



Curriculum Vitae of
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Profession: SOCIOLOGIST

Career Profile:

Maxson is a seasoned and effective result-oriented Sociologist with a passion for offering to the community his knowledge, skills, and experience acquired in the areas of Health Sociology, Medical Anthropology, Traditional Medicine, Gender and Sexual and Reproductive Health, Agriculture and Rural Development and Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research, Participatory Action Research, Citizen Science, and community engagement. Maxson does this through teaching, research, community outreaches and consultancy.

Current Employment/Position

Currently, I serve as a Senior Lecturer and Deputy Dean, Faculty of Public Health, as well as the Graduate Coordinator for the Faculty. I teach Sociology, Medical Anthropology, Research Methods (Qualitative and mixed methods), Gender and sexual and reproductive health and rights across the health sciences faculties. Maxson also coordinates and supervises field work and community outreaches as well as internships for both undergraduate and graduate programmes in the faculty. He has supervised over twenty undergraduate and MSc research projects.

Language Skills: Jonam/Alur (excellent), Acholi (very good), Lango (very good), English (very good), Kiswahili (basic)

Professional affiliations:

- Member of the Uganda Sociology and Anthropology Association (USAA)
- Member of the Citizen Science Association of Uganda

Educational Qualification:

Year	Institution	Qualification/grade
2025 to-date	Lira University & University of Calgary (CAFFP-PAC Project)	Postdoctoral research
2025 to-date	Lira University (M-CARE Project)	Postdoctoral research
2024 to-date	Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST)-Uganda (ATRAP Project)	Postdoctoral research
2024	Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST)-Uganda	Doctor of Philosophy in Development Studies
2024	University of Antwerp-Belgium	Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology
2015	Makerere University Kampala	Master of Sociology
2008	Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda (ICPAU)	CPA Level III
2006	Makerere University Kampala	Bachelor of Social Sciences (Soc & Admin) First Class Hons
1999	Makerere University Business School	Higher Dip in Marketing-Distinction

Other Trainings:

University of Washington (September to November 2025): Certificate in Implementation Science

Grants and awards

- a) **Co-Principal Investigator and Project Coordinator.** "Enhancing Adolescents' Sexual and Reproductive Health in Northern Uganda: A Citizen Science Gender-Transformative Approach to Integrating Adolescent-Friendly Family Planning and Post-Abortion Care (CAFFP-PAC)" (Grant No. 110713). This **CAD 1,200,000 (UGX 3,109,368,000)** initiative addresses critical gaps in sexual and reproductive health and rights in Sub-Saharan Africa (ANeSA). The project is co-funded by Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).
- b) **Co-Investigator and Project Coordinator:** Implementation of an Integrated Care Model for Patients with Multiple Cardiometabolic and Mental Health Conditions in Sub-Saharan Africa. **M-CARE Project** (Project Number: 101226563). (Total Grant Amount Euros 4,000,000.00). The project, funded by the **European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HADEA)** with a grant of **EUR 614,243.75 (UGX 2,500,000,000)**, aims to improve primary care for patients (aged ≥18 years) with multiple long-term conditions (MLTC) related to cardiometabolic and common mental health disorders in Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda.
- c) **Co-Principal Investigator.** Action Towards Reducing Aquatic Parasitic Snail borne disease (ATRAP II) (Grant Amount Euros 1,100,000.00)
- d) **Principal Investigator.** Effectiveness of Mobile Phone Reminder, Routine Home visits and ANC for Improving the uptake of IPTp in Lira West Division. (Grant Amount. Ugx. 16,000,000/=)

- e) **Co-Principal Investigator.** Exploring the effectiveness of University-Industry collaboration in Lira city. (Grant Amount Ugx. 16,000,000/=)
- f) **Co-Principal Investor.** Health, Environment and Livelihoods (HEAL) project: Empowering local community members in Uganda to reduce disease vectors by invasive vegetation removal" (Grant Amount. 60,000 Euros.

Scholarships

1. Global Minds programme of the University of Antwerp, financed by the Flemish Interuniversity Council for Development Cooperation (VLIRUOS, reference: BE2022GMUUA0A102).
2. BOF Double PhD Scholarship Award (April-September 2023): I recently won a double PhD degree Scholarship award from the University of Antwerp. The six-month scholarship aims to provide financial support to international PhD students to enable them to conduct their studies smoothly.

