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PHD IN ONE HEALTH

Why did you choose the University of Florida?

I chose the University of Florida mainly because of the quality of research carried out in the field of public health, the opportunity to perform interdisciplinary research alongside experienced researchers in good research units, institutes, and laboratories both in the US and abroad. That choice has also been influenced by the notoriety of the University and the impact a degree from UF could have on my career. Finally, the location of the University in Florida, the weather is said to be among the coolest in the country.

What philosophy guides you in your education?

Every time I acquire a knowledge or skill, I immediately think about how helpful will that be for the people around me.

What is your research experience?

During the Eastern Congo Ebola viral disease outbreak, I was the leading researcher for the Butembo Sub-Coordination. I was directly involved in more than 50 research themes. From the end of the Eastern Congo Ebola viral disease outbreak till now, I have been directly involved in operational research on COVID-19 and Ebola viral disease in Equateur province (Mbandaka).

What are your career goals?

I am intending to lead interdisciplinary research teams, contribute in strengthening disease control programs across the world, by translating research finding into effective actions and also participate in the training of researchers.

Educational Background

Bachelors

Bachelor of Science
Biomedical Sciences

Masters

Master of Science
Epidemiology and Public Health

Research Interests:

- Infectious diseases
- Cholera
- Malaria
- Ebola
- COVID-19
- Sexual and Reproductive Health

If you could solve one environmental and/or global health problem, what would it be?

I would like to contribute in the elimination of cholera and malaria in the most affected areas of the planet by better understanding the adaptation of the causal pathogens and vectors to their changing environment.