

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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1.0 PROFILE

Leah Nasimiyu Barasa is a Kenyatta University scholar, with one decade of political, humanitarian coordination, Peace and Security, gender and development education and training, conflict research, analysis and report writing experience for AU and Eastern Africa Standby Force policy organs in the Eastern and Horn of Africa countries (Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, The Sudan-Khartoum, Norther Sudan, Darfur-,Ethiopia, Djibouti, Seychelles, The Comoros, Rwanda, Burundi, Somalia; SADC countries (South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe); ECCAS countries (Angola, Gabon); ECOWAS countries (Ghana, Nigeria); NARC countries (Libya) with the African Union Commission, Peace and Security Department. An experienced educator of Conflict Prevention, Conflict Management-dialogue, mediation & negotiation, and Post-Conflict Recovery for peace operations; highly trained as a Senior Mission Leader (Course 5) at the International Peace Support Training Center in Kenya, Project Management and Civil-Military Cooperation. She has been part of a team that is building capacity for the AU African Standby Force (ASF) Roadmaps I, II & III and post 2015 Full Operational Capabilities action plan for AU Peace and Security Department; assessment of the EASF Centers of Excellence and development of EASF Training Strategy, contributes to the development of the civilian dimension documents & curricula: EASF Civilian Foundation Course, Conflict Analysis and Prevention, EASF Exercise Planning Course, Dialogue, Negotiations & Mediation, Peace Operations Planning, Disarmament, Demobilization & Reintegration, Gender in PSO, Training of Trainers, Security Sector Reform, Disaster Preparedness, Protection of Civilians, Child Protection, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence for both Eastern and Southern Regions (SGBV), Mission Specific & In-Mission Training (AMISOM, UNAMID, UNMISS & MUNSCO), Community Peace building among Youth and Women in Marsabit and Turkana Counties of Kenya. She contributes to the development of integrated EASF Concept of Operations (CONOPS) & Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the EASF Planning Element (PLANELM). A Rapporteur for the EASF Policy Organs Meeting in Seychelles in 2011. Dynamic and versatile professional with proven strong management skills for leading people and teams; expertise in policy analysis and formulation, strategic planning for Peace Operations, development and management of large multi-stakeholder programmes, implementation, monitoring and evaluation reporting. Experience in the conduct of field surveys and analysis.

Nasimiyu is an accomplished teacher and educationist with strong skills of managing people, a humanitarian as a practitioner, an advocate of the UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace & Security in providing evidence and gender transformative solutions for social and economic development of local communities in states. She is working for the Kenyatta University, a public university chartered by the Republic of Kenya to provide higher education, conduct research and community outreach in different academic disciplines. She's also consultants and prepares analytical reports and summarizes on sensitive and high profile matters of concern to the AUC Peace and Security Council and other bodies; drafts notes, talking points, speeches and other correspondence for senior officials; acts as focal point for collection and analyses of information on technical issues of assignment; arranges and participates in conferences, seminars and academic fora related to the assigned area of expertise. Her interests include the human rights protection, peace and security-development nexus; and several aspects of peace operations and peace building, such as civilian capacity building, civil-military coordination, and protection of civilians. Theoretically she works with the Constructivism theory, in particular its implications for international legal framework and conflict management interventions.

1.1 ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2018 Doctor of Philosophy of Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology (Kenya) –specializing in *Peace and Conflict Studies* (Topic of research- “International Refugee Protection Framework’s Influence on Human Security in Nairobi, Kenya.”)

2014 Diploma of Uppsala University (Sweden) –specializing in *Peace and Security Programmes in Africa case study of South Africa* (Topic of research-“Tailbacks to Deployment! Review of Policy Framework of the Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) Civilian Component.”)

2005 Master of Arts of the University of Nairobi (Kenya) –specializing in *Gender and Development* (Topic of research- “Challenges Facing Girl Child Secondary Education: A Case of Kwale District, Kinango Division’ 2004.”)

1994 Bachelor of Education (Arts) of Kenyatta University (Kenya) –specializing in *Kiswahili Language and Christian Religious Education subjects*.

1988-1989 Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education of Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) of Kaimosi Girls’ High School –specializing in *Geography, Kiswahili Language, Christian Religious Education and General Paper on current affairs*. Scored: 3 Principals 1 subsidiary of 11 Points.

1984-1987 Kenya Certificate of Education of Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) Kaimosi Girls; High School.–specializing in *English Grammar, Literature in English, Kiswahili Language, Mathematics, Biology, Commerce, History, Christian Religious Education and Geography*. Scored 25 Points, Second Division.

1977-1983 Certificate of Primary Education of Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) Ndengelwa Primary School in Bungoma Municipality- *specialising in English Grammar, Mathematics and General Paper*. Scored 23 Points.

1.2 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1990-1994- Trained Graduate Teacher	Kenyatta University School of Education- <i>Kiswahili Language and Christian Religious Education (CRE)</i>
2001-2007- National Examiner Kiswahili Paper 3	Kenya National Examinations Council
2003 - Trained in selection of National Drama Themes Script writing & Casting scenes	Ministry of Education-Nation Drama Festivals
2007 - Trained in Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration	Rwanda Military Academy, Rwanda
2008 - Trained in Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response	Kenya Red Cross
2009 -Trained in Strategic Mission Planning of Peace Support Operations (AU/UN)	
2009 - Trained in Civil-Military Relations field operations	International Peace Support Training Center
2010 -AU Strategic Planning for Rapid Deployment Capabilities (Civilian Dimension)	
2011 -EASF/IPSTC Election Observation & Monitoring	

2012	-Regional Senior Mission Leaders Course 5 (IPSTC)	
2012-2013	-Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology Advanced Research Seminar	
2014	- Crisis Management Course (FINCENT, Finland)	
2019	- Trained Trainer on Women & Transformative Leadership	Kenyatta University UN Women Centre for Transformational Leadership in Africa
2020	-Trained in Important Use of ICT for Teacher Education	Ministry of Higher Education & Kenyatta University Digital School of Distance and Virtual Learning (KENET)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2018 **Doctor of Peace and Conflict Studies:** Department of International Relations, Conflict and Strategic Studies (teaching peace and conflict management studies, gender and armed conflict, security strategic studies, women in international relations and diplomacy, research methods, supervising bachelors and masters students)

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS (BACHELORS/MASTERS/PHD)

