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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am an accomplished activist legal scholar, and my specific area of scholarship and advocacy falls within the broader area of human rights in development. I specialise in law and human rights relating to gender, sexuality, and reproduction and their intersections with social norms and culture.

CAREER SUMMARY

January 2020 – December 2023 Legal consultant on human rights, law and development – KK Attorneys, Blantyre

Outline

KK Attorneys is a legal firm and a consulting firm

Areas of work

- General legal practice
- Consulting with a focus on human rights
- Legal advisory services

Notable undertakings

- In 2022, I joined a constitutional court matter as *amicus curie* to explain why the 'defilement' provision should be reformed to not criminalise adolescents for engaging in consensual sex.
- In 2021 I was contracted by Options Consulting Services to support Ipas-Malawi office and the Coalition for Unsafe Abortion to support engaging Parliamentarians and Traditional Leaders to support the Termination of Pregnancy Bill. I was involved in the processes that led up to the events in March 2021 when Parliamentarians refused to take up the ToP Bill.
- In 2021 received funding from Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR) and successfully facilitated litigation of the very first civil abortion case in Malawi. The litigation led to cooperation between Ipas and CRR to conduct awareness meetings on involving the courts to enhance support for the ToP Bill.
- In 2021, with the support of IPPF affiliate in Malawi and Options Consulting, organised a meeting with health professionals to discuss access to safe abortion for minor girls, and this has led Options to consider funding a study on the situation of access to safe abortion from minor girls

June 2016 – current

Founding Executive Director, Nyale Institute for Sexual and Reproductive Health Governance: Blantyre, Malawi.

Outline

Nyale was established in 2013 and its mission is to advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights, especially for marginalised groups.

Key responsibilities

- Providing strategic direction to develop Nyale Institute into a full-fledged advocacy organisation.
- Developing capacity of Nyale Institute to run and manage projects.
- Build the capacity of young people to engage in sexual and reproductive health rights advocacy.

Key achievements/projects

- In 2018 implemented a project to harmonise sexual violence and pregnancy prevention policies and laws funded by Population Council, Kenya, which included:
 - Identifying a case of a child who became pregnant because of sexual violence and strategising to initiate litigation (ended in 2018).
- Initiated collaboration between Center for Reproductive Rights (Kenya) and Southern Africa Litigation Center (South Africa) with Nyale and another local organisation to train lawyers on reproductive rights litigation.
- Since 2023, Nyale Institute has started to receive funding from three other funders:
 - Marie Stopes International (MSI)/BLM
 - RAES
 - Amplify Change
- In 2023, Nyale Institute initiated second strategic litigation to support a child survivor of sexual violence to seek an interpretation of her rights under the Gender Equality Act.

Dec 2014 – June 2016

Executive Director, Malawi Law Society: Blantyre, Malawi.

Outline

The Malawi Law Society (MLS) is established by law to which all legal practitioners in Malawi subscribe, and amongst its objectives is to protect and assist the public in Malawi on matters regarding the law.

Key responsibilities

- Headed the Secretariat and oversaw administration and managed programs
- Implemented Malawi Law Society strategic plan under the direction of the Executive Committee
- Fundraising for the Society's public interest projects
- Coordinated and managed outreach projects.

Key achievements/projects

- Developed a successful proposal funded by the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) to carry out a project on improving human rights literacy through electronic and print media
- Developed a successful proposal funded by Other Foundation to promote rights relating to LGBTI persons

- Initiated the first *pro bono* booklet of the Malawi Law Society to guide the development and execution of its *pro bono* projects.
- Coordinated a *pro bono* project providing legal assistance for youth on remand who did not have legal representation

August 2008 – June 2012

Consultant then Policy Associate, Ipas: Kenya Office based in Malawi.

Outline

Ipas is a global non-governmental organisation dedicated to ending preventable deaths and disabilities from unsafe abortion.

