

Curriculum Vitae

Joachim De Weerd

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Professional Experience

2021–current	Senior Research Fellow & Malawi Country Program Leader , International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Lilongwe, Malawi
2014–current	Associate Professor in Development Economics , University of Antwerp, Belgium
2014–current	Senior Research Fellow , LICOS Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance, KU Leuven, Belgium
2014–2018	Non-Executive Director , Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)
2002–2014	Co-founder & Research Director , Economic Development Initiatives (EDI), Tanzania We established, grew and sold a sustainable private sector research firm in Africa.
1995–2002	Research and Teaching Assistant , Department of Economics, KU Leuven, Belgium

Education

1997–2002	PhD in Economics, KU Leuven
1995–1997	Master of Science in Economics, KU Leuven
1991–1995	Bachelor of Science in Economics, KU Leuven

Teaching

2015–2021	Political Economy of Development, Master level, University of Antwerp
2016–2021	Quantitative Development Evaluation, Advanced master level, University of Antwerp
2018–2021	Advanced Development Economics (co-teaching), Advanced Master level, KU Leuven
2014–2015	Research Methods (Working with data) Advanced master level, University of Antwerp
2000–2001	Introduction to Economics Bachelor level, University of Bukoba, Tanzania

PhD Students

Advisor	Adriana Oliveres Mallol (ongoing), Hanne Van Cappellen (ongoing), Sarah Thontwa (ongoing), Shaun Da Costa (2023), Hannah Ameye (2020).
Committee	Anna Fabry (2022, KU Leuven), Coline Broka (2021, U Namur), Sahawal Ali-dou (2020, UA), Christina Shitima (2020, UA), Liz Ignowski (2020, KU Leuven), Alexandra Panman (2019, Oxford University), Lara Cockx (2019, KU Leuven), Rob Kuipers (2019, KU Leuven), Kewan Mertens (2018, KU Leuven), Elena Briones-Alonso (2017, KU Leuven), Nik Stoop (2017, UA and KU Leuven), Andrea Guariso (2016, KU Leuven), Joachim Vandecasteele (2016, KU Leuven), Lisa Oberlander (2015, Paris School of Economics), Teresa Molina (2015, Paris School of Economics).

Speaker (since 2015 only)

Invited speaker	University of Washington (2015), Bank of Tanzania (2015), Asian Development Bank (2016), Graduate Institute Geneva (2017), University of Dar es Salaam (2017), Wageningen University (2018), Institute for Rural Development Planning in Dodoma Tanzania (2018), AIPRI COVID19 Symposium (2020), Economics of Migration Seminar (2021), IFPRI (2021), Economics Association of Malawi (2021), Donor Committee in Agriculture and Food Security (2021), IFPRI (2022), Delegation of the European Union in Malawi (2023), Malawi Investment Forum organized by The Economist (2023), Flanders Malawi Strategy Launch (2023), various IFPRI policy events (2021-2023).
At workshops & conferences	IZA/DFID GLM-LIC Conference in Washington DC (2015), GREThA conference in Bordeaux (2016), Annual Scientific EUDN Conference (2017), Governance and Local Development Conference at the University of Gothenburg (2017), Econ@UA at U Antwerp (2018), EOS workshop in Antwerp (2019), Workshop on migration, urbanisation and development at KU Leuven (2019), Proof-of-concept pilot on-line conference on Zoom through Cornell University (2019), Development Economics and Policy Conference at DIW in Berlin (2019), LICOS internal seminar (2015, 2017), IOB internal seminar (2016, 2018), SNV/IFPRI/Welthungerhilfe event for EU development days (2017)

Refereeing

Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Review, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, World Bank Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Oxford Development Studies, Agricultural Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Science and Medicine, European Journal of Development Research, Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, Economica, Development Engineering, Food Policy, Journal of Economic Geography, Field Methods, Journal of African Economies and Handbook of Agricultural Economics.

