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Research Interests

Agricultural and Environmental Economics ([Google Scholar](#))

Employment

Graduate Research Assistant: Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (2021- Present)

Research Assistant: Economic and Social Research Foundation (2018 – 2021)

Teaching Assistant: Department of Economics, University of Dar es Salaam (2017 – 2018)

- Undergraduate Courses: Microeconomics (Year 1), Agricultural Economics (Year 2), and Econometrics (Year 3)

Postgraduate Researcher: Economic Modelling Unit, Department of Economics, University of Dar es Salaam (2016 – 2018)

Research Affiliations

- Bellemare Research Group (BeRG), University of Minnesota: 2021 - Present
- The Johnson-Polasky Research Lab, University of Minnesota: 2021 - Present
- Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy, University of Minnesota: 2021 – Present
- Economic and Social Research Foundation: 2018 - Present
- The Center for Behavioral Studies (CBS), University of Dar es Salaam: 2018 - Present
- Environment for Development Tanzania (EfDT), University of Dar es Salaam: 2017 - Present

Education

2021 - 2026 Ph.D. in Applied Economics, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA
Advisor: Prof. Marc Bellemare

2016 - 2018 Master in Economics, University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Tanzania
Thesis Title: Economic Analysis of the Adoption of Inorganic Fertilizer and Improved Maize Seeds in Tanzania
Advisor: Dr. Onesmo Selejio

2013 - 2016 Degree in Economics, Ardhi University, Tanzania
Thesis Title: Effect of Government Expenditure on Inflation in Tanzania: Evidence from 1980 to 2015
Advisors: Linus Lugaiyamu and Dr. Arnold Kihaule

Publications – Peer Reviewed

- **Lasway, J.A.**, Selejio, O. and Temba, G.R., 2021. Modeling Multiple Adoption Decisions on Agricultural Technologies in Tanzania: A Multinomial Probit Analysis. *Tanzania Economic Review*, 10(2)
- **Lasway, J.A.** and Selejio, O., 2021. An Econometric Analysis of Maize Farmer's Choice of Land Ownership Systems: Evidence Using Panel Data from Tanzania. *The African Review*, 1(aop), pp.1-24.
- **Lasway, J.A.**, Temba, G.R. and Ruhinduka, R.D., 2020. Determinants of soil conservation technologies among small-scale farmers in Tanzania; evidence from national panel survey. *African Journal of Economic Review*, 8(1), pp.89-105.
- Selejio, O. and **Lasway, J.A.**, 2019. Economic analysis of the adoption of inorganic fertilisers and improved maize seeds in Tanzania. *African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 14(4), pp.310-330.

Publications – Policy Briefs

- Lunogelo, B. H., Kihenzile, P. T, & **Lasway, A. J** (2021). Citrus in Tanzania: Prospects for increased participation of small and medium-sized enterprises. *ILAP Policy Brief*.
- Ngoma, T. A., Makene, F. S., Chegere, M., Mayige, M., Tunguhole, J., & **Lasway, A. J** (2021). Sugar-Sweetened Beverages and Obesity Prevalence: Is Sugary Beverages Taxation an Answer? *ESRF Policy Brief*.

Working Papers

- Lunogelo, H.B., Makene, F.S., Kihenzile, P., and **Lasway, A. J** (2021). Innovation and Inclusive Industrialisation in agro-processing: Tanzania Citrus Value Chain. [ILAP](#)
- Lunogelo, B. H., Makene, F. S., & **Lasway, A. J**(2021). Innovation and Inclusive Industrialisation in agro-processing: Tanzania Dairy Value Chain. [ILAP](#)

Papers under Review

- Tunguhole, J., Chegere, M., Makene, F. S., Ngoma, T. A., Mayige, M., & **Lasway, A. J**. The Economic Burden of Non-Communicable Diseases Attributable to Obesity in Tanzania: Findings from Fiscal Policies on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Research. *Health Economics*
- Chegere, M., Tunguhole, J., Makene, F. S., Ngoma, T. A., Mayige, M., & **Lasway, A. J**. Effect of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages tax on Obesity Prevalence: A Mathematical Model. *Food Policy*

Works in Progress¹

- Norman, F., Selejio, O & **Lasway, A. J**. Land Governance and Choice of Investment on Soil Conservation Technologies in Tanzania: Evidence from the Panel Data Analysis.