Key responsibilities

- Implementation of Ipas's global strategic plan in Malawi
- Development and coordination of grassroots abortion reform advocacy movement
- Management and coordination of research on access to safe abortion
- Building partnerships with government departments, development partners, professional organisations and non-governmental organisations working on reproductive health and human rights
- Management of the Malawi office, including providing administrative and financial oversight
- Organising and conducting workshops with various stakeholders

Key achievements/Projects

- Developed a research proposal on the Magnitude Study of Unsafe Abortion in Malawi and coordinated the study in 2009
- Managed and coordinated the WHO Strategic Assessment of unsafe abortion policies, which resulted in a peer-reviewed journal publication
- Established the Ipas Malawi office and assured its continuity by identifying a successor who went on to become a very successful country director

June 2013 – December 2014

Policy Development Advocacy Fellow, Sonke Gender Justice (South Africa) based in Malawi.

Outline

Sonke Gender Justice is an NGO that works across Africa to strengthen government, civil society and citizen capacity to promote gender equality, prevent domestic and sexual violence, and reduce the spread and impact of HIV and AIDS.

Key responsibilities

- Provided policy support to programs on involving men in sexual and reproductive health and rights in Malawi
- Supported the programs office in Johannesburg on developing policy approaches or responses related to involving boys and men projects

Key achievements/projects

- Supported Parent and Child Health Initiative (PACHI) in Malawi to conduct research on involving men to promote gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

2017 – current

Visiting lecturer, University of Pretoria Center for Human Rights – LLM/MPhil Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Program.

Key responsibilities

- Delivering lecture modules on adolescent sexuality and the right to contraception
- Conducting academic assessments
- Mentoring
- Research

Achievements

- Contributed to raising the profile of child/adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights in the LLM/MPhil course

2022 – current

Part-time Lecturer in Diploma in Human Rights – Malawi School of Government

- Delivering lecture module on Human Rights
- Conducting academic assessments

2022 – current

Part-time Lecturer in Global Health Program – Master of Science in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

- Delivering lecture module on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Delivering lecture module on gender in the health system
- Conducting academic assessments

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS

- **Godfrey Dalitso Kangaude** 'Disability, the Stigma of Asexuality and Sexual Health: A Sexual Rights Perspective' (2009) 5(4) *Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal*, 22.
- **Godfrey Dalitso Kangaude** 'Advancing the Sexual Health of Persons with Disabilities through Sexual Rights: The Challenge' in Shuttleworth, R., and Sanders, T.: 2010. *Sex and Disability: politics, identity and access* Leeds: The Disability Press.
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- **Godfrey Kangaude** and Tiffany Banda, 'Sexual Health and Rights of Adolescents: A dialogue with Sub-Saharan Africa' in *Strengthening the protection of sexual and reproductive health and rights in the African region through human rights*, ed. Charles Ngwenya and Ebenezer Durojaye (Pretoria, South Africa: Pretoria University Law Press (PULP), 2014)
- **Godfrey Kangaude**, "Enhancing the role of health professionals in the advancement of adolescent sexual health and rights in Africa", *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*, (2015).
- Kalilani-Phiri, L; Gebreselassie, H; Levandowski, B; Kuchingale, E; Kachale, F; **Kangaude, Godfrey**, "The severity of abortion complications in Malawi" *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics* (2015)
- **Godfrey Kangaude** (ed) *Legal Grounds III: Reproductive and Sexual Rights in Sub-Saharan African Courts* (2017) Pretoria University Law Press
- **Godfrey Kangaude**, "Adolescent sex and 'defilement' in Malawi law and society" *African Human Rights Law Journal* 17.2 (2017) 527-49.
- **Godfrey Kangaude** & Chisale Mhango, "The duty to make abortion law transparent: A Malawi case study" *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics* (2018) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30054908>
- **Godfrey Kangaude** & Ann Skelton, "(De)criminalising adolescent sex: A rights-based assessment of age of consent laws in Eastern and Southern Africa" *SAGE Open* (2018)
- **Godfrey Kangaude**, "A review of the role of Malawi's law reform agency in criminalization and decriminalization of female same-sex sexual conduct" *Journal of Lesbian Studies* (2019) <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10894160.2019.1592943>
- **Godfrey Kangaude** et al, "Preventable hysterectomies in Malawi: Addressing challenges in the healthcare system" *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics* (2020) <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/ijgo.13121>
- **Godfrey Kangaude**, Ernestina Coast & Tamara Fetters (2020) Adolescent sexual and reproductive health and universal health coverage: a comparative policy and legal analysis of Ethiopia, Malawi and Zambia, *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*, 28:2, DOI: [10.1080/26410397.2020.1832291](https://doi.org/10.1080/26410397.2020.1832291)
- **GD Kangaude**, D Bhana & A Skelton 'Childhood sexuality in Africa: A child rights perspective' (2020) *20 African Human Rights Law Journal* 688-712 <http://dx.doi.org/10.17159/1996-2096/2020/v20n2a15>
- **Kangaude, G.** (2021). Positive approaches to childhood sexuality and transforming gender norms in Malawi. In *Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Africa* (pp. 99-114). Routledge.
- **Kangaude, G. D.**, Macleod, C., Coast, E., & Fetters, T. (2022). Integrating child rights standards in contraceptive and abortion care for minors in Africa. *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*, 159(3), 998-1004.
- **Kangaude, G. D.**, Sibande, C. G., Ross, S. D., & Liu, M. X. (2023). Abortion law reform in Malawi: a case study in stakeholder engagement, public education, and human rights advocacy. In *Research Handbook on International Abortion Law* (pp. 82-102). Edward Elgar Publishing.