Undergraduate Programme of Kenya Military Academy

KMA/07: Bachelor of Science in Military and Security Studies

- 2019** Brian Ngonyo Uhuru C138S/KMA/20974/2016: Quality Assurance in Military Training: Are Instructors meeting the Standards? A Case of Kenya Military Academy, Lanet (**Graduated**)
- 2019** Carlos Kithonga Munyoki C138S/KMA/20908/2016: Community Policing Influence on Crime: Case of Lanet Region (**Graduated**)
- 2019** Collins Magwaga Isalia C138S/KMA/21010/2016: Essence of Military Traditions and Family: A Case Study of Moi Air Base, Nairobi(**Graduated**)
- 2019** Monicah Wangari Wanjiku C138S/KMA/20932/2016: The Dilemma of Porous Borders: Kenya's Experience in Combating Smuggling of Contraband Goods (**Graduated**)
- 2019** Donald Ochieng George C138S/KMA/21032/2016: Factors Influencing Police Officers to Pursue Higher Education Programmes (**Graduated**)
- 2019** Sarafina Pauline Balesa C138S/KMA/20975/2016: Women and Violent Extremism: Case of Lamu county, Kenya (**Graduated**)
- 2019** Maureen Nanjala Wesonga C138S/KMA/21044/2016: Quality care for PTSD Depression in the Military Health System among KDF Veterans (**Graduated**)
- 2019** Dennis Muteithia C138S/KMA/21042/2016: Refugees and International Crime: Case of Kawangware Area Nairobi County (**Graduated**)

- 2019** Losike Ipas Simon C138S/KMA/21029/2016: The impact of Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons on the state of Security: Case Study of Laikipia County; Kenya (**Graduated**)
- 2019** Porwe Mwinyikai Shee C138S/KMA/20903/2016: Military Chaplaincy's Response to Domestic Violence Against Women in Lanet Kenya: A Case of the Roman Catholic Church (**Graduated**)
- 2019** Rodgers Wekesa Wanjala C138S/KMA/21028/2016: Social Effects of Information Technology in Military Training a Case Study of Kenya Military Academy Lanet (**Graduated**)
- 2019** Evanson Nguku Maina C138S/KMA/21035/2016: Youth Unemployment on Crime in Nakuru (**Graduated**)

KMA/08: Bachelor of Science in Military and Security Studies

- 2020** Bremer Benjamin Nyaberi: Impact of Improvised Explosive Devices on Military operations on AMISOM S1035/KMA/16461/2017 Operations: a case study Kenya Defence Forces(**Graduated**)
- 2020** Bakari A. Bakari S103S/KMA/16444/2017: Strategies to curb Society unrest in Kenya, case of Molo Area of Nakuru County(**Graduated**)
- 2020** Ibrahim A. Kassim S103s/KMA/16476/2017: An investigation into Civil-Military Relations and its effects on National Security (**Graduated**)
- 2020** Hassan S. Hamisi S103EA/17577/2017: Google Search effects on Artificial Intelligence (**Graduated**)
- 2020** Hope M. Maku S103S/KMA/16511/2017: The effects of military profession on family wellbeing, a case study of Kenya Defence Forces in Lanet Barracks (**Graduated**)
- 2020** Gedi S Farah S103S/KMA/16515/2017: Effects of Deployment of Military personnel in Somalia to their spouses: a case study of Kenya Defence Forces in Nakuru barracks- Nakuru County (**Graduated**)
- 2020** Victor Njenga S103s/KMA/16445/2017: Military Training and Related Injuries: Case of Kenya Military Academy(**Graduated**)
- 2020** Athuman O. Rhova S103S/KMA/16505/2017: A study of the Relationship between Drug and substance abuse and Crime: A case study of Likoni Sub County, Mombasa County (**Graduated**)
- 2020** Dominic Torotich S103S/KMA/16381/2017: Effects of War on Military personnel and their Families: A case study of Nakuru County (**Graduated**)

KMA/09: Bachelor of Science in Military and Security Studies

- 2022** Abubakar Sadiq Hussein: Impact of Military Lifestyles on Children's Development in Lanet Barracks S103S/14955/2018 (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Masingija Malekela Dome: Impact of Terrorism on Economic Development in Kenya; a case study of S103S/15031/2018 Nairobi County(**Graduated**)
- 2021** Brian James Onduso S103S/14903/2018: COVID-19 Lockdown Impact on Officer Cadet School Training: a case

study of Kenya Military Academy(**Graduated**)

- 2021** Dennis Kiprono: Assessing Security Measures against Terror activities in Nairobi County Kenya (**Graduated**)
S103S/14961/2018
- 2021** Newton Lesile Teto: Impact of Social Media on Military Operations: case of Kenya Defence Forces deployed in
S103S/14951/2018 Operation Linda Nchi (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Teresia Ndanu : Effect of transformational leadership on Kenya Defence Forces, case study of Kenya Military
S103S/14948/2018 Academy. (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Julius Musiama S103S/14881/2018: Natural Resource Conflicts among Pastoralist Communities in Baringo
County (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Lomuton Ptoo Noel S103S/14884/2018: Influence of Demand and Supply of Weapons on Conflict in West
Pokot County (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Sheryl Awuor Odhiambo S103S/14935/2018: Effects of CIMIC Activities on Military Operations: a case Study
of ‘Operation Fagia Msitu’, Boni Forest (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Barracks Mwebembezi Andrew S103S/15027/2018: Factors affecting the Performance of Women in Combat
in Lanet (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Safari Matho Karisa S103S/14920/2018: Impact of Technology on Asymmetric Warfare: a case of Kenya
Defence Forces (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Omondi Odira S103S/14967/2018: Impact of illegal Small Arms and Light Weapons on Security of Nakuru
Town (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Stephen Lovi Bakari S103S/15008/2018: Effects of Social Media on the Military Operations in KDF: Case
Study of Lanet Barracks (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Elius Kimutai Kimeli S103S/15011/2018: Effects of Climatic conditions on Military Trainees: case study of
Kenya Military Academy, Lanet Kenya Military Academy (**Graduated**)
- 2021** Jack Lewa Beja: Effects of Military Operations on Environment: Case of Special Operations Training School
S103S/14997/2018 (SOTS), Gilgil (**Graduated**)

KMA/10 Bachelor of Military Science and Security Studies

Ongoing Supervision

- Proposal Development
- Working with the class on how to develop a good research questionnaire
- Submission date 26.05.2022

