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## SUMMARY

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I am a PhD student in the Department of Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota. My research interests include development economics, food security, labor, conflict and political economy, and education. This includes hands on experience with field work, data collection and randomized development interventions in the MENA region, the GCC, and Sub-Saharan Africa. I am currently affiliated with the International Food Policy Research Institute, the Minnesota Population Center, and the Economic Research Forum.

## EDUCATION

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| <i>2021 – 2025</i> | <b>University of Minnesota - USA,</b><br>Ph.D. in Applied Economics |
| <i>2017 – 2019</i> | <b>American University in Cairo - Egypt,</b><br>M.A. in Economics   |
| <i>2007 – 2012</i> | <b>American University of Sharjah - UAE,</b><br>B.Sc. in Economics  |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| <i>Jan 2021 – present</i>  | <b>Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation, USA</b><br>❖ Graduate Research Assistant – Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) |
| <i>Jan 2021 – present</i>  | <b>Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, USA</b><br>❖ Graduate Research Assistant – Department of Global Policy                          |
| <i>Aug 2020 – present</i>  | <b>Economic Research Forum (ERF), Egypt</b><br>❖ Consultant – Sudan Labor Market Panel Survey and the ADWA Project                              |
| <i>Aug 2018 – Dec 2020</i> | <b>International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Egypt</b><br>❖ Senior Research Assistant – Development Strategy and Governance DSGD    |
| <i>Aug 2017 – Aug 2018</i> | <b>United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), Egypt</b><br>❖ Senior Associate – Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping VAM                          |
| <i>Jan 2017 – Aug 2017</i> | <b>American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt</b><br>❖ Graduate Research Assistant – Department of Economics                                     |
| <i>May 2015 – Jan 2017</i> | <b>Sharjah Investment &amp; Development Authority, UAE</b><br>❖ Head of Research & Development – Sharjah FDI Research Department                |
| <i>Jul 2013 – May 2015</i> | <b>Dubai Economic Council, UAE</b><br>❖ Co-author & Economic Researcher – Dr. Ibrahim Elbadawi  |

## RESIDENT AFFILIATION

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- Jan 2020 – present*      **Minnesota Population Center (IPUMS-International), USA**  
❖ Graduate Research Assistant
- Jan 2020 – present*      **Department of Applied Economics, USA**  
❖ PhD Student

## NON-RESIDENT AFFILIATION

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- Mar 2019 – present*      **Economic Research Forum (ERF), Egypt**  
❖ Research Fellow

## RESEARCH

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### Journal articles

- Abay, Kibrom A.; Ibrahim, Hosam; and Breisinger, Clemens, 2021. Food Policies and Obesity in Low and Middle Income Countries. *World Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2021.105775>.
- Kurdi, Sikandra; Figueroa, Jose Luis; and Ibrahim, Hosam. 2020. “Nutritional Training in a Humanitarian Context: Evidence from a Cluster-Randomized Trial.” *Maternal and Child Nutrition*. e12973. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mcn.12973>

### Peer-reviewed working papers and reports

- Abay, Kibrom A.; Ibrahim, Hosam; and Breisinger, Clemens. 2020. Food Policies and Obesity in Low and Middle Income Countries. MENA Working Paper, 28. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.133679>
- Abay, Kibrom A.; and Ibrahim, Hosam. 2020. Winners and losers from COVID-19: Evidence from Google search data for Egypt. MENA Policy Note, 8. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.133776>
- Abay, Kibrom A.; Ibrahim, Hosam; Breisinger, Clemens; and Bayasgalanbat, Nomindelger. 2020. Food Policies and their Implications on Overweight and Obesity Trends in Selected Countries in the Near East and North Africa Region. MENA Working Paper, 30. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.4060/cb2338en>
- Ibrahim, Hosam. 2019. “Political Violence and Youth Bulges.” ERF Working Paper Series No. 1310. <http://erf.org.eg/publications/political-violence-and-youth-bulges/>.
- Kurdi, Sikandra; Breisinger, Clemens; Ibrahim, Hosam; Ghorpade, Yashodhan; and Al-Ahmadi, Afrah. 2019. Responding to conflict: Does “Cash Plus” work for preventing malnutrition?: New evidence from an impact evaluation of Yemen’s Cash for Nutrition Program. IFPRI Policy Brief. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/9780896293601>
- Kurdi, Sikandra; Ghorpade, Yashodhan; and Ibrahim, Hosam. 2019. The cash for nutrition intervention in Yemen: Impact evaluation study. MENA RP Working Paper 19. Washington, DC and Cairo, Egypt: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.133219>

