



Ghislain Bisimwa Balaluka

Rector of the UNiversité Catholique de Bukavu.

SUMMARY:

- Over 25 years of experience in field research focusing on of Maternal and child health, health systems resilience in conflict-affected settings of DR Congo
- Over 20 years of experience with the Ministry of Health in the management of health programs both at decision-making and operational levels
- Over 20 years of experience in management of national and international cooperation projects, in partnership with governmental and non-governmental organisations operating in DR Congo

SELECTED RELEVANT EXPERIENCES:

Rector of the Université Catholique de Bukavu June 2023 to date

Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Director of its school of public health (Ecole Régionale de Santé Publique) 2013 to date

Faculty of Medicine, Université Catholique de Bukavu (UCB), DR Congo

- Coordinated research and cooperation projects at the faculty of Medicine, spearheaded the partnerships between the faculty of Medicine, the DRC government, national and international non-governmental organizations research-oriented
- Oversee the overall management of the faculty of Medicine and school of public health
- Teaching of health systems management and planning, public health nutrition, epidemiology, health promotion
- Strategic advisory role in the management of the Bukavu provincial referral Hospital affiliated with the faculty of Medicine of the UCB
- Member of the expert group of the South Kivu Provincial Health Division

Coordinator of RISPEC research program consortium 2014 to date

Université Catholique de Bukavu, South Kivu

- Participated in the design and proposal writing of the RISPEC research program, a 5-years research program funded by the European Union aimed at the health institutional strengthening through generation evidence-based policies in DR Congo
- Coordinated the development of a training and apprenticeship health zone in rural South Kivu for training and capacity building of health professional in context of crisis
- Design and coordination of field surveys research on the contribution of community health workers to the population and mortality counting in rural South Kivu, the practice of caesarean section in context of crisis and the drivers of community and health systems resilience in conflict-affected health zones in South Kivu
- Lead the partnership between the UCB School of Public Health, the Institute of Tropical Medicine of Antwerp (Belgium), the National Institute for Biomedical Research and the schools of public health of the Universities of Kinshasa and Lubumbashi under the RISPEC consortium
- Involved in the development of the Centre de Connaissance Santé en DRC (CCSC) geared towards summarizing health research evidence to inform policy-making and programming at the DRC ministry of health

Consultant Strengthening of the intermediate level of the health System in DRC 2014 to date

Directorate of Studies and planning DRC Ministry of Health

- Consultant in charge of planning and monitoring of the “unique contract” approach at the Provincial Health Divisions in DR Congo
- Technical support to the National Immunization committee
- Advisory support to the national programme of nutrition

Senior Health Advisor 2007-2012

South Kivu Provincial Health Division, DR Congo

- Provide technical support for the health system reform and the decentralization process of the health sector at provincial level
- Coordination and management of the CEMUBAC project, a project funded by the Belgian



government through the NGO ULB cooperation and with the aim of supporting the South Kivu Health division at operational level.

- Provide technical support to the commission in charge of drugs and medicines purchase and promote a purchase and distribution system of medicines
- Provide technical guidance to the redaction of strategic plan of health sector development in South Kivu

Chief Medical Officer of South Kivu Province

2004-2007

DRC Ministry of Health, DR Congo

- Coordinated ministry of health programs at operational level in South Kivu
- Ensured a coordinated action between the DRC ministry of health and national and international partners including NGOs, UN agencies and multilateral organisations
- Oversaw the administrative, financial and human resource management of South Kivu Provincial Health Division

Director of the Directorate of Plan and Studies

1999-2004

South Kivu Ministry of Health, DR Congo

- Led the committee assigned to design and implement the new mapping of the health zones/districts in South Kivu.
- Coordinated the integration process of malnutrition management in the minimum and complementary packages of healthcare in South Kivu
- Sought health programmes funding opportunities, prepared programmatic proposals and coordinated of cooperation activities.
- Head of the PRONANUT (national program of nutrition) in South Kivu, coordinated nutritional activities to tackle the high burden of maternal and child malnutrition and

Health Zone Supervisor and Health Director

1996-1998

Katana Health Zone and Lwiro Paediatrics Hospital

- Ensure an efficient administrative, financial and human resource management of the hospital
- Enforced the collaboration between the south Kivu health division, the Centre National de Recherche Sciences Naturelles de Lwiro to which the hospital was administratively linked, the NGO ULB Coopération which was the main source of funding for malnutrition management programs
- Ensured that research activities on malnutrition conducted at the Lwiro Paediatrics Hospital are implemented with a strict respect of ethical principles
- Oversaw the financial management of research projects conducted at the Lwiro Paediatrics Hospital

Physician (clinician)

1994-1996

Lwiro Pediatrics Hospital (Katana Health Zone, South Kivu),

Researcher

1994 to date

Centre de Recherche en Sciences Naturelles de Lwiro (Research Center in Natural Sciences)

- Led medical consultations and ward rounds, chaired medical staff morning meetings
- Oversaw the management of the hospital pharmacy and laboratory
- Coordinated the nutritional center at the Hospital
- Supervision of maternal and child protection activities in the Lwiro health sector

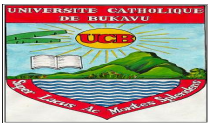
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1. Faculty of Medicine (Professor and Dean), Université Catholique de Bukavu (UCB), South Kivu, DR Congo
2. Director of the Ecole Régionale de Santé Publique (Regional School of Public Health), Faculty of Médecine, Université Catholique de Bukavu, Bukavu, DR Congo
3. Centre de Recherche en Sciences Naturelles de Lwiro, South Kivu, DR Congo

LANGUAGES:

French (fluent), English (basic proficiency), Kiswahili (mother tongue), Lingala (fluent)

NATIONALITY: Congolese



EDUCATION: PhD research fellow, Free University of Brussels, Belgium (2007-2012), Diploma of Advanced Studies in Public Health, Free University of Brussels (2005-2006), Master in Public Health, Free University of Brussels, Belgium (1998-1999), Medical studies, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kinshasa (1985-1993).

PUBLICATIONS

1. Makali, S.L., Malembaka, E.B., Lambert, AS. et al. Comparative analysis of the health status of the population in six health zones in South Kivu: a cross-sectional population study using the WHODAS.Confl Health 15, 52 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13031-021-00387-0>
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