2020 S102S/15599/2019 Kiplangat, Rono S: Technology Contribution to the Spread of Terrorism in Nairobi County

2020 S102S/15452/2019 Kiplimo, Komen A: Gender Restrictions in Military Combat

- 2020** S102S/15453/2019 Kenedy Kipruto: Impacts of Ethno-conflicts on School-going Children a case study of Mochongoi Area, Baringo, Kenya
- 2020** S102s/15454/2019 Musyimi, Munywoki: Impact of the Kenya-Somalia Maritime Border Dispute on National Security
- 2020** S102S/15463/2019 Ahmed, Bashir I: High Suicidal Rates in Kenya Defence Forces
- 2020** S102S/15467/2019 Elius Huruma Mkare: Contribution of Kenya Navy on Blue Economy
- 2020** S102S/15490/2019 Wafula Epoloto Elphaz: Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Bungoma County
- 2020** S102S/15491/2019 Rama Mwatsaka Shaban: Colonial and Post-colonial Boundary Conflicts between Kenya and other Eastern African Countries
- 2020** S102S/15549/2019 Mutuma, Gitari C: The Great Lakes Region Conflict case study of Democratic Republic of Congo
- 2020** S102S/15590/2019 Kipkoech, Keter J: Assessment of the Effects of Military Deployment and Training on Wildlife in Boni Forest, Kenya

Supervision-Masters

- 2021** Mary Nduta Njoroge
S205/26659/2018 International Law and the Regulation of Child Trafficking in Kenya. **(Graduated)**
- 2022** Hildah Naliaka Kakalukha Women in Leadership & matters Foreign Policy in Kenya from the year 1963 to 2017
S205/39239/2017 **(to Graduate in July, 2022; awaiting University Senate Board of Examiners conferment of degrees)**
- 2022** Clifford Gichaba Okwoyo
S202/OL/CTY/32276/2017 Community Policing in Crime Management in Ongata Rongai, Kenya **(Findings submitted to Graduate School for examination)**
- 2021** Deborah Gichuki
C50/CTY/PT/29944/2014 Regional Organisations' Interventions in Africa: A case study of IGAD and AU in South Sudan Conflict **Status: Submitted the proposal to the department for onward forwarding to the Graduate School authorization for field data collection (Submitted to Graduate School for examination & proceed to collect data).**
- 2021** Philip Mulumba
S202/OL/CTY/27609/2019 Multi-agency training's implication on Maritime Security: Special reference to Coast of Kenya. **(Proposal development)**
- 2020** Joshua M. Mbuvi
S202/OL/CTY/26827/2018 Assessing terrorism threats' influence on counterterrorism strategies Defending. Status: **Presenting proposal at the department on 17 May 2022 for consideration to be forwarded to Graduate School.**
- 2021** Charles Ndata Mulei

	S202/CTY/OL/27433/2019	Impact of the South Sudan Conflict on Development of Lokichoggio sub-County, Turkana County, Kenya, 2009-2019 (Submitted to Graduate School for examination & proceed to collect data).
2020	Wafula Joseph Bwire S202/OL/CTY/26794/2018	Selected approaches to Countering Terrorism in Kenya (Concept development)
2021	Wachera Joyce Gachoki C50/CTY/PT/20389/2012	Democracy, Political participation and Gender in Kenya's Legislation Since 2010 (Doing proposal corrections to be submitted to Graduate School for authorization to the field to collect data).
2022	Charles Murithi Kiumbani S202/OL/CTY/27396/2019	Assessment of the effectiveness of civil-military coordination during Disaster Response Operations in Kenya: A case study of Solai Dam Tragedy in Nakuru County (Proposal development)
Readers' Marked/Evaluated Reports submitted to Chairman, Post-Graduate Research		
2020	Nyangeri Rose Mokeira S205/27645/2018	State Obligations under International Environmental Law: Case of Kenya's Devolved Governance System and the Montreal Protocol
2022	Karanja Wanjira S205/ OL/CTY/37513/2017	East African Standby Force in Conflict Management in the Eastern Africa region
2022	Beth Susan Wambui Gachoki S205/OL/CTY/20194/2020	Human Trafficking from North Eastern Uganda into Kenya: Case of the Karamoja women in the Corona Virus Pandemic
2022	Becky Udochukwu Adiele S205F/CTY/PT/27907/2019	Applicability of Africa Union's Right to Intervene in Regional conflicts: case of South Sudan (2013-2019): This thesis was recast to read: Applicability of the UN's Right to intervene in Regional Conflicts: Case of South Sudan 2011-2019)
Internal Examiner/Evaluator Marked Reports to the Graduate School		
Research Theses/Projects		
Completed		
Name & registration numbers concealed		
2022	Joint Disarmament Programs and Cross Border Security along the Turkwell River Belt (submitted to Dean, Graduate School)	
2023	Participation of Women in Conflict Resolution: case of Turkana County in Kenya; 1990-2015 (submitted to Dean, Graduate School)	
2024	Preparedness of County Governments on Security Management: Case of Nakuru County, Kenya (submitted to Dean, Graduate School)	
2021	Civil-military Cooperation of African mission in Somalia and Peacebuilding in Kismayo District,	

Lower Jubbaland, Somalia 2011-2020 (submitted to Dean, Graduate School)

- 2021** The influence of Nyumba Kumi Community Policing in Enhancing Security in Kipkelion West Sub-county of Kericho County, Kenya(submitted to Dean, Graduate School)
- 2021** Security Agency and Peacebuilding in Southern Somalia: Case of Mogadishu (submitted to Dean, Graduate School)
- 2021** Alternative Economic Livelihoods and Inter-ethnic Conflict Management among the Pastoral Communities: Case of West –Pokot 2013-2020 (submitted to Dean, Graduate School)
- 2021** Corruption in the Land Question and protracted conflict in Bungoma County Kenya 1992-2019 (submitted to Dean, Graduate School)
- 2020** Assessing effectiveness of Community-based Approaches to cross-border attacks in Mandera County 1992-2019(submitted to Dean, Graduate School)
- 2020** Military Diplomacy between Kenya and Britain and trends in acquisition of Military Equipment, 1963-2017 (submitted to Dean, Graduate School)
- 2016** **Part-time Lecturer** Kisii University & Masinde Muliro University of Science & Technology
- May 2017** **Participant** on Civilian Foundation Course in Peacekeeping at IPSTC, Nairobi.
Assistant Lecturer at Masinde Muliro University of Science, Kenya. Areas of teaching: Regional Organizations in Conflict Management in Africa; Peace building and Conflict Resolution; Disaster and Emergency Response; Earth History and Evolution; Race and Ethnic Relations; Counseling Theories, Models and Techniques; Gender Issues in Communication; Communication Skills; Culture and Communication
- May 2016** **Training Consultant** on Gender in Logistics the Humanitarian Peace Support School, IPSTC, Nairobi
- 2-13 May 2016** **Participant** on EASF Integrated Exercise Planning Course at HPSS, IPSTC, Nairobi
- July 2014-2015: Directing Staff IPSTC**
- Trainer and Planner for Peacekeeping Operations at the International Peace Support Training Center (IPSTC)
 - Conducting training and education of military, police and civilian personnel in all aspects of peace operations in order to help improve the effectiveness of the international response to complex emergencies
 - Ensuring compliance with relevant organizational training policy and regulations
 - Providing relevant training to new trainers in peacekeeping operations
 - Analyzing applications of consultants in specialized areas
 - Organizing Mobile Training Teams to war-zones: South Sudan, Somalia, DRC and developing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Curriculum for AMISOM; SADC states being deployed to MONUSCO mission in DRC
 - Course administration- submitting checklists, recruitment of subject matter experts, communication, coordination of the facilitation team, lesson plan development, lesson delivery, writing of the web article to update it, after action review reports, and speech writing for chief guests.
 - AU Core Planning Team on AMANI II in the Evaluation Team and MEL/MIL for the Civilian

Dimension (2015).