## Conferences

- International Food Policy Research Institute Research Day, November 2019 – Washington, DC, USA
  - Presented the impact evaluation of a conditional cash transfer in Yemen.
- Economic Research Forum Annual Conference, March 2019 – Kuwait City, Kuwait
  - Presented a paper on the effect of youth bulges on civil unrest.
- Research and Creativity Convention at the American University in Cairo, April 2019 – Cairo, Egypt
  - Presented my MA thesis on youth bulges and civil unrest.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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| Jan 2021 -<br>Present | <p><b>Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation, USA</b><br/><i>Graduate Research Assistant – Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Analyzed and harmonized data for the IPUMS International project including historical census data from Egypt (1848 and 1868).</li><li>➤ Coded the harmonization procedure for census data from the MENA region</li><li>➤ Integration and harmonization of the 2021 releases of the IPUMS-International datasets.</li><li>➤ Provided coding and analysis support for IPUMS International users from the government and the academic and NGO communities.</li></ul>   |
| Jan 2021 -<br>Present | <p><b>Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, USA</b><br/><i>Graduate Research Assistant – Department of Global Policy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Co-authored a report on the effect of Covid-19 on jobs in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Sudan, and Tunisia as part of the Covid-19 MENA Monitor funded by the ILO and IZA. Analyzed data collected from MENA countries on the effect of Covid-19 on labor market outcomes.</li><li>➤ Presented findings of the analysis to policy makers, research institutes and international development partners.</li></ul>  |
| Aug 2020 -<br>Present | <p><b>Economic Research Forum (ERF), Egypt</b><br/><i>Consultant – Sudan Labor Market Panel Survey and the ADWA Project</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Designed and programmed the questionnaire for the first Labor Market Panel Survey (SLMPS) in Sudan. Implemented the pilot of the SLMPS and supervised the tech setup.</li><li>➤ Conducted training of trainers for statisticians, field supervisors and enumerators and GIS team members in preparation for the launch of the SLMPS. Co-developed the sampling frame for the SLMPS and the sample selection process.</li><li>➤ Co-edited the report on Moving Beyond the Unemployment Rate: Alternative Measures of Labor Market Outcomes to Advance the Decent Work Agenda in North Africa (ADWA) and co-authored the overview chapter of the report.</li><li>➤ Authored four country reports on the impact of Covid-19 on firms in Jordan, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia as part of the Covid-19 Monitor project funded by the ILO and FCDO. Analyzed and harmonized labor market outcome data for Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, and Sudan.</li></ul> |

Aug 2018 -  
Dec 2020

**International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Egypt**  
*Senior Research Assistant – Development Strategy and Governance (DSGD)*

- Co-developed new project proposals and impact evaluation concept notes in support of resource mobilization and funding for development projects in the MENA region.
- Worked on impact evaluations of development interventions, including conditional cash transfers and behavioral change communication, in the MENA region as well as performing analysis of household data to measure health, education and consumption outcomes.
- Analyzed data and developed a report from a randomized control trial in Yemen for the impact evaluation of nutrition knowledge training on infant and young child feeding practices, as part of a conditional cash transfers program.
- Co-authored a journal article on mother nutrition practices and nutrition training to be published in the Mother and Child Nutrition Journal.
- Co-authored a report on the impact of food and trade policies on obesity, malnutrition, and the nutrition transition in the MENA region.
- Co-authored a journal article on the impact of tariff rates on healthy diets and food subsidy expenditure on body weight outcomes in the developing world.
- Co-authored a report and a journal article on the impact of Covid-19 on the economies of Egypt and Sudan and the effect the pandemic had on food security.

Aug 2017 -  
Jul 2018

**United Nations World Food Programme, Egypt**  
*Senior Associate – Vulnerability Analysis & Mapping VAM*

- Developed a research-based policy brief on forecasting food prices in Egypt to enhance social safety nets and provide a basis for impact assessments of subsidy policies.
- Investigated food insecurity and income vulnerability in Egypt, to help develop programmatic interventions addressing urban poverty, child labour, and rural Egypt's income generating activities in vulnerable communities.
- Analyzed food consumption statistics and supported developing and designing programmatic interventions to improve the nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women as well as community school children
- Supported the development of the Egypt Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2018-2022) as part of the CSP Task Force team.
- Designed and conducted statistical analysis training (using STATA) to WFP staff members as part of the staff capacity development plan.