Visiting

World Bank	Development Economics Research Group (DECRCG) in Washington DC Nov04 - Feb05, Oct05 - Mar06, Nov07 - Feb08, Dec08 - Mar09, Nov12 - Apr13
Oxford	CSAE at the University of Oxford Nov10 - Jul11
Leuven	LICOS at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven) Aug12 - Sep12, Aug13 - Sep13
IGC-Tanzania	International Growth Centre, based in the Bank of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam May15 - Aug15, Jul16 - Oct16

Advisory work

World Bank, European Commission, Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Ministry of Finance in Belgium, Government of Tanzanian, University of Oxford, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Netherlands Embassy, Belgian Technical Co-operation (BTC), Harvard School of Public Health, Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) at the Clinton Foundation, Gatsby Trust Fund, Rockwool Foundation, Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), Ugandan Bureau of Statistics (UBOS), Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), l'Agence Inter-établissements de Recherche pour le Développement (AIRD), William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Rural Livestock Development Corporation (RLDC), Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), Overseas Development Institute (ODI), SNV Netherlands Development Organisation, University of Copenhagen, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), TWaweza, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Irish Aid, Flanders Government, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), US Agency for International Development (USAID).

Public Data

I actively host the following five publicly available data sets: KHDS, Shwalita, Nyakatoke Network Data, Measuring Farm Labour, CWIQ. I interact with users and keeping track of papers using the data.

Languages

Dutch	Mother tongue
English	Excellent
Swahili	Very good
French	Good

Research Projects

All projects between 2002 and 2014 were through EDI, where I was co-founding Research Director during that period. All other projects were through the University of Antwerp and/or KU Leuven. This list has not yet been updated with projects at IFPRI.

2019-2025	Antwerp Interdisciplinary Platform for Research into Inequality (AIPRIL), Methusalem
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- With seed money from a large seven year Methusalem grant at the University of Antwerp we established AIPRIL as a centre of excellence aiming to advance our understanding of socioeconomic inequalities. The team of economists, historians and sociologists aims to make methodological, theoretical, and empirical advances in this rapidly evolving research field. This project is joint with Ive Marx, Koen Decanq, Tom De Herdt, Bruno Blondé and Tim Soens. Co-PI, €2,750,000.
- 2018 - 2024 **Winners and Losers from Globalization and Market Integration: Insights from Micro-Data (FWO)**
Core research funding to look at distributional aspects of globalisation and market integration with new data on firms, regions and households. Joint with researchers from the University of Namur (Jean-Marie Baland, Catherine Guirkingier, Romain Houssa and Guilhem Cassan), the University of Antwerp (Marijke Verpoorten and Sara Geenen), UC Louvain (Frédéric Docquier, Gonzague Vannoorenberghe, Florian Mayneris and William Parienté) and KU Leuven (Jo Swinnen, Hylke Vandebussche, Jo Van Biesebroeck and Jan De Loecker). Co-PI, €4,000,000.
- 2018 - 2022 **Development for the poor: evaluating the multidimensional impact of development interventions with respect for individual preferences (FWO)**
A research project to develop a framework for assessing well-being outcomes of development project across multiple dimensions, respecting individual preferences over those dimensions. The project is joint with Koen Decanq. Co-PI, €249,000.
- 2017 - 2018 **Agriculture, poverty and malnutrition in Tanzania: enabling a focused research agenda (FAO, IFAD, CGIAR and World Bank)**
The FAO, IFAD, CGIAR and the World Bank, in partnership with the European Union, have set up a joint initiative to better coordinate and focus agricultural and rural development research and investments on achieving SDG 1 and 2. This project advises on how to enable a focused research agenda on these topics for Tanzania, one of the pilot countries for the joint initiative. The project is joint with Lara Cockx. PI, €21,000.
- 2017 - 2018 **Migrants, Towns, Poverty and Jobs: Insights from Tanzania (JICA)**
with Luc Christiaensen, Bert Ingelaere and Ravi Kanbur, we prepared a background paper for the Initiative for Policy Dialogue of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Africa Task Force Meeting on The Quality of Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa, held at Columbia University on 11-12 April, 2017. The Task Force is chaired by Joseph Stiglitz, Akbar Noman and Ravi Kanbur. PI, €4,000.
- 2017 - 2018 **Monitoring Emerging Small Towns in Tanzania: a proof of concept study (London School of Economics through the International Growth Centre)**
Technical support to Tanzania's Prime Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) to establish a monitoring system for new, largely undocumented, emerging urban agglomerations. This project is joint with Neil Chalmers and Hanne Van Cappellen. PI, €21,000.
- 2017 **Expanding horizons - Secondary towns and rural-urban migration in Tanzania (World Bank)**
Provided assistance to the World Bank to disseminate research findings on secondary towns. joint with Bert Ingelaere. PI, €15,000.
- 2015 - 2017 **Drivers of food demand in Sub-Saharan Africa: the role of urbanization (European Commission)**
using detailed micro-level data sets, this project contributes to our understanding of the effect of urbanization on food demand in sub-saharan Africa. The outputs were a policy report and an academic paper. The project was joint with Liesbeth Colen and Lara Cockx. PI, €59,000.