- Liaising with the curriculum department and research departments for publications.
- Election Observation and Management course coordinator.
- Integrated Mission Planning coordinator
- Conflict Analysis and Prevention Course facilitator
- Disarmament, demobilization and Reintegration facilitator and administrator
- Governance and Diplomacy for Peace and Security facilitator
- Trainer on AMISOM Logistics to-date, Dialogue, Negotiation and Mediation Course Coordinator.
- Trainer on AMISOM Command and Staff Pre-Deployment Training Programme(August 20, 2015)
- Lead Facilitator of Sexual and Gender Based Violence Course for the SADC Forces at the Regional Peacekeeping Training Center (August,2015), in RPTC Harare, Zimbabwe
- Trainer on AMISOM Logistics; Dialogue, Negotiation and Mediation Course Coordinator.

April 2013 to February 2014 Lead Consultant /Project Coordinator African Union/European Union Project

- Lead Consultant/Project Coordinator at the African Union Commission, Peace and Security Department, Peace Support Operations Division, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the African Standby Force Rapid Deployment Assessment mission.
- Working with the African Union Commission, Peace and Security Department, The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms Planning Elements Headquarters and Members States; the bureau of the Chairperson of the Commission, The Deputy Chairperson, relevant embassies in Addis Ababa, department of finance, department of safety and security and focal points of the peace support operations division.
- Supporting on coordination and communication between the African Union Commission and Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms and member states.
- Administration and Logistics of the experts' team.
- Project planning and implementations, meetings preparations, updating and submitting reports to AUC.
- Protocol arrangements with member states on entry, security plans and meetings with Ministers of Defence and Foreign Affairs and other key security departments in host nations of the African Standby Force Planning Elements, assessment of units and reports.
- A report submitted to the Specialized Technical Committee on Safety and Security (STCDSS) –Chief of Defence Safety and Security and Council of Ministers of Defence, Safety and Security of African States.

December 2013 to March 2017: Media Analyst

- Working at the European Union Electoral Observer Mission to Kenya 2013.
- Monitoring 13 national and vernacular radio stations, 4 national Television channels as well as 3 newspapers in their coverage of the election campaign.
- Analyzing the election trends.
- Analyzing Kenyan political structure, party system and recent political developments.
- Briefing diplomats from both the African Union Commission as well as the European Union Parliament.

July 2009 to January 2012: Peace Support Operations Training Specialist

- Coordination of all Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF) civilian training relating to Peace Support Operations under the guidance.
- Development of the Training Curriculum, training, evaluation, integrated CONOPs and SOPs, assessment criteria for EASF training institutions,
- Maintaining a roster of resource persons for civilian training as approved by the Head of Component and

EASFCOM.

- EASF designated Centers of Excellence and training institutions and a team of professionals on the field of Integrated Peace Support Training Services for the Civilian Capacity building.
- African Union Commission-PSOD Civilian Dimension.
- Relevant Government Ministries: Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministries of Defense and Electoral Commissions.
- Coordination with the Police Training and Evaluation officer, Police in-charge of Policy and Plans and the Military Chief J1, J2, J3, J4, J5, J6, J7 and Chief J9.
- Research Department of the International Peace Support Training Center, Nairobi.
- Coalition for Peace in Africa (COPA) an NGO linked to Peace Building, ACCORD, South Africa and Kofi Annan Peacekeeping Training Center, Accra, Ghana

2012 Feb- Mar 2012 **Consultant-Eastern Africa Standby Force (EASF)**

- Development of the Training Plan for the Eastern Africa Standby Force Training Strategy and Training Standards.
- Development of the Training Standards.
- Analysis of the Capacity and Capability Survey of the Training Institutions and their structures if they can ably serve the purpose of EASF.
- Development of Mission Headquarters Structure for Peace Support Operations (PSO).

2008 March-31 January 2009 **Sector Coordinator, Kenya Red Cross**

- Leading the Disaster Response Team for all humanitarian assistance in the field.
- Responsible for establishment and operation of Project Impact Monitoring System.
- Monitoring all Protection issues and human rights violations during the crisis in Kwanza district, North Rift Valley Province.
- Coordinating the budget proposals for the Regional Manager for all humanitarian operations in 13 districts during the Post –Election crisis in Kenya.
- Establishing of working committees, and Child friendly spaces for 15 camps in Kwanza district.
- Responsible for exit strategy and recovery programmes of IDPs safe return.
- Developing a database of Internally Displaced People and settlements.
- Assisting in the development of training of staffs, government officials and peace building strategies in collaboration with UNHCR and Civil Society Organizations such as Coalition for Peace in Africa.
- Providing technical input into the planning of project activities with special focus on Camp Coordination and Camp Management up to Camp Closure Procedures in collaboration with the Government of Kenya.
- Coordinating with the Emergency Operations Center at Headquarters and the Disaster Management Department.
- Collaborating with key Ministry of Medical Services on psychosocial response to conflict driven displacement, Gender Based Violence and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and human trafficking in human persons.

1994 Sept- January 2007-**Graduate Teacher, Teachers Service Commission**

- Language teacher of Kiswahili from Form I-IV.
- National Examiner in literature (Fasihi) in Kiswahili for six years. Marking the register, preparing schemes of work from the syllabus, preparing candidates for National Examination.
- Class teacher in-charge of conduct and discipline and high performance. General cleanliness, neatness

and smartness of students and the learning environment.

- Guidance and Counseling teacher.
- Script writing for National drama festivals and patron of the Drama club and Patron Debate Club in association with the Rotary Club, Kenya.