- Jan 2017 -  
Aug 2017
- American University in Cairo, Egypt**  
*Graduate Research Assistant – Department of Economics and Department of Finance*
- Provided research support in data analysis and collection for a project analyzing the effect of access to micro-loans on the performance of micro-businesses in Upper Egypt.
  - Assisted with data collection and data quality evaluation for an EBRD funded project addressing youth and financial inclusion in Egypt.
- May 2015 -  
Jan 2017
- Sharjah Investment & Development Authority, Sharjah Government – UAE**  
*Research & Development Manager – Sharjah FDI and Research*
- Provided macroeconomic analysis and forecasts of foreign direct investment (FDI) in various sectors in the Emirate of Sharjah.
  - Managed and conducted the data collection for Sharjah's enterprise-level survey used in the Sharjah Economic Outlook report.
  - Co-authored the Sharjah Economic Outlook report in consultation with Dun & Bradstreet and the Financial Times.
  - Prepared policy briefs on how ease of doing business, removing administrative hurdles and tax incentives can impact FDI.
  - Generated monthly and quarterly forecasts for Sharjah's CPI and National Accounts using both uni/multi-variate modelling.
  - Authored a policy report investigating the economic impact of free zones on Sharjah's FDI.
  - Managed the budget of the newly established R&D department.
  - Established the new R&D department and setting forth the guidelines, budget and strategic research contribution plan.
- Jul 2013 -  
May 2015
- Dubai Economic Council, Dubai Government – UAE**  
*Co-author and Economic Researcher – Dr. Ibrahim Elbadawi, Economic Policy & Research Center*
- Assisted with research and editing The Economy of Dubai book published in the Oxford University Press in 2016.
  - Co-authored, policy briefs in the fields of real estate economics, macroeconomic forecasting, wealth management, and the securities and commodities markets in Dubai.
  - Provided research assistance and data analysis in published journal articles by Elbadawi, Ibrahim in the fields of poverty, real exchange rate misalignment, exports, the macroeconomics of gold, and the analysis of the natural resource curse.
  - Provided research assistance and data analysis for the paper: Competitive Real Exchange Rates are Good for the Poor: Evidence from Egyptian Household Surveys, published as an Economic Research Forum working paper in 2015.
  - Developed policy briefs and discussion notes submitted by the Secretary General to the Executive Council of the Government of Dubai.

- Mar 2012 - **Estee Lauder Companies, FZE Dubai – UAE**  
Jul 2013 *Demand & Supply Planner Middle East and India*
- Clinique and Aramis& Designer Fragrances forecasting.
  - Create business plan and reconcile with market requirements and forecast.
  - Supply planning and 3PL operations’ management while chairing Sales, Operations, and Planning meetings.
  - Present and analyze market opportunities and risks as well as inventory review reporting and obsolescence analysis.
  - Weighted forecast accuracy reporting and analysis and extensive SAP (SMI) training as a power user for D2B and master data maintenance.
  - Manage Middle East and India inventory and annual stock auditing.
- May 2011 - **National Research Fund, Abu Dhabi – UAE**  
Jan 2012 *Research Assistant / Data Analyst*
- Quantitative and qualitative research on the 12 pillars of competitiveness of the World Economic Forum 2009, 2010, and 2011.
  - Statistical analysis of GCC, MENA, and ASIA competitiveness.
  - Analyze competitiveness of the UAE federal, local, and private sectors.
  - Recommend a five-year plan and strategy for the Abu Dhabi Economic Development.
- Jun 2011 - **Estee Lauder Companies, FZE Dubai – UAE**  
Aug 2011 *Intern / Price Analyst*
- Strategic price analysis for the prestige and mass market.
  - Competition SRP estimation and market structure analysis (leader/follower strategy).
  - Price Index Analysis and cosmetics’ price elasticity estimation for the prestige and mass market.
- Sep 2010 - **American University of Sharjah School of Business and Management, UAE**  
Jun 2011 *Teaching Assistant*
- Grade student papers and tutor principles of Micro/Macroeconomics.
  - Extensive literature review in the Public Economics field.
  - Co-author with Dr Benjamin Artz, Industrial Organization – Government Objective Functions in Mixed Oligopolies.
- Jul 2007 - **American University of Sharjah Office of Enrollment Management, Sharjah – UAE**  
Feb 2011 *Head Student Employee*
- Manage student employment and payroll.
  - Organize and process new student applications.
  - Organize higher education exhibitions for AUS.

Oct 2009 - **American University of Sharjah School of Business and Management, UAE**  
May 2010 *Research Assistant*

- Study Arab students' ethical decision making.
- Data analysis and surveys of eight American Universities in the MENA region.
- Data and regression analysis of the volume and impact of remittances in the UAE.

Jun 2006 - **ACNielsen, Sharjah – UAE**  
Jan 2007 *Research Interpreter*

- English transcription of Arabic in depth focus groups.
- Instant English translation.
- TV ads translation (Sensodyne – Pronamel ME).

## TECHNICAL & SOFT SKILLS

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STATA – R – Maple – SPSS – E-Views – MS Office – JD Edwards – Citrix FOCUS – Manugistics  
Analytical and Innovative – Professional and Ethical – Creative Problem Solver

## TRAININGS

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- Economic Research Forum: Advanced Microeconomic Modelling
- United Nations Global Operational Information Management and Performance Reporting
- United Nations Prevention of Fraud, Corruption, and Sexual Exploitation and Accountability
- United Nations Basic and Advanced Security in the Field –
- Economic Research Forum: Writing Winning Proposals and Papers
- Deutsch Bundesbank: Macroeconomic Modeling and Forecasting
- Franklin Covey's: The 7-Habits of Highly Effective People
- EXECU Advanced Excel Training
- 8ack Talking Presentations