**Profile**

**Position:** Senior Agricultural Officer

**Institution:** Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

**Country:** Uganda

**MSc:** Agricultural Economics

**Mentored by:** US: Krishna Paudel
Louisiana State University

---

2013 BHEARD Scholar
Sarah Kagoya

**Research Area:** Food Security

**BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE:** January 2014

**HOMETOWN:** Kampala, Uganda

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Makerere University, Uganda

**GRADUATE EDUCATION:** Master of Science in Agricultural Economics, Makerere University, Uganda

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Sarah’s proposed research with her university will be on Food security and global climate change in Uganda. Her research interests back home were on Sustainable Land Management for crop profitability. This is still hinged on food security because when land is sustainably managed, the agricultural production will be high both for own consumption and sale hence improved food security.

Sarah is interested in this research because there has been a serious problem of food insecurity in Uganda being attributed to global climate change. This research offers an opportunity to measure the impact of global climate change on food security in Uganda. This will serve as a basis for advising policy makers on how to effectively enhance food security under the global climate change through the recommendations of my research. Fortunately, she is from the policy making institution of agriculture, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF).
PERSONAL STATEMENT: Sarah believes that when she completes this course, the skills and knowledge she will have gained will enable her to gain a higher position at her workplace and her capacity as a MAAIF staff will be built. She will also be in position to discuss the recommendations from her research with her departmental head who sits on the Top Policy Management Committee of the ministry.

Sarah feels she has been able to get to this point in life because her employer (MAAIF) supported and encouraged her all through. MAAIF mandate being “To promote and support sustainable and market oriented agricultural production, food security and household incomes”, her research findings will be in line with this mandate. She thanks BHEARD for giving her this opportunity of pursuing a PhD in agricultural Economics. Without BHEARD, Sarah would not have made it because there had been a challenge of financial hardships to further her studies.

In Sarah’s spare time she enjoys being around children, cooking, home gardening and listening to music.