1.3 SEMINARS/CONFERENCES /

WORKSHOPS/TRAININGS/KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

- 4-7 July 2018 **Invited Guest Speaker** at the African Women in Leadership and Public Service Forum speaking on Women in Leadership and Public Service. Venue: Nairobi Safari Club.
- 29-30 October 2019 **Invited Guest Speaker** at the International Political Science Association of Southern Africa Development Cooperation Public Lecture on: Peace and Security in Eastern Africa. Venue: Luanda, Angola National University.
- 5-7 July 2019 **Invited Guest Speaker** Kigali Rwanda on Forum on Governance and Development in Africa: Venue: Kigali Hotel
- 27 November 2021: **Invited Keynote speaker** on Global Sustainable Development Goals with emphasis on Goal 5: The gender global target and the African continent: challenges and opportunities, partnerships and collaborations; deconstructing patriarchal norms, cultural barriers, stereotypes to achieve women's rights in Africa & plenary experiences. Venue: Nairobi Safari Club, Kenya.
- 10 March 2022: **Invited Keynote Speaker** to Roundtable discussion on Women Peace and Security in culmination of the International Women's Day by Life and Peace Institute Non- Governmental Organization; specifically talking on challenges women face in accessing public spheres, including risks to their peace and security; and explore available entry points to advance women's leadership in the 2022 elections. Audience: women drawn from informal settlements of Nairobi working with Boy Child at Risk Venue: Nairobi Safari Club.
- **Evaluator for AMANI II Field Training Exercise (FTX) for the African Standby Force (ASF), 2015 Strategic Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** in-charge of: Evaluating the AU Structures in Decision-Making Process of the strategic Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Operations and Plans of the Evaluation Team and the Report Writing Team for the final report to the AU Policy Organs. Member of the Core Planning Team for AMANI II FTX developing the Main Events List/Main Inject List for the Civilian Dimension of the ASF, 2014-2015. The Exercise aimed to validate the capacity of the African Union to mandate and employ a Rapid Deployment Capability (RDC) of the African Standby Force (ASF) as a start-up operation (Scenario 6), and to run a full multidimensional peace support operation (Scenario 5).
- **Participant Crisis Management Course (2014), Finland (FINCENT)** a scenario-based training with a culmination of a seminar both from Europe, the UN and African Union experiences in peacekeeping operations.
- **Participant (at the Strat-HQ) AMANI I AU Command Post Exercise (CPX) for the African Standby Force (ASF), 2010 Strategic Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.** The aim was to evaluate the Initial Operating Capacity of ASF including: procedures of strategic and mission level structures; establishment of a mission HQ; awareness raising of the ASF capabilities with AUC officials and with Member States as well as with the public; building capacity of the participants to understand the ASF concept and mission management at strategic and operational level. I was in-charge of: The civilian component planning aspects of the protection of civilians, rule of law, humanitarian affairs in Carana, human rights violations, political affairs, gender and child protection.
- **Participant Civilian-Police AU EX-NJIWA** a capacity building programme with the overall objective of:

“enhance the Police and Civilian capacities of the African Standby Force (ASF) in planning and conducting peace support operations mandated by the African Union”.

- **Course Director: Training of Trainers on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Course**, 27.07.15-07.08.15, International Peace Support Training Centre, **Karen, Kenya**.
- **Member: Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Curriculum Development**, International Peace Support Training Centre, Karen, Kenya.
- **Moderator: Regional Civilian Training Standards Workshop**, Simba Lodge Hotel Naivasha, Kenya, 19.12.11-21.12.11.
- **Child Protection in Peace Support Operations Curriculum Development Writing Board** at the EASF and later at Save the Children Sweden Office, Nairobi; the aim: To equip PSO personnel with the appropriate knowledge and skills on protection, rights and well-being of children affected by armed conflict 07.12.11-29.12.11.
- **Eastern Africa Standby Force Experts Working Group** on the EASF Training Strategy implementation plan; developed the EASF Minimum Training Standards, Training Plan and the Training Frameworks. Prepared the concept paper, set objectives and Terms of Reference for the Experts Working Group of the Eastern Africa Standby Force- 10.10.11-15.10.11.
- **Core Planning Team on AMANI Eastern Africa Command Post Exercise (CPX)**, Khartoum, Sudan, Joint Staff College. This involves training of HQ staffs for peacekeeping missions, 13.11.11-04.12.2011.
- **Facilitator: Pre-CPX Training for the EASF CPX II**, on the Gender Mainstreaming in PSO
- **In-charge** of Documentations of the AMANI EASF CPXII.
- **EX-PLAY- EXCON** representing the HICON-AU PSC as well as the Civil Society in a fictitious country-Carana, 26.12.11-30.12.11, December 2011.
- **Evaluation** of the Eastern Africa Standby Force Civilian Component, House of Weine, Karen Kenya, 01.31.2011-31-02.02.2011.
- **Development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** developed the concept paper. An on-going process Feb-May 2011. The integrated SOPs for CPX 2011 exercise are in place. The civilian SOP on Public Information Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Activities and media, Press release and reporting templates on seeking military assistance are in place.
- Development of the EASF **Integrated Concept of Operations (CONOPs)** for the CPX II, also developed the civilian mission specific operations or CONOPs in 01.03.11.
- **Facilitator: Early Warning & Disaster Management Course**, 5-19 March the Union of Comoros.
- **Facilitator: Specialization Course on Rule of Law in Post-Conflict peace Operations** (included court prosecutors, lawyers, police, marshal court prosecutors, commissioners on peace & reconciliation commissions, human rights officers, political scientists) in Kigali, Rwanda, 13.06.11-23.06.11.
- **Facilitator: PSO Foundation Course I-V**, on contemporary peacekeeping operations and the use of Carana scenario in conflict analysis, 2009-2011. International Peace Support Training Center Nairobi Kenya.
- **Facilitator: Integrated EASF Pre-CPX, Khartoum**, Sudan 08.11.11-23.11.11.
- **Rappoportour**: The Eastern Africa Standby Force Policy Organs Meeting in Seychelles. Prepared the final report from the Committee of Experts Meeting, Eastern Africa Chiefs of Defense and Security and the Eastern Africa Standby Force Council of Ministers of Defense and Security.
- **Resource Person/technical aspects**: Eastern Africa Standby Force Experts Working Group on the implementation of the EASF Training Strategy and Standards.
- **Mediation efforts by H.E Kofi Annan on Post-Election Violence in Kenya under the Women’s Voice for Peace in Kenya**, organized at the Serena Hotel by United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), 25.01.2008. Contributed on mechanisms that should be in place for protection of women and children. This was facilitated by H.E Gracia M. Mandela on women’s Strategic participation on the negotiation table as well as

dealing with the immediate needs.