- 2015 - 2017 **Urbanisation, growth and poverty reduction: the role of secondary towns (London School of Economics through the International Growth Centre)**
 This mixed-methods study combines an extensive 18 year panel data set, which tracks migrants from rural Kagera, with 75 in-depth life history interviews with a selection of migrants from the sample. It looks at the role of secondary towns in Tanzania's growth and poverty reduction strategy. This project was joint with Luc Christiaensen, Bert Ingelaere and Ravi Kanbur. PI, €162,000.
- 2014 - 2016 **Measuring Small-holder Farm Labour (World Bank, IZA and DFID)**
 labour inputs in agriculture are typically collected with very long recall periods, compromising their reliability. This project randomly distributed four different modules. The first two are variants of the typical 6 to 9 month recall questionnaires, the second a golden-standard frequent face-to-face visit and the third a cheaper alternative using frequent phone calls. The analysis validates the current approach and contrasts it to the mobile phones alternative. The project was joint with Vellore Arthi, Kathleen Beegle and Amparo Palacio-Lopez. PI, €13,000
- 2013 **Experiments to improve learning outcomes (TWaweZA/J-PAL)**
 collaboration between Twaweza, J-PAL and EDI on a randomized control trial to evaluate and understand the effects of alternative ways of channelling resources to public primary schools. In one treatment arm it delivered a set amount of money for every child that achieves proficiency in early grade literacy and numeracy. This is contrasted to a capitation grant, which simply pays a fixed sum of money per child, irrespective of achievement.
- 2013 **Evaluation of community-based legal aid programs for women's land rights in Tanzania (IFPRI)**
 this randomized control trial looks at the effect of providing village-level paralegal services on outcomes such as knowledge, attitudes and practices relating to land access and ownership, with a specific focus on women's land rights.
- 2013 **Impact of water infrastructure upgrades (Millennium Challenge Corporation, MCC)**
 this impact evaluation is designed to measure the impact of improved water works in Dar es Salaam and Morogoro on several water-, health-, and poverty-related outcomes. The impact evaluation aims to exploit variation in the exposure to treatment to identify the effects.
- 2012 **Randomised control trial of the introduction of a Health Insurance Scheme (Amsterdam Institute for International Development, AIID)**
 Health insurance is offered to coffee farmers in Moshi. This randomised control trial works with the implementing agency to evaluate the effects on biomarkers and economic outcomes.
- 2012 **Randomised control trial of sanitation marketing projects in Tanzania. (World Bank and Government of Tanzania)**
 This research project exploits the randomised implementation of a sanitation campaign in Tanzania to study its effects on the rural poor. The findings will be used to inform the scaling up of the programme to national level.
- 2012 **Randomised control trial of a virtual business incubator project promoting women's entrepreneurship (World Bank and the Gatsby Trust Fund)**
 A survey of 832 women, a random selection of whom have been given specialised business training through a virtual business incubator project. This project will establish whether lack of business skills is a constraint to development and emancipation of female entrepreneurs and, if so, whether specialised training can make a difference.

