

Edgar Wabyona: When I obtained my first degree in Food and Nutrition Science from Makerere University, I knew right then that I wanted to use my skills to the benefit of the poor and food insecure both within and outside Uganda. This became even clearer when I joined the World Food Programme in 2010 where I came face to face with the challenges that the less privileged in society grapple with on a daily basis, including inadequate food for their families. Yet, from the macro perspective, I could see that many of the methods applied to address this problem were no different from those unsuccessfully tried in the past. I then enrolled for the Master in Human Development and Food Security in quest for tools for fighting hunger and Poverty. During the course of the master, i conducted research with Bioversity International on the links between agricultural biodiversity and nutrition, a subject I felt was relevant to my background. The experience of the master helped me develop critical thinking and analytical abilities in relation to the prevailing development challenges, and furnished me with the skills to identify context specific solutions to hunger and poverty. But most of all, I acquired the self-confidence that i feel will come in handy while advancing novel thinking in the development field. I am currently a consultant at FAO in Rome and each day, I recognize the multidisciplinary nature of Food Security and the challenges involved at an international level.