- **Training on the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) process and the link to Security Sector Reforms** by the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) at Rwanda Military Academy, Nyakinama, 14.05.07-29.05.07.
- **Participant on People in Aid/Recruit Africa** on mobilizing people in emergency contexts on issues of Human Resource processes, partnerships and collaboration.
- **Training of Trainers (TOT)**, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Commission, on designing courses on conflict prevention, 25.02.08-29.02.08.
- **Staff Training on the ‘Sphere Project’**, Kenya Red Cross in collaboration with Oxfam GB on the understanding the international legal framework and practice in emergency response; activity planning and sequencing, 05.02.08.
- **Tactical Civil Military Coordination (CPX)** in collaboration with Shirbrig at the International Peace Support Training Center (IPSTC), 20.04.2009-30.04.2009.
- **Negotiations course, Kofi Annan Peacekeeping Training Center**, Ghana, Accra on the method of getting to yes negotiating agreement without giving in for instance separating the people from the problem, focusing on interests, not position, invent options for mutual gain and insist on using objective criteria, 05.05.2009-14.05.2009.
- **African Union Strategic Mission Planning Course**, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, gained skills on the decision making process of the AU PSC, 03.08.2009-07.08.2009.
- **African Union AMANI CYCLE MAPEX**, African Union Commission, where I prepared the AU Integrated Mission Planning matrix specifically for the civilian aspects, 31.08.2009-04.09.2009.
- **African Union Strategic Political Affairs Seminar/Conference**, African Union Commission where I was a panelist before the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) representing the civilian dimension on both political and humanitarian issues in CARANA, 21.11.2009-28.11.2009.
- **Eastern Africa Standby Force Field Training Exercise (FTX) 2009, Arta, Djibouti**. Worked in KenBatt as humanitarian liaison office, and received morning briefings, and responded in a multidimensional way with military and police colleagues in the area of operation.
- **Civilian Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)**, Eastern African Standby Force, on establishing needs assessments in line with the UNDPKO and the AU PSO, 16.06.2010.

1.4 SELECT CONSULTANCIES, EXPERT REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

- Technical personnel for Institute for Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (USIU-Africa-IPPIA): Developed proposal on ‘**Governance, Society and Conflict** (e.g. transparency, accountability, effective institutions, land and natural resource rights, poverty alleviation, social development, structural inequalities, violence and security, peace building, civil society)’ submitted to The Newton Fund to build UK-partner country with one from either China, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico and Thailand to link early career researchers (North-South) collaborations centred on shared research and innovation challenges which have direct relevance to Newton partner countries’ social welfare and economic development. It is managed by UK Government’s Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, and delivered through 16 UK delivery partners in collaboration with 16 partner countries. Awaiting results.
- Technical Personnel for Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (USIU-Africa-IPPIA): Submitted proposal to the Kenya Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (2016) under the World Bank Project: Proposal on ‘Kenya GPE Primary Education Development (Pride) Project: Policy study on models for providing education to enhance participation in basic education for children in Arid and Semi-Arid Locations (ASAL) Counties, informal settlements in Nairobi and Mombasa and Children with special needs in Kenya.’ Awaiting results.
- Curriculum developer and trainer for the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) force on Sexual and Gender Based Violence Course- conducted seven course in 2015 alone.
- Consultant to the Union Commission on the AMANI II Field Training Exercise (FTX) Evaluation

Team to the Strategic Headquarters in Lohatla, South Africa in-charge of operations and plans, report writing team and evaluation of the Civilian Dimension of the African Standby Force 2015.

- Consultant to the Southern Africa Development Cooperation (SADC) Regional Peacekeeping Training Centre (RPTC) on the development of the Sexual and Gender Based Violence curriculum for the SADC forces to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Training course on SGBV in July 2015.
- Consultant to the Republic of South Sudan SPLA Senior Officers and the South Sudan National Police on Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) Course in November, 2014.
- Consultant to the African Union Commission on the African Standby Force Rapid Deployment Capability Assessment whose report was presented to the Special Technical Committee on Safety and Security (STCDSS) and Heads of State and Government during the January 2014 summit.
- Consultant to the EASF Experts Working Group on EASF Training Strategy to be presented before the Eastern Africa Standby Force Council of Ministers in the Republic of Seychelles Feb 27.02.2012-2.03.2012.
- One of the instructors for the 1st EASF contingent to Somalia, AMISOM 2011.
- One of the instructors for the KenBatt Sector Commanders for rotation to UNMIS 2010.
- Study on the Eastern Africa Standby Force Centers of Excellence and EASF Training Strategy 2010-2011.
- Core Planning Team for the Eastern Africa Standby Force Command Post Exercise 2011 on scenario development, documentation and Pre CPX training.
- Development of draft Civilian Mission Specific Operations (or concept of operations)2011
- Integrated draft EASF Concept of Operations (CONOPs) 2011.
- Integrated draft EASF Standard Operating Procedures 2010-2011.
- The Head of Mission Directives for the EASF CPX 2011.
- Draft civilian job descriptions 2011.
- Development of Civilian Component course curriculum for all courses for 2011, website statement, vision and values 2010.
- Consultant on Small Arms and Light Weapons concepts and media production 2007.
- National examiner in literature in Kiswahili paper III under Kenya National Examinations Council 2001-2006.
- Analysis of the Mount Elgon Conflict and recommendation on Disarmament exercise 2007.
- To monitor the impact of conflict on women in the North Rift region under the Kenya Red Cross 2008.
- Fund raising school fees for the needy children 2004.
- National Drama Producer, Patron for the youth -2005-a play HEARTBEAT-on HIV/AIDS.

1.4 CONTRIBUTION TO KEY TASK FORCES

- Civilian component participant AU Strategic Mission Planning Training, Development of the AMANI I MAPEX & Strategic Political Strategic Seminar (Funding considerations) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Civilian planner 1st EASF Field Training Exercise in Djibouti (2009) (Documentation& briefings).
- Civilian planner 2nd EASF Command Post Exercise in Khartoum, Sudan (2011) (Training, EXCON-HICON & LOCON).
- Civilian planner & participant AU AMANI Africa I Command Post Exercise (2010) (Strategic HQ) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Civilian planner AU AMANI Africa I Command Post Exercise (2010) AU Peace & Security Council (PSC) Political Affairs/Humanitarian Panelist for AMISOM Communique on expansion of the Mandate in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Panelist & participant at the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) in AMANI 2010 where I contributed to the political & humanitarian content of the current AMISOM mandate.
- Civilian planner AU Exercise for Civilians and Police –EX-NJIWA (January, 2012) participant in management team in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

- Participant AU AMANI II Field Training Exercise (2015), Strategic Headquarters Evaluator of Civilian Component, Plans & Operations of the Evaluation Team & Report Writing Team of two personnel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Participant Exercise Design, Delivery and Implementation. Developed EASF Evaluation Criteria for Full Operational Capability (FOC) in Nairobi, Kenya.