Research consultancy experience

1. **Assessing participation of community drug distributors in mass drug administration of ivermectin in three selected districts of Kasese, Adjumani and Kitgum (Jan to Sep 2024): Roles and responsibilities:** Lead consultant in carrying out a community-based mixed methods cross-sectional study. Key roles included conceptualizing research topics, design of methods and planning and budgeting for data collection and analysis. Taking a lead in the collection of qualitative data through focus group discussions, in-depth and key informant Interviews, and surveys. Other roles include recruiting and training field research assistants as well as their supervision and facilitation. Analyzing qualitative data, report writing and presentation to various stakeholders.
2. **Action Towards Reducing Aquatic Snail-borne Parasitic diseases-ATRAP II (2024-today): Post Doctoral Research Fellow: Roles and responsibilities:** This is a continuation of phase I of the project. My key roles include supervising PhD candidates in the social sciences as well as guiding in conceptualizing research topics, designing methods and planning and budgeting for data collection and analysis. Also, coaching and mentoring both the PhD and MSc students in designing studies, community mobilization, community engagement, site selection, collection of qualitative data through focus group discussions, in-depth and key informant Interviews, Participatory Action research approaches, citizen science approach, and surveys to mention. Other roles include guiding students in recruiting and training field research assistants as well as their supervision and facilitation. Supervising students in data analysis, reporting and processing manuscripts for publication.
3. **Action Towards Reducing Aquatic Snail-borne Parasitic diseases-ATRAP (2019-2023): Joint PhD Senior Research Fellow: Roles and responsibilities:** Participating in conceptualizing research topics, design of methods and planning and budgeting for data collection and analysis. Taking a lead in the collection of qualitative data through focus group discussions, in-depth and key informant Interviews, Participatory Action research approaches, citizen science approach, and surveys to mention. Other roles include recruiting and training field research assistants as well as their supervision and facilitation. Participation in data analysis, reporting and processing manuscripts for publication. From a community perspective, my roles include high-level community mobilisation, engagement, and stakeholder dialogue. Organizing community events.
4. **Adoption of Levo-Praziquantel for Schistosomiasis treatment by endemic countries package one-ADOPT-1(May-June 2022): Teal Leader: Roles and Responsibilities:** Provide training to field research assistants, Supervise field research team, in charge of field logistics and management, ensure field research team's welfare, pay research assistants, manage field budget, introduce the study to district and local leaders, map out study sites, mobilize participants, conduct daily debriefs and planning

meetings, receive daily field reports, summarize and submit to PI, Coordinate fieldwork activities, effectively communicate information to and from PIs to field team, any other roles assigned.

5. **Impact of increased praziquantel frequency on Fibrosis in Schistosomiasis hotspot communities (FibroScHot) (November-December 2020): Research Supervisor: Roles and Responsibilities:** Managing fieldwork budget, supervising research assistants, providing oversight roles, ensuring field research assistants effectively and efficiently perform their assigned tasks, providing training to research assistants, conduct daily pre-and de-briefs, receive daily field reports, synchronize and submit to PI, manage logistics and welfare of field team, any other tasks assigned.
6. **Ebola Vaccine Deployment, Acceptance and Compliance project-Ebodac (May-August 2020): Research Manager: Roles and responsibilities:** Introducing the research fieldwork to the district leaders, particularly the district and sub-county leaders, Identifying field site-based service providers, Coordinating the distribution of research logistics to the field site districts, Receiving, analysing and managing incidents from the field sites, supervise and troubleshoot process for participant selections and data collection, Receiving of the expanded field notes and audio record files from the field site district Mobilizers and forwarding them to the centrally based Transcribers, Supervising the Field Research Assistants, Managing performance issues among the Field Research Assistants, and Drafting of report for field data collection.
7. **Chrisbert Consult (June 201-December 2019): Social Development Expert: Roles and Responsibilities:** Organising community entry meetings, and stakeholder dialogue workshops, managing community conflicts, identifying and profiling project-affected persons, conducting community sensitisation, organising training for farmer groups, developing training manuals, prepare research protocol, develop data collection tools, identify and train field research assistants, supervise field data collection activities, manage field budget, attend meetings at ministry, district and community levels, prepare and present social development progress reports to different stakeholders, supervise field staff, organize farmer field schools learning visits, develop and implement social development field activity plans in line with FIEFOC requirements, represent the director at different fora, act as a link between the ministry, government agencies, district, community and other stakeholders on all software matters, any other tasks assigned.