- 2010 - 2012 **Entrepreneurship in Africa (University of Oxford)**
 About 200 young entrepreneurs presented their business ideas before a committee of experienced managers. The best 16 applications received a start-up grant of US\$1,000. Surveys track the senior committee members in addition to the successful and unsuccessful young candidates.
- 2010 - 2012 **Assessing the impact of a supplier incentive scheme on coverage and uptake of subsidized ACTs in remote retail shops (Harvard School of Public Health, HSPH and Clinton Health Access Initiative, CHAI)**
 This randomized control trial aimed understanding and improving the distribution system of anti-malaria drugs in remote areas in Tanzania. It was conducted over 2 years and comprised 7 rounds of retail audits visiting over 400 Accredited Drug Dispensing Outlets (ADDOs), 5 rounds of exit interviews at these ADDOs and 3 rounds of socio-economic surveys in 1,000 households
- 2004 & 2010 **Kagera Health and Development Survey 2004 and 2010 rounds (World Bank, Rockwool Foundation and DANIDA)**
 This survey has been tracking the same respondents for nearly 2 decades. It is unique in that it traces all household splits and all migrants. This very clean data set with exceptionally low attrition is in the public domain as an official LSMS survey and has been used by dozens of scholars, policy makers and students to study a wide variety of topics (see EDI website for a list).
- 2008 - 2012 **Randomised control trial of a providing business start-up grants to vulnerable people through a CDD process (World Bank, Tanzanian Government and UC San Diego)**
 This 4 year panel survey follows treatment and comparison groups of vulnerable people, who participate in a community driven development (CDD) project. The treatment group is given access to grants to set up income generating activities.
- 2009 **Impact evaluation of rural roads upgrading Project (Millennium Challenge Corporation, MCC)**
 A 5-year assessment of the socio-economic impact of upgrading rural roads in Tanzania. Attribution is attempted through the pre-selection of control communities, followed by propensity score matching and through using distance to the road as a measure of treatment intensity. The survey involves interviews in 4200 households in 280 communities across mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.
- 2008 - 2012 **Randomised control trial of a community based conditional cash transfer programme (World Bank, IFPRI and Government of Tanzania)**
 Impact assessment of a pilot conditional cash transfer program that disburses cash to poor people. Recipients are identified through a proxy means test augmented with a community driven verification procedure. The impacts are identified by staggering the introduction of the programme in 80 villages.
- 2008 **A randomised field experiment comparing Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) to Paper and Pen Interviewing (PAPI) (World Bank)**
 Piggy-backing on an existing CAPI survey, this experiment implemented an identical paper survey with different households in the same clusters. We documented differences between CAPI and PAPI along a range of dimensions and gave some novel empirical insights into the nature of survey error.
- 2007 - 2008 **A randomised survey experiment on measuring consumption (SHWALITA) (World Bank)**
 This 4000-household year-long survey randomly distributed alternative, commonly used, consumption modules to respondents. By measuring differences in the resulting statistics it can speak to the nature of measurement error in consumption expenditure data.

- 2003 - 2008 **Core Welfare Indicators, CWIQ surveys (Government of Tanzania)**
 Conducting, analysing and disseminating results from 44 CWIQ surveys, representing a quarter of all districts in Tanzania (many of them more than once) and with a total sample size of 20,000 households. Dissemination of results was targeted towards district level policy makers who, due to Tanzania's ongoing decentralisation process, are becoming key policy makers and are increasingly in need of data to base their policies on.
- 2005 - 2006 **Moving out of Poverty: an innovative q-squared study. (World Bank)**
 Design and implementation of a new strategy to mix qualitative and quantitative research methods. We conduct targeted qualitative interviews with respondents of a long-run panel survey whose actual current-day outcomes are far removed from their econometrically predicted outcomes (based on baseline characteristics). Interviewing those who defied their econometric destiny, allows us to unpack the regression's error term.
- 2004 - 2005 **Measuring risk perceptions (World Bank)**
 Economists study data on choices that people make and from this deduce people's preferences and expectations. This identification process, as well as the predictions based on it, become flawed when multiple sets of preferences and expectations are consistent with the same data. This research explores one possible way forward: to measure directly people's expectations on future states of the world.
- 2005 **Perceptions of time and distance: a field experiment (World Bank)**
 Respondents were asked to estimate time and distance to a destination (water source or school) and were subsequently requested to walk this same distance with a pedometer to measure the actual time and distance. Thus, an assessment could be made of the quality of these types of (very ubiquitous) questions.
- 2002 - 2003 **Impact assessment of mass diffusion of superior banana varieties in Kagera Region: accomplishments and constraints (Belgian Technical Cooperation, BTC)**
 Statistical and situational analysis identifying the impact of and the constraints to the mass diffusion of superior banana varieties in Kagera Region.
- 1998 - 2001 **Social networks (FWO)**
 This novel data set on networks, shocks, inter-node transfers and welfare changes in a 5 round panel data set from rural Africa culminated in my PhD thesis.
- 1997 **Development of livelihood simulation game software (KU Leuven)**
 Development and staging of a computerised simulation game giving insight in the complex livelihoods of rural households in developing countries. Part of an effort to attract more secondary school leavers to study economics at university.
- 1996 **Evaluating the evolution of poverty over the past ten years in Tanzania (Belgian Department of International Development, DGIS)**
 Consultancy and field research on behalf of DGIS, assessing the evolution of poverty in Tanzania, culminating in the presentation of a policy preparatory report for the Belgian Government.