Peace Support Operations Training Specialist & Curricula Development

1. Pre-Deployment Programmes for Civilians & integrated Training Needs Assessment, curricula development & Training in Eastern Africa Standby Force Region

- EASF Civilian Foundation Course (Pioneer participant on curriculum development & trainer)
- EASF Integrated Mission Planning Course (Pioneer participant on scenario development & Civilian planner)
- EASF Exercise Planning Process Aide Memoire (Civilian planner)
- Rapporteur of EASF Policy Organs Meeting (Technical Advisor to the Head, Political Affairs-EASF on EASF Training Strategy of 2010-2012)
- EASF Task Force on Documentation Development for ASF Roadmap I, II, III Participant & Trainer (EASF Integrated SOPs, EASF Integrated CONOPs, Job Descriptions for Civilian Component).
- EASF Training Standards Manual participant (Training Needs Assessment team & Policy formulation).
- Evaluator on the African Union ASF Assessment on Operational Readiness of the African Standby Force

2. Conflict Prevention Courses & curricula development

- Conflict Analysis and Prevention Course participant & Trainer (IPSTC, Nairobi-2009-2016)
- Dialogue, Negotiation & Mediation Course participant (Koffi Anan Peacekeeping Center, Accra, Ghana 2008)
- Early Warning and Disaster Management Course (EASF Course Comoros 2011)

3. Conflict Management Courses

- Participant (Course 5, 2012) Senior Mission Leaders' Course (Simulations)
- Child Protection Course (Trainer)
- Civil-Military Coordination Course (Trainer)
- Human Rights in Peace Support Operations Course (Trainer)
- Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Course (Pioneer curriculum developer & Trainer for AMISOM, SADC-SF & UNMISS)
- Protection of Civilians Course (Trainer)
- Gender in Peace Operations Course (Trainer)

4. Post-Conflict & Recovery Courses

- Disarmament, demobilization and Reintegration Course (Gender dimension- Trainer)
- Security Sector Reform Course (Trainer)
- Election Monitoring and Management (Trainer)

5. Humanitarian Peace Operations Courses

- Participant on scenario simulation exercises (Civilian Dimension development)
- Logistics (Gender Trainer)

6. Disaster Management Courses

- Disaster Response and Management Course (Trainer)

7. Integrated Military, Civilian and Police Exercise Training

- Participant on Exercise Planning Process Aide Memoire: EASF FTX 2009, Djibouti; AUCPX 2010, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, EASF CPX 2011, Khartoum Sudan, AU EX-NJIWA 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; AU FTX 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and South Africa involving collective training and Exercise Directive.

1.5 LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT ROLES	
RESPONSIBILITY	DESCRIPTION
1995-1998	Class-Teacher , Eastleigh High School, Nairobi
2001-2005	Class Teacher , Moi Girls High School, Nairobi Patron: Drama Club Patron: Debating Club
2008-2009	Sector, Coordinator , North Rift Valley Province Kenya Red Cross Society
2008 Sept.	Team Leader , Conflict Analysis Upper Northern Kenya, Mandera, Kenya Red Cross Society
2009	Core Planning Team , EASF Field Training Exercise (FTX) conducted in Arta, Djibouti
2010	Panelist , AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) in AU CPX AMANI I 2010 on expansion of AOO of AMISOM mission mandate. Lead Civilian in the Plans and Operations Division of AU CPX AMANI I 2010
2011	Core Planning Team , EASF Command Post Exercise conducted in Khartoum, Sudan
2012	Team Leader , Civ-Police EX-NJIWA Command Post Exercise African Union Commission mission management syndicate
2013	Lead Consultant/ Coordinator of the AU Head of State Directive on Assessment ASF Rapid Deployment Capability operational readiness based o AU Roadmap III.
2015	Evaluator based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; AU FTX AMANI II 2015 in Lohatla, South Africa
2021	Deputy Vice Chancellor’s Committee on Proposal writing for Research Chairs to coordinate research on issues of forced displacement in two regions, the Middle East and East and Horn of Africa at Kenyatta University, Kenya in 2021.
2021	Dean’s Committee as the Chairperson to Linkages and Partnerships Committee in the School of Security, Diplomacy and Peace Studies, Kenyatta University, Kenya in 2021.
2019	Dean’s Committee as a member to the curriculum Committee to develop curricula on undergraduate of International Relations & Peace and Conflict Management
19-20 Nov 2018	Dean’s representative at Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Security Policy Conference on ‘Improving Security in East Africa Regional Integration’ Nairobi, Trademark Hotel Conference Centre, Nairobi.
2019-2021:	Examination Coordinator, Department of International Relations, Conflict and Strategic Studies for The following programmes: M.A International Relations & Diplomacy Studies; M.A Peace and Conflict Management Studies; Under Kenya Military Academy: B.sc in Military and Security Studies and also in-Charge Research Project evaluation for KMA/07; KMA/08; KMA/09; MSc. In Security Strategic Studies of Nakuru Campus, KMA military Camp, Mombasa Campus, Embu Campus, Main Campus, City Campus & Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning programmes for overseas students
2019	Chairperson’s representative at the University Senate academic meeting

2020 **Chairperson's Committee on Post-graduate Research Committee** to implement the research policies of Commission of University Education in Kenya

2022 **Chairperson's Committee** on the development of the following **curricula**:

Kenyatta University Peace & Conflict Management & Int'l Relations & Diplomacy Curricula Development

- **Chairperson:** Bachelor of Arts degree in Peace and Conflict Management programme development.

Co-opted with Colleagues in the Curriculum Committee

- Ph.D in International Relations and Diplomacy to be submitted to the University Senate
- Ph.D in Peace and Conflict Management to be submitted to the University Senate
- M.A in Terrorism and Cyber Crime to be submitted to the University Senate
- M.A in Peace and Conflict Management to be submitted to the University Senate
- Review Bsc. in Military and Security Studies-I reviewed the current curriculum

1.6 Papers and other Publications

In Refereed Journals - Selected

Ongoing

- **Book chapter** (2022) under development for KU-Uppsala University cooperation: Theme: Community-based Conflict Management in Urban and Rural areas of East Africa Title: *Women's Resilience and Fragility to the effects of Banditry in West Pokot County, Kenya* by **Leah Barasa**. (to be presented on 29-30 June 2022 in the Department of Peace and Conflict Resolution, Uppsala University, Sweden).

