MWIYA KATUNGA

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Mathematically grounded Economics Graduate (Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Mulungushi University) with 4 years of rigorous academic and quantitative research training (2021–2025). Demonstrated excellence in quantitative methods with a **Distinction (Grade A) in Econometrics I** and **Meritorious (Grade B+) in Econometrics II & Final Research Thesis**. Hands-on expertise conducting empirical studies using **SPSS** and **EViews**, with rapid technical adaptability to master **Stata** for consumer protection and digital financial service field evaluations. Author of a comprehensive 4-year thesis on *The Impact of Copper Mining on Zambia's Economic Growth*, backed by strong coursework in Monitoring & Evaluation, Development Economics, and Data Analysis. Eager to contribute research quality, data integrity, and evidence-based analytical insights to the Research Associate role at Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Zambia.

CORE COMPETENCIES & SKILLS

- **Statistical & Econometric Tools:** SPSS, EViews, Stata (Rapid Learner), MS Excel, Software Applications (SSS262)
- **Quantitative Analysis:** Econometrics, Time-Series Modeling, Secondary Data Cleaning, Mathematical Economics
- **Policy & Research Design:** Monitoring & Evaluation (SDS442), Survey Instruments, Environmental Scans, Policy Reports
- **Project & Data Operations:** Data Integrity & Ethical Protocols, Deliverable Tracking, Stakeholder Presentations

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Mulungushi University — School of Social Sciences, Kabwe, Zambia | 2021 – 2025 (Graduated Oct 31, 2025)

Key Academic Highlights & Coursework: Econometrics I (Grade A - Distinction), Mathematics II (Grade A - Distinction), Econometrics II (Grade B+ - Meritorious), Research Report Thesis (Grade B+ - Meritorious), Zambian Economy (Grade B+), Development Economics (Grade B+), Monitoring & Evaluation of Development Policies (SDS442), Research Techniques in Economics (SEC461), Data Analysis & Software Applications (SSS262).

Grade 12 School Certificate (ECZ)

Nalionwa High School, Zambia | Completed 2018

Results Summary: 8 Subjects Passed with 4 Distinctions — Mathematics (Grade 1), Civic Education (Grade 1), Science (Grade 2), Principles of Accounts (Grade 2), Commerce (Grade 2); and 4 Merits — English Language (Grade 3), History (Grade 3), Biology (Grade 4).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lead Student Researcher & Quantitative Analyst

Department of Economics, Mulungushi University | September 2021 – June 2025

> **Major Thesis Project:** The Impact of Copper Mining on Zambia's Economic Growth *(Awarded Grade B+ - Meritorious)*

- **Research Design & Quantitative Framework (40%):** Designed and executed a 4-year empirical study analyzing macro-economic indicators, national GDP performance, mining output data, and government revenue structures under university supervision.
- **Econometric Analysis & Software Proficiency:** Applied econometric regression techniques and time-series modeling using SPSS and EViews to evaluate economic multiplier effects (achieved Grade A in Econometrics I); structured analytical framework for quick transition into Stata routines.
- **Literature Synthesis & Regulatory Scans:** Conducted comprehensive scans of Zambia's mining policy framework, fiscal regimes, and macroeconomic trade policies (SEC451 & SEC431), synthesizing complex data into clear research reports.
- **Data Cleaning & Quality Verification:** Cleaned and verified secondary macroeconomic datasets from national institutions (Bank of Zambia, ZamStats), ensuring complete data precision and protocol adherence.
- **Reporting & Policy Synthesis (35%):** Authored technical research papers and executive briefs presenting statistical findings to faculty assessment panels and peer review seminars.

- **Project Coordination & Timeline Management (25%):** Managed research schedules, data documentation, and project milestones systematically across all academic sessions to deliver final deliverables on schedule.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS & ANALYTICAL PRACTICE

- **Monitoring & Evaluation Frameworks (SDS442):** Constructed baseline indicators, data collection instruments, and evaluation matrixes for national development projects and economic policy interventions.
- **Financial Sector & Trade Scans:** Analyzed market dynamics in Zambia's financial sector, digital financial service adoption, micro-credit access, and macroeconomic stabilization trends.
- **Data Software Applications (SSS262 & ICT132):** Applied software tools for quantitative data entry, statistical validation, automated coding, and graphical dashboarding.

LANGUAGES & PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES

- **Languages:** English (Full Professional Fluency - Written & Oral, Grade 3 Merit ECZ), Zambian Vernaculars
- **Availability & Location:** Based in Lusaka, Zambia. Immediately available for full-time engagement with IPA Zambia under the Consumer Protection Research Initiative (CPRI).