangements and Nutritional Status of Under-Five children in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Family Demography and Post-2015 Development Goals conference, 27th – 29th June, 2016*
- Is community context an overlooked factor in exposure to High Risk Pregnancy?
- *7th African Population Conference, 30th November – 4th December, 2015*
- Use of Maternal Death Risk Factor Index to estimate Maternal Mortality in Zambia
- *3rd Asian Population Association Conference, 27th – 31st July, 2015*
- Socio-Economic and Demographic Determinants of Maternal Mortality in Zambia
- *10th Population Association of Southern Africa Conference 8th -10th July, 2015*
- Regional Variations of Pregnancy Related Deaths in Zambia
- *6th Cross-Faculty Graduate Research Symposium, 29th -30th October 2014*
- Estimation of Levels and Determinants of Maternal Mortality at Provincial Level: A Model Based Method: *DPS Pop Studies Mini Conference, 21st November 2014*
- Determinants of Maternal Mortality in Zambia: *DPS@10 27-28th October, 2013*
- Maternal Mortality in Zambia: Case of Kafue District 2005- 2009
- *8th Population Association of Southern Africa (PASA) Conference, 10-12 July 2013*

Honors and Awards

- Recipient of Humanities Awaiting Examiners/Awaiting Graduation Doctoral Grant 2016
- Post Graduate Merit Award – January-December 2015
- Andrew Mellon Foundation Scholarship to attend World Social Sciences Forum 2015
- **1st Position Humanities**-6th Cross-Faculty Graduate Research Symposium, 2014
- Post Graduate Completion Grant, December 2014
- Post Graduate Merit Award – January-December 2014

Professional Development

- Reviewer of manuscript-*Development Southern Africa (CDSA)*
- Discussant- Family Demography and Post-2015 Development Goals *Conference, June, 2016*
- Mentor -Post Graduate students *May-July, 2016*
- Reviewer of manuscripts - *7th African Population Conference, April 23rd - 28th 2016*
- Reviewer PhD proposals-DPS- *Wits University*
- Reviewer of two papers from-*Journal of Population Research (JPOR)*
- Chair Person-7th WITS Postgraduate *symposium (Science Section) March, 2016*
- Coordinator-Girls Science *Camp (FAWE), 2003*
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Education

PhD- Demography and Population Studies (2016)	<i>University of The Witwatersrand</i>
Diploma - ICT Education, with Merit (2011)	<i>University of Zambia/Africa</i>
Master of Arts -Population Studies (2011)	<i>University of Zambia.</i>
Certificate-Education for Sustainable Development (2011)	<i>Uppsala University, Sweden.</i>
Certificate -Monitoring and Evaluation (2009)	<i>University of Zambia</i>
Certificate - Psycho-Social counseling (2007)	<i>Chainama College</i>
Bachelor of Education - Mathematics, with Merit (2005)	<i>University of Zambia</i>

Employment Progression

Graduate Student, January, 2013 to 2016 University of The Witwatersrand

Responsible for conducting research project on the Socio-Economic and Demographic Determinants of Maternal Mortality Risks in Zambia and tutoring honors students.

Senior Education Officer, November, 2005 to December, 2012 Ministry of Education

Monitored, evaluated, coordinated and administered the delivery of Teacher Education activities in colleges, resource centers and schools. Policy interpretation for adherence to guidelines Performed research and data collection for various institutions (Central statistics Office, Ministry of Education, cooperating partners and University of Zambia). Presented various company workshops on monitoring and evaluation to heads of departments

Subject coordinator (Mathematics), July, 2000 to October, 2005 Ministry of Education

Provided assistance/guidance to mathematics teachers in their planning and research. Coordinated the delivery of in-service teacher Education activities for Mathematics Teachers.

Research Projects/ Experience

2016: Socio-Economic and Demographic Determinants of Maternal Mortality Risks in Zambia.

2011: Maternal Mortality and Status of Health Services in Zambia: A case of Kafue District (MA thesis report)

2010: Examination Results Performance Analysis in selected schools of Lusaka Province, Zambia (MoE project)

2003: The impact of poverty on HIV/AIDS: A case study of Mutendere Compound Lusaka – Zambia (BA.Ed project)

Special Areas of Expertise

Undertaken various Research activities in Zambia Offered oversight for international projects – Time to Learn (eEgra) Involvement in Demographic Health surveys and needs Assessment Ministry of Education Examination Analysis Needs Assessment (Ministry of Education and various cooperating partners) Program evaluation for some ministry of education in-service programs Training/Capacity building/Advocacy Monitoring & Evaluation Survey Data Analysis

Computer Skills

Experienced user of all classes of computer software (statistical packages, spreadsheet, database, business graphics, word processing, network applications). Possess a constantly growing knowledge of STATA, SPSS and Microsoft Excel

Professional Membership

Zambia Forum for African Women Educationist in Zambia (FAWEZA)
Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCE)

Media Appearances

Zambia Daily Mail, Saturday 24th December, 2016 page 8 “Journey to my PhD: Teenage Pregnancy not a barrier”.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Enjoy Aerobics, badminton, music, watching tennis and football. Have keen interest in current affairs. Enjoy participating in charity events like sponsored walk, visiting Orphanages or church activities.