Published

- **Barasa, L.** Iteyo, C. (2018). International Refugee Protection Framework's Influence on Human Security in Kenya: Focus on Nairobi County, Kenya. IOSR Journal of Humanities And Social Science (IOSR-JHSS), Volume 23, Issue 3, Ver. 4 March 2018. PP 80-86 e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845. www.iosrjournals.org
- **Barasa, L.** Matanga, F. (2018). Nature of Human Security in Nairobi, Kenya. IOSR Journal of Humanities And Social Science (IOSR-JHSS), Volume 23, Issue 3, Ver. 4 March. 2018. PP 87-95 e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845. www.iosrjournals.org
- **2018:**<https://theconversation.com/brexit-trade-and-security-are-all-on-the-agenda-during-mays-kenya-visit-102348> **Brexit, trade and security are all on the agenda during May's Kenya visit. Barasa, L.**
- **2015:** <https://blogs.fco.gov.uk/rosedemendonca/2015/01/08/visit-to-british-peace-support-team/> **Contributions as a Sexual and Gender Based Violence Lead Trainer at IPSTC.**
- **2014:** "Addressing Sexual Gender Based Violence in Conflict Situations." A Quarterly –Newsletter of the International Peace Support Training Centre, Volume 7-01 October-31 December, 2014.
- **2013:** "African Defense Safety and Security Experts Report on the "Operational Readiness of the African Standby Force." www.peaceau.org/.../african-defense-safety-and-security-experts begin meeting in Addis Ababa-The Ibrahim Gambari Report, 2014.
- **2013:** Report of Women Political Parties Leaders' Training on Conflict Mediation and Peace Building: UNDP/ACORD, Maanzoni, Kenya August 27-29 2012 Unpublished.
- **2010:** "Study Tour to on-going missions in Eastern Region, the case of the Sudan: UNMIS and UNAMID", June 30th 2010 (Unpublished).
- **2008:** Participated in writing a Handbook in collaboration with UNHCR to Geneva on "[BEST PRACTICES](#)" in [Humanitarian intervention during Post Election Violence \(PEV\) in Kenya.](#)" (Unpublished).

- **2004:** [Challenges facing girl child secondary education: A case study of Kinango division of Kwale District, Kenya](http://www.erepository.uonbi.ac.ke/handle/11295/2/browse?value=Barasa%2c+Leah+N&type=author): Barasa, Leah N (University of Nairobi Department of Anthropology & Gender Studies, 2004)....www.erepository.uonbi.ac.ke/handle/11295/2/browse?value=Barasa%2c+Leah+N&type=author.

Research Experience

- (2007) Research Assistant in a project on *Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Evaluation Measure of Kilifi District, Kenya*. A project commissioned by the University of Nairobi in collaboration with the Catholic Relief Services.
- (2008) Final assessment on Post-Election Violence in North Rift Valley Province before ‘*Operation Rudi Nyumbani*’ IDPs return. A project commissioned by the Government of Kenya, Kenya Red cross and the United Nations High Commission on Refugees.

Policy Writing and Evaluation Research

- (2012) Contracted by the Eastern Africa Standby Force Secretariat along with Experts Working Group (EWG) of the Eastern Africa Standby Force Member States to write a policy paper on EASF Training Strategy on the Establishment of Centers of Excellence
- (2013-2014) Contracted by the European Union Headquarters in Brussels as Lead Consultant/Project Coordinator to execute a Heads of State Directive of African Union Peace and Security Department, to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the African Standby Force (ASF) in 2013 on the Operational Readiness of the African Standby Force (ASF), including its Rapid Deployment Capability (RDC) based on recommendations contained in the ASF Roadmap III (including the Action Plan) which focused on outstanding issues for increased utility of the ASF as a tool for the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA). This was based on the communiqué of the Peace and Security Council’s (PSC) 353rd Meeting at the level of Heads of State and Government (January 2013) also stressed “...the need for the early operationalisation of the African Standby Force Rapid Deployment Capability, within the framework of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA)”, experience from lessons learned from Mali and Competence of highly skilled team on ASF- APSA; and availability of resources. A report on progress made and challenges encountered in the early operationalization of the ASF RDC within the framework of APSA to the Special Technical Committee on Defence Security and Safety and the AU Assembly was submitted and adopted in January 2014.

1.7 AWARDS

- 2018: Mandela Legacy Centre for Leadership and Development with a motto of uplifting legacies for making a difference under the African Women Inspirational Leadership award was presented to Dr. Leah Barasa on 6th July 2018 ‘... in recognition of your commitment towards improving the social, economic and political status of women and for being a role model and inspirational to women in your local community.’
- 2010: AU PSC Outstanding personnel in delivery of revised AMISOM Mandate to expand the Area of Operation. I was the civilian panellist writing on the political and humanitarian situation and action required.
- 2005: National Drama Producer Drama for Colleges and Secondary Schools for a winning play y Moi Girls School Nairobi: ‘The Heartbeat.’

1.8 SCHOLARSHIPS

- **2012-2013** Diploma in Peace and Security, Uppsala University, Sweden

1.9 FUNDING

PROPOSAL TO GRANTS

- 2021** IDRC proposal submitted to the Canadian Embassy on the research chair to support the establishment of development agenda for the forcibly displaced populations in Eastern Africa through gender transformative strategies.
- 2021 PEER COVID 19 proposal submitted to U.S COVID 19 Global Response and Recovery Framework and also supports *U.S. commitments to the G7+ Plan to Defeat the COVID 19 Pandemic in 2022 and Prevent the Next Pandemic;* to inform and guide the creation of a unified model that would mitigate shocks and build resilience against the effects of COVID 19 and other emerging externalities among women and girls in Kibera slums, Nairobi, Kenya. (
- 2022 HEAR G submitted to United Nations Peace and Development Trust Fund (UNDPTF) to establish a multi-sectoral participatory evidence based project to support government’s effort in enhancing girl child education in urban informal Settlements of Kenya as outlined in SDG 4 and 5 and 2030 agenda.

10.0 MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

- African Union Africa Standby Force Civilian Community of Practice.
- Kenya Red Cross volunteer.
- Universities Association Staff Union
- Kenyatta University Alumni
- University of Nairobi Alumni

11.0 LINKAGES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dean’s Appointment Committee as Chair, School’s Linkages and Community Service: communicated with Turkey Embassy, Nairobi to fund civic education for the upcoming National General Elections in Kenya, 2022.

Invited Non-Member Guest to support fundraising for upcountry community Church- Kenya Assemblies of God Church, Sang’alo Airport View, Bungoma County November 2021 (Western Province)

Invited Non-Member Guest to support buying of music equipment in Satellite Estate, Dagoreti Constituency in Nairobi April 2022 (Nairobi City)

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