Publications

De Weerd, Joachim and Jan Duchoslav. 2023. Russia's invasion of Ukraine threatens food security in Malawi: How can the country respond? Chapter 31 in Joseph Glauber and David Laborde (eds.) 2023. The Russia-Ukraine conflict and global food security. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/9780896294394>

Ame, Hannah, Joachim De Weerd and John Gibson. 2021. Measuring Macro-and Micronutrient Intake in Multi-Purpose Surveys: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Tanzania. *Food Policy* 201(2021):1-17.

Dillon, Brian, Joachim De Weerd and Ted O'Donoghue. 2021. Paying More for Less: why don't households in Tanzania take advantage of bulk discounts?" *World Bank Economic Review* 35(1):148-179.

De Herdt, Tom, Joachim De Weerd and Tim Soens. 2021. COVID-19: de grote gelijkmaker? Een globaal en historisch perspectief. Pages 286-306 in Coene, J. (ed.) "Armoede en Sociale Uitsluiting: jaarboek 2021". Brussel: UPA, 2021. ISBN 9789461172433.

Ame, Hannah and Joachim De Weerd. 2020. Child health across the rural-urban spectrum. *World Development* 130, June 2020, 104950. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.104950>.

De Weerd, Joachim, John Gibson and Kathleen Beegle. 2020. What can we learn from experimenting with survey methods. *Annual Review of Resource Economics* 12:431-447.

Kanbur, Ravi, Luc Christiaensen and Joachim De Weerd. 2019. Where to create jobs to reduce poverty: cities or towns? *Journal of Economic Inequality* 17(4):543-564.

Christiaensen, Luc, Joachim De Weerd, Bert Ingelaere, and Ravi Kanbur, "Migrants, Towns, Poverty, and Jobs: Insights from Tanzania" in: Ravi Kanbur, Akbar Noman and Joseph E. Stiglitz (eds.) The Quality of Growth in Africa, New York: Columbia University Press, 2019, pp. 398-421.

De Weerd, Joachim, Garance Genicot and Alice Mesnard. 2019. Asymmetry of Information within Family Networks. *Journal of Human Resources* 54(1):225-254.

Christiaensen, Luc, Joachim De Weerd and Ravi Kanbur. 2018. Decomposing the Contribution of Migration to Poverty Reduction: Methodology and Application to Tanzania. *Applied Economics Letters* (forthcoming).

Cockx, Lara, Joachim De Weerd and Liesbeth Colen. 2018. From Corn to Popcorn? Urbanization and dietary change: evidence from rural-urban migrants in Tanzania. *World Development* 110:140-159.

Ingelaere Bert, Luc Christiaensen, Joachim De Weerd and Ravi Kanbur. 2018. Why Secondary Towns Can Be Important for Poverty Reduction – A Migrant Perspective. *World Development* 105(2018):273-282.

Arthi Vellore, Kathleen Beegle, Joachim De Weerd and Amparo Palacios-Lopez. 2018. Not your average job: measuring farm labor in Tanzania *Journal of Development Economics* 130: 160-172.

De Weerd, Joachim, Kathleen Beegle and Stefan Dercon. 2017. Orphanhood and Self-esteem: an 18-year longitudinal study from an HIV affected area in Tanzania. *JAIDS Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes* 76(3):225-230. (biomedical journal with impact factor 4.6).

Friedman, Jed, Kathleen Beegle, Joachim De Weerd and John Gibson. 2017. Decomposing Response Errors in Food Consumption Measurement: Implications for Survey Design from a Survey Experiment in Tanzania. *Food Policy* 72:94-111.