Blog post

- **Lasway, A. J** & Lunogelo, B. H. (2020). On-going Research on SME Inclusion in the Dairy Industry in Tanzania. [ILAP Blog-post](#).

Refereeing

- African Journal of Economic Review; Tanzania Economic Review; and The African Review

¹ Drafts can be shared if requested

Selected Research Projects

- Research Assistant: Innovation & Inclusive Industrialisation in Agro-Processing Project. Funded by Economic and Social Research Council. Working with Prof. Hazel Gray, Prof. Andrew Bowman, Prof. Fortunata Makene, Dr. Hosea Lunogelo, and Patrick Kihenzile
- Project Coordinator: The Potential Effects of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Tax on Obesity Prevalence in Tanzania. Funded by International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Working with Prof. Fortunata Makene and Dr. Martin Chegere
- Research Assistant: Documenting the Impact of COVID-19 on Food Systems and Trade between Tanzania and East African Community (EAC) Partner States. Funded by IDRC. Working with Prof. Fortunata Makene, Prof. Godwin Mjema and Dr. Hoseana Lunogelo
- I was a team member of the Tanzania Special Task Force on preparing the African Union AGENDA 2063 of the First Ten Year Implementation Plan (2010-2019) that was submitted to the African Union Commission and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD).
- Project Coordinator: End-line Evaluation of the Project on Strengthening Health Systems to Reduce Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in Simiyu Region, Tanzania. Funded by UNFPA. Working with Profs. Fortunata Makene, Lusajo Kajula and Rosemary Mwaipopo
- Research Assistant: Rapid Market Assessment of Key Export Crops in Tanzania. Funded by Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank. Working with Profs. H. Lunogelo and S. Wangwe
- Research Assistant: East Africa Youth Inclusion Programme. Funded by Heifer International and MasterCard Foundation. Working with Prof. Fortunata Makene and Patrick Kihenzile
- Research Assistant: Preparing local economic development strategy for Tanga, Arusha, Mbeya, and Mtwara Regions. Funded by World Bank and Government of Tanzania. Working with Prof. Haidari Amani
- Program Assistant Coordinator: ESRF Impact Evaluation Lab. Funded by Hewlett Foundation.
- Research Assistant: Skills for Employment: Scaling up and skilling of technical and vocational training in Sub Saharan Africa. Commissioned by UDSM. Working with Prof. Vincent Leyaro
- Research Assistant: Undertaking Public Awareness Baseline Survey on East African Community (EAC) Integration Issues and Opportunities among EAC Integration Stakeholders. Commissioned by Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Working with Prof. Haji Semboja

Awards

- Minnesota Population Centre (MPC) Travel Grant (\$500), Population of America Association (PAA) 2022 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- Mary A. and Robert B. Litterman Fellowship - 2022, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
- Jean Kinsey Fellowship - 2021, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
- Scholarship award on The Graduate Applications International Network (GAIN) under the mentorship of Prof. James Milner, Carleton University, 2020-2021
- Hewlett Foundation Grant (\$250,000) for Setting up The ESRF Impact Evaluation Lab, 2019 – 2021 with Dr. Tausi Kida, Danford Sango, and Dr. Constantine Manda
- Scholarship award on Micro-Masters of Data Economics and Development Policy (Online Course Program), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), United States of America. Funded by William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. 2019.
- Nominated for Master's Internship Programme at the World Bank Tanzania Country Office by the Principal's office of College of Social Science (CoSS) and Department of Economics, University of Dar es Salaam, 2018.

Skills

R, Python (*Intermediate level*), Nvivo, and Stata

Research Conferences

- Population of America Association (PAA) 2022 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia; 6th – 9th February 2022 (Forthcoming)
- The 2nd National Non-Communicable Diseases Conference, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: 9th – 10th November 2020.
- 11th Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting under Agricultural Economics Society of Tanzania (AGREST), 13th–15th November 2019 at Dodoma, Tanzania.
- International Conference on Nurturing Industrial Economy in Africa, University of Dodoma on 7th to 8th November, 2019 at Dodoma, Tanzania.

Personal

- Tanzanian Citizen with F-1 Visa
- Not Married (Single)

References

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