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Key Projects

1. *Design and Development of an Autonomous Precision Seed Rover: A Robotic Planter for Precision Farming (Seed Rover)*. Funded under the Makerere Research and Innovation Fund-Round 5. USD 35,000. January 2024 to December 2024.
2. *Scaling up and commercialization of the sensor-based smart irrigation kit*. Funded by under the Makerere Research and Innovation Fund-Round 4, **Scaling and Commercialization Grants**. USD 42,000. January to December 2024.

3. *Hilton Foundation Water Quality Testing Fellowship. Water Testing, Research, and Capacity Strengthening (WaterTRACS)*. Funded by Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. USD 500,000. May 2022 - October, 2025.
4. *Optimizing irrigation water use: integrative developing of capacity for small scale farmers and relevant local government personnel to improve knowledge and practice of irrigation water use*. Funded under Makerere Research and Innovation Fund. Multi-year Grant: Year 1 and 2. USD 100,000. September 2020 –June 2024.
5. *GIS Techniques in Quality Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA): Developing Capacity of EIA Practitioners and Stakeholders to Integrate GIS Techniques in Environmental Assessment*. Funded under MakRIF Round 4, USD 43000. October 2022 to June 2024.
6. *Developing a smart solar powered irrigation control system kit for enhancing water use efficiency in irrigated agriculture*. Makerere Research and Innovation Fund-Round 2. USD 21,000. September 2020 to March 2022.
7. *Proximal and remote sensing of soil quality for supporting farmers' crop agriculture*. Funded under Makerere Research and Innovation Fund Round 2. USD 44,000. September 2020 to June 2021.
8. *Development of a Green Low Cost Touchless Handwash Technology (TW-20 Kit) For Public Shared Spaces*. Funded under MAK Research and Innovation Fund-COVID -19 response: USD 17,000. May 2020 to November 2020.
9. *Application of Mobile-Phone Technology to Advance Access to Sustainable Point-Of-Use Water Purification Technologies for Household Drinking Water, Knowledge & Water Reuse for Backyard Food Production (mWaF-Project)*. Funded under Makerere Research and Innovation Fund Round 2. USD 11,000. September 2020 –June 2021.
10. *Multidisciplinary research for improving economic performance and livestock sustainability in the Northeast cattle corridor of Uganda*. Funder under Makerere Research and Innovation Fund Round 2. USD 23,000. September 2020 –June 2021.
11. *Promotion of rainwater harvesting and low-head smallholder irrigation systems for sustained market responsive vegetable production in mid-western Uganda*. Funded under NARO CGS Cohort IV. USD 60,000. July 2016 – June 2019.
12. *Poverty alleviation and food security in Africa through the implementation of small-scale technologies in integrated crop-livestock systems*. M-BOSS Africa Brazil Mktplace. USD 200,000. July 2016 – June 2020.
13. *Rainwater Harvesting and Small Scale Irrigation Systems: Desk Review On Rainwater Harvesting Technologies and Small-Scale Irrigation Systems for Agricultural Production* "USAID/Uganda Education and Research project to Improve Climate Change Adaptation (ERICCA)" through Makerere University Centre for Climate Change Research and Innovations (MUCCRI). USD 5000. January 2017 - June 2017.
14. *Livestock Production & Management Study*. Funded under GCP/UGA/041/EC "Global Climate Change Alliance-Uganda (GCCA): Agriculture Adaptation to Climate Change, Uganda". FAO Uganda. "Conducting applied multidisciplinary research for improving economic performance and livestock sustainability in the cattle corridor of Uganda": USD 135,000. May 2016 - December 2016.

15. *Livestock Production & Management Study*. Funded under GCP/UGA/041/EC “Global Climate Change Alliance-Uganda (GCCA): Agriculture Adaptation to Climate Change, Uganda”. FAO Uganda. " Desk Review Data Collection & Study Design for Livestock Production & Management Study: USD 15,000. May 2015 - August 2015.

Key Publications

1. Bwambale E., **Wanyama J.**, Umukiza E., Ntole R., Chikavumbwa R. S., Sibale D., Jeremaih Z. (2024). A Review of Model Predictive Control in Precision Agriculture. *Smart Agricultural Technology*. 100716. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atech.2024.100716>.
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