De Weerd, Joachim and Kalle Hirvonen. 2016. Risk Sharing and Internal Migration. *Economic*

Development and Cultural Change 65(1):63-86.

De Weerd, Joachim, Kathleen Beegle, Jed Friedman and John Gibson. 2016. The Challenge of Measuring Hunger through Survey. *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 64(4):727-758.

Gibson, John, Kathleen Beegle, Joachim De Weerd and Jed Friedman. 2015. What Does Variation in Household Survey Methods Reveal About the Nature of Measurement Errors in Consumption Estimates? *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* 77(3): 466-474.

Christiaensen, Luc, Joachim De Weerd and Yasuyuki Todo. 2013. Urbanization and Poverty Reduction – The Role of Rural Diversification and Secondary Towns. *Agricultural Economics* 44:447-459.

Caeyers, Bet, Joachim De Weerd and Neil Chalmers. 2012. Improving Consumption Measurement and other Survey Data through CAPI: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment. *Journal of Development Economics* 98:19-33.

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De Weerd, Joachim and Marcel Fafchamps. 2011. Social Identity and the Formation of Health Insurance Networks. *Journal of Development Studies* 47(8): 1152-1177.

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Beegle, Kathleen, Joachim De Weerd and Stefan Dercon. 2010. Orphanhood and Human Capital Destruction: Is there Persistence into Adulthood? *Demography* 47(1): 163-180.

De Weerd, Joachim. 2010. Moving out of Poverty in Tanzania: Evidence from Kagera. *Journal of Development Studies* 46(2): 331-349.

Beegle, Kathleen, Joachim De Weerd and Stefan Dercon. 2009. The Intergenerational Impact of the African Orphans Crisis: A Cohort Study from an HIV/AIDS Affected Area. *International Journal of Epidemiology* 38(2):561-568 (biomedical journal with impact factor 6.41).

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De Weerd, Joachim. 2008. Field Notes on Administering Shock Modules. *Journal of International Development*, Vol. 20, pp. 398-402.

De Weerd, Joachim, Stefan Dercon, Tessa Bold and Alula Pankhurst. 2007. Membership-based Indigenous Insurance Associations. Pages 157-167 in Martha Chen, Renana Jhabvala, Ravi Kanbur, Carol Richards (eds.), "Membership Based Organisations of the Poor" London: *Routledge* 376 pages.

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Dercon, Stefan, Joachim De Weerd, Tessa Bold and Alula Pankhurst. 2006. Group-based Funeral

Insurance in Ethiopia and Tanzania. *World Development* 34(4): 685-703.

Beegle, Kathleen, Joachim De Weerd and Stefan Dercon. 2006. Orphanhood and the Long-run Impact on Children. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 88(5): 1266-1277.

De Weerd, Joachim. 2004. Risk-sharing and Endogenous Network Formation. Chapter 10 in Dercon, S. (ed.) "Insurance Against Poverty", *Oxford University Press*, pp: 197-216.

Policy engagement and outreach

28 January 2024: Blog post at The Conversation "[El Niño: Malawi's harvest of maize – its staple food – may fall by 22.5% this year](#)"

Weston, Anderson, Mazvita Chiduwa, Joachim De Weerd, Xinshen Diao, Jan Duchoslav, Zhe Guo, Henry Kankwamba, Andrew Jamali, Joseph Nagoli, James Thurlow, Liangzhi You. 2023. Mitigating the impact of El Niño on hunger in Malawi. MaSSP Policy Note 51. Washington DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.136971>

27 October 2023. Blog post at IFPRI-Malawi "[Three outstanding questions about AIP 2.0](#)"

Van Cappellen, Hanne and Joachim De Weerd. 2023. Rural underemployment and urbanization: insights from a nine-year household panel survey from Malawi. MaSSP Working Paper 43. Washington DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.136900>

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Davis, Kristin, Cynthia Kazembe, Todd Benson, Joachim De Weerd, and Jan Duchoslav. 2023. Primary agricultural cooperatives in Malawi: Structure, conduct, and performance MaSSP Working Paper 41. Washington DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.136709>