Projects and Collaborations

1. **Team Leader (Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights-SRHR component): DINU CHASE Project (2019-2023):** It is a multi-billion project under the development initiative for northern Uganda. In this project my role is twofold; I actively participated in its writeup right from the beginning up to its final approval. I also worked as a team leader under the adolescent and Reproductive Health component before proceeding to study leave. Under the sub-component, we have been able to conduct several community engagements in the Acholi and Lango sub-regions with the young people.
2. **Field Coordinator: SET-SRHR Center:** Another multi-million project in which I was part of the pioneer people involved in not only the planning and implementation but also, received scholarship support for training in sexual and reproductive health and rights at Nsamizi Institute for Social Development.
3. **Institutional Coordinator: UK-Uganda Global Alliance program on the BRIDGE Project:** The main objective is to collaborate with six universities in Uganda of which Lira University is one, in the fight against neglected tropical diseases through research and capacity development.
4. **Member: Citizen Science Uganda:** This is where the European Citizen science organisations plan to establish global north-south arrangements [Citizen Science Uganda](#). I have been able to engage with one of the organisations Earth Watch Europe (<https://earthwatch.org.uk/>) to try and convince them to

establish their office in Uganda, with possibilities of collaborating with universities and Lira is in the main picture.

Research/Publications to date:

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5. Aspire Mudavanhu, Rachelle Weeda, **Maxson Kenneth Anyolitho**, Linda Mlangeni, Luc Brendonck, Tawanda Manyangadze, Tine Huyse (2024). Insufficient Water, Sanitation, and Healthcare Facilities Hinder Schistosomiasis Control in Endemic Areas: A Mixed Methods Study. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.08.30.24312829>
6. Lisa Sophie Reigl, **Maxson Kenneth Anyolitho**, Stella Neema, Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo, Andrea Buhl, Jennifer Burrill, Marie Frese, Djouquou Alexise Gnahore, Eveline Hürlimann, Suzanne Lavry, Janet Masaku, Nora Monnier, Ashley Preston, Alice Sereti Sinkeet, Peter Steinmann, Alain Toh, Orkan Okan, Andrea S Winkler, Isabelle L Lange. (2025). Socio-cultural and structural barriers influencing parents' knowledge and access to information on schistosomiasis in children around Ugandan Lakes. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0013050>
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8. Ikwara EA, Nakero L, **Anyolitho MK**, Isabirye R, Namutebi S, Mwesiga G, et al. (2023) Determinants of primary healthcare providers' readiness for integration of ART services at departmental levels: A case study of Lira City and District, Uganda. *PLoS ONE* 18(10): e0292545. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0292545>
9. **Anyolitho MK**, Nyakato V, Poels K, Huyse T, and Masquillier C (2023) Health Healthseeking behaviour regarding schistosomiasis treatment in the absence of a mass drug administration (MDA) program: the case of endemic communities along Lake Albert in Western Uganda. DOI: [10.1186/s12889-023-16020-z](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-023-16020-z)
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12. **Anyolitho MK**, Poels K, Huyse T, Tumusiime J, Mugabi F, Tolo CU, et al. (2022) Knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding schistosomiasis infection and prevention: A mixed-methods study among endemic communities of western Uganda. PLoS Negl Trop Dis 16(2) : e0010190. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0010190>
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6. HOBBIES

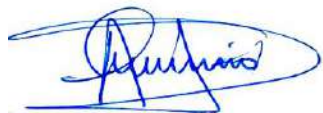
- ✓ Reading Educative Materials, News Papers, and Online stories
- ✓ Discussing Current Affairs
- ✓ Providing Counseling
- ✓ Listening to Music and dancing

References

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CERTIFICATION:

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided here correctly describes my qualifications, experience, and professional traits.



Signed:

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