

Profile and Curriculum Vitae for Ssekate John Mary:**Date February 11, 2024**

Name	: Ssekate John Mary
Gender	: Male
Education level	: Master's Degree.
Faith	: Christian
Date of birth	: January 5, 1984
Nationality	: Ugandan
Marital status	: Married.
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Language:

I am fluent in English; written and spoken

I also speak Kiswahili, which is a common language of communication in Africa.

I have started French language classes;

Social Work and Other Educational Qualifications.

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and Social Administration Kampala International University (1998)

Masters of Arts in Project Planning and Management-Major in Social Projects,-(2012)

Post graduate professional certificates in –Health and Migration (Makerere University) Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights-(Makerere University), Case Management for Children and Adolescents Exposed to Violence (Makerere University) Certificate in Special Children's Human Rights, (Institute of Inspiring Children Future, University of Strathclyde, and Glasgow Scotland,) mental Health and Psychosocial Support and Sign language.

Commitment to the goals of IFSW

I am fully committed to the goals and aspirations of the IFSW and promote its values and principles at all times and in every situation where it is called for in line with the IFSW constitution. This is based on my unwavering support and commitment in the work of the National Association of Social Workers of Uganda and service on national Regional and International Social Work technical committees. I therefore bring in expertise as well as leadership skills that are fundamental ingredients of the Social Work Profession. I intend to uphold and promote the aims of the IFSW as stipulated in the constitution in the following ways:

I shall facilitate international and regional cooperation for shared learning and joint action for National Associations in the Africa region IFSW membership. Support the development of the key policy documents including but not limited to ethical statements and policies that enhance best social work practice: Advocate at global, regional and national levels for social justice, and individual, group, civic and cultural human rights. Further still advocate for the professional social work values, standards, and ethics, human rights, recognition, training and working conditions

Professional Leadership and Experience

Social work student leader and pioneer Kampala International University Students Association (2005-2008)

Patron of Social Work Students Association for Africa Renewal University and Kampala International University (2013-2016)

Lecturer and supervised both research and field work up to 300 social work students at Africa Renewal University and Kampala International University (2013-2016).

National Capacity Building Officer. National Association of Social Workers of Uganda (NASWU) (2017-2018)

National Coordinator –National Association of Social Workers of Uganda- 2018-todate
<https://www.ifsw.org/uganda-association-pubshesannual-report>

Coordinator-Dream a difference project 2016-2017, to empower Refugee children in Africa.
<https://dreamadifference.art/community/our-partnerships/uganda>

Research Co-investigator REFLECT study (Kyaka 11 Refugee Settlement) “Refugee knowledge, adherence and the lived experiences in COVID-19-led by Makerere University in partnership with five social work agencies (2020)

https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-84678-7_11

I Sit on Inter-University Council for East Africa select technical committee made up of seven member states including Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda working on benchmarks to standardize the bachelor of social work education in East Africa

<https://www.socialserviceworkforce.org/resources/blog/east-africa-region-starts-process-standardizing-social-work-education>

Coordinator international learning exchange programs to foster learning between Uganda and social workers from other parts of the World for the last five years.

<https://www.ifsw.org/cross-learning-between-israeli-and-ugandan-social-workers/>

Coordinator for continuous professional development and mentorship engagements for early career professionals and frontline social workers focusing on mental health and child protection skills based on INSPIRE global package in Uganda for the last five years. <https://www.ifsw.org/paving-the-way-for-a-safer-and-more-secure-future-for-children-in-uganda/>

Part of the organising committee members of International Federation of Social Workers Africa Region Conference 2019 and took lead in organising the youth pre-event.

Led organising national events like the World Social Work Day celebrations in Uganda for the last five years aiming at engaging younger people from different regions of Uganda. <https://www.ifsw.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/NASWU-SOCIAL-WORK-DAY-REPORT-3-4.pdf>

Part of the organising committee members for the International Federation of Social Workers Africa Region Conference 2021 in Kigali Rwanda and presented on behalf of NASWU.

Coordinated virtual capacity building and advocacy efforts to promote resilience of Individuals, families and communities during and after COVID-19.

Sit on the International Federation of Social Workers Occupation therapy to shape occupational health and safety of workers globally including mental health.

Sit on the Uganda ministry of health technical working group where I make contributions on the mental health guidelines, tools and policy.

Sit on Ministry of Gender, Child protection working group and advocacy committees.

Coordinated pre-testing the Uganda harmonized case-management tool, and the para-social work audit report working with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development <https://www.ifsw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/PSW-Skills-Audit-FINAL-July-21-2017-1-1.pdf>

My plan of Action:

Advocacy: I will lead and execute the role of advocating for the Social Workers in Africa and globally. This I believe will contribute to development of the IFSW both at Global level and at regional level. Promote the goals and values of social work, social justice and human rights through effective advocacy and in line with global social work agenda.

Partnerships: I will ensure that IFSW becomes a strong force in the global partnership and development paradigm by connecting with other likeminded bodies and actively participating in the work of the IFSW. Using evidence from Africa, I will promote Social Work principles of Social Work in Africa Region.

System strengthening. I will support IFSW to develop and influence relevant policies in advancement of the Social Work Profession through legislation and appropriation of government budget towards Social Work.

Capacity Building and mentorship. I will work with international partners like Global Social Workforce Alliance, REPSSI, UN agencies and National Associations, EU and UK governments to train frontline social workers and early career professionals on practical and certification areas like Child protection, Mental Health and psychosocial support, IELTS- Academic, to increase the capacity and employability of social workers in the region along different domains of social work practice.

Standardization of Social work: I will promote standardization of social work education and practice through supporting National associations to come up with Minimum standards for social work education, Regional Benchmarks/ standards for the Bachelor, of social work and Regional frameworks for strengthening social work in Africa.

Coordination: I will Strengthening the Social Work Professional bodies in the Africa Region through regular coordination and capacity building of the Association leadership as well as establishing strong networking platforms so that Africa Region is well positioned to benefit from the global social work dispensation. In this I will put unique emphasis on French Speaking Countries and Arabic speaking countries and ensure there clear interpretation software and that their views are part of all discussions and establishing associations in countries where national associations don't exist.

Resource Mobilization: I will lead resource mobilization efforts and accountability and provide platform for effectiveness networking with other likeminded organizations for purpose of greater access to global resources and opportunities. Use my project planning skills and write proposals aiming at addressing social work challenges of our time.

Visibility and Community sanction: I will led efforts to establish a professional attire/ uniform for social workers, flag and anthem, information inventory/ online resource center for social workers.

Research and Knowledge generation. I will work with national Associations, and Research and academic institutions to have at least two effective social work journals one for early career professionals and the other for practitioners.

Commitment to serve, date and signature.

I am fully aware and understand the implication of devoting time to undertake the work responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee. I am committed to the work of Social Work profession and I will sacrifice my quality time to promote social work goals in our African Region.

Sincerely



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