23 May 2023: Panelist at the Malawi Investment Forum, organized by The Economist, moderated by Jonathan Rosenthal, Africa Editor at The Economist. Among the audience were the Malawi's President, Vice President, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Labor, Minister of Energy, Minister of Mining and Minister of Tourism, and other influential government officials, business and thought leaders. <https://events.economist.com/custom-events/malawi-summit-agenda/>

22 March 2023. Blog Post at IFPRI-Malawi [How to weather the lean season with a lean AIP](#)

17 March 2023. Blog post at the OECD (Africapolis) on [Child Health across the Rural-Urban Spectrum](#)

Benson, Todd and Joachim De Weerd. 2023. [Employment options and challenges for rural households in Malawi](#): An agriculture and rural employment analysis of the fifth Malawi Integrated Household Survey, 2019/10. Background paper for the World Bank's Malawi Country Economic Memorandum. MaSSP Working Paper 40. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.136607>

Banda, Chimwemwe; De Weerd, Joachim; Duchoslav, Jan; and Jolex, Aubrey. 2022. [Self-targeted fertilizer subsidies](#). MaSSP Policy Note 48. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.136464>

Banda, Chimwemwe; De Weerd, Joachim; Duchoslav, Jan; and Jolex, Aubrey. 2022. [Pricing Farmer Contributions under AIP](#). MaSSP Policy Note 47. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.136462>.

8 November, Lilongwe, Malawi. Joachim De Weerd invited panelist at the launch of the World Bank's latest poverty assessment report for Malawi. In attendance were Malawi's Minister of Finance and its Principle Secretary of Economic Planning and Development.

31 August 2022, co-organized and opened a stakeholder validation meeting for IFPRI's study on [Primary Agricultural Cooperatives in Malawi](#).

14 June 2022, Lilongwe, Malawi. Moderated the Malawi launch of IFPRI's [2022 Global Food Policy Report on Climate Change and Food systems](#).

9-10 June 2022 Lilongwe, Malawi. Served as a panelist in a session on enhancing structured agricultural market access at the 2022 Malawi Agricultural Productivity and Commercialization Conference.

De Weerd, Joachim; and Duchoslav, Jan. 2022. [Are fertilizer subsidies in Malawi value for money?](#) MaSSP Policy Note 46. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.135960>

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November 2021. Delivered an opening keynote on the topic of "Rural Transformation in Malawi: the role of urbanization" at the Annual Conference of the Economics Association of Malawi (ECAMA) in the presence of some of the highest level policy makers in the country, including both the President and Vice-President.

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November 2020. Talk on COVID-19 in Africa at an on-line symposium (in Dutch) "[COVID-19: de](#)

[grote gelijkmaker](#)", with 200+ participants. We organized this event through [AIPRIL](#) (Antwerp Interdisciplinary Platform for Research into Inequality), a centre of excellence we set up with Methusalem funding at the University of Antwerp.

February 2019. Video on [Big City vs Small Town in Poverty Reducton: Insights from Tanzania](#).

February 2019. Policy paper for the European Commission on ["Urbanization as a driver of changing food demand: evidence from rural-urban migration in Tanzania."](#) JRC Technical Reports EUR 28756 (with Lara Cockx, Liesbeth Colen and Sergio Gomez Y Paloma).

December 2018. Policy paper published in advance of the UN's Global Compact for Migration on 10-11 December in Marrakech: Christiaensen, Luc, Joachim De Weerd, Bert Ingelaere and Ravi Kanbur. 2018. "Migration, Growth and Secondary Towns in Tanzania" chapter 2 in: [People on the Move. Advancing the Discourse on Migration and Jobs. JustJobs Network](#). JustJobs Network, pp. 29-42.

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29 June 2018. Keynote talk on "Urbanization and Rural Poverty Reduction: the role of small towns" at the International Conference on Planning and Development at the Institute for Rural Development Planning (IRDP), Dodoma, Tanzania.

30 June 2018, at the same conference as above. Roundtable discussion on "How to include rural areas in Tanzania's industrialization process", broadcast live on Tanzania's national TV station (TBC), as well as various local social media, like [Michuzi Youtube Video Channel](#).

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1. [Creating the action space \(17 October 2017\)](#)
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3. [The first move is different \(24 october 2018\)](#)

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