- **Kangaude, G., & Macleod, C. (2024).** The nexus between COVID-19 and sexual and reproductive health of adolescents: Bringing adolescents 'home'. In *COVID-19 and the Right to Health in Africa* (pp. 247-270). Routledge

FELLOWSHIPS/MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

- Member of Malawi Law Society
- Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Fellow, University of Toronto
- 2019 Population Reference Bureau Policy Communications Fellow
- 2022 Postdoctoral Fellow with the Critical Studies in Sexualities and Reproduction, Rhodes University, South Africa
- 2023 Research Associate with the Critical Studies in Sexualities and Reproduction, Rhodes University, South Africa

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES/PROJECTS

- 2022 Facilitated the development of a Communications and Advocacy Strategy for Young Women's Coalition (YOWCO), an organisation that is working to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights in Malawi
- 2016 - Was part of the team that developed the Global Abortion Policies Database compiled by the World Health Organisation.
- 2017 – 2019 Contracted by the London School of Economics as one of the consultants in a team to implement research on Improving Adolescent Access to Contraception and Safe Abortion in Sub-Saharan Africa: Health System Pathways (Zambia, Malawi and Ethiopia) (2017-2019)
- 2019 Contracted by UNFPA ESARO Office to review and update the report on 'Harmonising the Legal Environment for Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights' (see: <https://esaro.unfpa.org/en/publications/harmonizing-legal-environment-adolescent-sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-rights-0>)
- 2022 Engaged by UN Women to develop policy briefs and conduct policy dialogues in four thematic areas: Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Harmful Practices, Engaging Boys and Men, and School-Related Gender-Based Violence.
- 2024 Engaged by Ipas and HIVOS to develop a governance structure for a newly established parliamentary forum, the Eastern and Southern Africa Parliamentary Caucus on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Assisted in creating its mission and vision as well as governance structure to facilitate its work to advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights in Eastern and Southern Africa.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- **Doctor of Laws (Sexuality, gender and law)** - University of Pretoria - 2020
- **Master of Laws (Public interest law and policy)** – University of California Los Angeles – 2013
- **Master of Laws (Sexual and Reproductive Rights)** – University of the Free State – 2008
- **Bachelor of Laws** – University of Malawi – 2006

Referees

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