

CURRICULUM VITAE

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OVERVIEW

Dr Keetie Roelen is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies in the Rural Futures cluster, and Co-Director of the Centre for Social Protection. She holds 17 years of experience in research, teaching, and policy advice, and is a recognised expert in areas of (child) poverty, social protection and anti-poverty interventions in relation to children, women and psychosocial wellbeing. She has worked with many international organisations such as UNICEF, Save the Children and Concern Worldwide, performing research and policy advice work in Southern and Eastern Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe and Haiti. Dr Roelen has secured £1.5+ million of external funding and has successfully led a range of large-scale multi-partner projects, including the prestigious ESRC Future Leaders grant and a GCRF ECD project funded through the British Academy. She has qualitative and quantitative research skills and is a highly experienced teacher and trainer, having developed and led courses for postgraduate students, professionals, and policy makers. Her work has been extensively published in the form of high-ranked journal publications and book chapters, working papers and policy-oriented publications.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2006 – 2010	PhD in Public Policy and Policy Analysis (thesis title: <i>False Positives or Hidden Dimensions – the definition and measurement of child poverty</i>) Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, University Maastricht, the Netherlands
1999 – 2003	MSc in International Economic Studies (specialisation: Development Economics) University Maastricht, the Netherlands

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2010 – PRESENT	Research Fellow , Institute of Development Studies, UK Co-Director of the Centre for Social Protection (since 2013)
2004 – 2010	Researcher/ Lecturer/ MSc Convenor , Faculty of Economics and Business Administration / Maastricht Graduate School of Governance (MGSoG), Maastricht University, the Netherlands

RESEARCH AND PROJECT FUNDING

2020 – present	'Fonkoze PROMES Graduation Programme Research on Resilience and Women's Empowerment in Haiti', funded by Swiss Development Cooperation – project lead (\$170,112)
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2018 – present	'Child Labour Action Research Innovation in South and South Eastern Asia' (CLARISSA), funded by DFID – co-principal investigator for Social Protection workstream (approximately £2 million within overall £11 million budget)
2017 – 2019	'Researching graduation trajectories, intra-household dynamics and the role of coaching in graduation programmes in Burundi and Rwanda', funded by Concern Worldwide – co-principal investigator (€352,154)
2017 – 2019	'Evaluating the impact of Fonkoze's CLM Ultra Poverty Programme on child development and child wellbeing', funded by W.K. Kellogg Foundation – principal investigator (\$97,550)
2017 – 2019	'Pathways to Stronger Futures in Haiti: how can economic strengthening through social protection improve early childhood development?', funded by DFID GCRF ECD programme through British Academy – principal investigator (£250,000)
2016 – 2017	'Assessing the perceptions and feedback from beneficiaries and service providers of the interventions carried out under the Integrated Nutrition and Social Cash Transfer (IN-SCT) Pilot, in SNNP region' for UNICEF Ethiopia – principal investigator (\$93,586)
2015 – 2019	'Evaluation of Integrated Nutrition – Social Cash Transfer (IN-SCT) in Ethiopia', with IFPRI, funded by UNICEF Ethiopia – principal investigator (\$243,920)
2013 – 2016	'Researching the linkages between social protection and children's care' in Ghana, Rwanda and South Africa, funded by Family for Every Child – principal investigator (£74,253)
2012 – 2015	'Reducing poverty in the first 18 years of life: the importance of measurement for getting it right' in Burundi, Ethiopia and Vietnam, ESCR Future Leaders Grant – principal investigator (£210,510)
2010 – 2011	'Lessons Learnt on Scaling Up Child Sensitive Social Protection within Eastern and Southern Africa Programmes', funded by UNICEF ESARO – principal investigator (\$140,493)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Little, M., Roelen, K., Lange, B., Steinert, J., Yakubovich, A., Cluver, L. and D. Humphreys (2021) Effectiveness of cash-plus programmes on early childhood outcomes compared to cash transfers alone: A systematic review and meta-analysis in low- and middle-income countries. PLOS Medicine, forthcoming (**Impact factor: 11.069**)
2. Roelen, K. and A. Saha (2021) Pathways to Stronger Futures? The role of social protection in reducing psychological risk factors for child development in Haiti. Submitted to World Development. (**Impact factor: 3.905**)
3. Roelen, K. and E. Taylor (2021) Understanding the impact of anti-poverty interventions on mental health: validation of the Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale in rural Haiti. PLOS ONE. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0243457> (**Impact factor: 2.776**)

4. Roelen, K., Sherer, M. and C. Leon-Himmelstine (2020) The role of graduation programming in promoting early childhood development: an overview of the evidence. *Journal of the British Academy* 8(2): 133-161.
5. Roelen, K. and C. Leon-Himmelstine (2019) Graduating Out of Poverty Across Generations: Unpacking Children's Wellbeing Trajectories in Burundi. *Children & Society* 33(6): 507-523. **(Impact factor: 0.826)**
6. Roelen, K. and S. Devereux (2019) Money and the Message: The role of training and coaching in graduation programming. *Journal of Development Studies*. 55(6): 1121-1139. **(Impact factor: 1.526)**
7. Devereux, S., Roelen, K., Sabates, R., Sabates-Wheeler, R., Stoelinga, D. and A. Dyevre (2019) Graduating from food insecurity: Evidence from graduation projects in Burundi and Rwanda. *Food Security*. 1-14. **(Impact factor: 2.153)**
8. Roelen, K. (2018) Poor Children in Rich Households and Vice Versa: A Blurred Picture or Hidden Realities? *The European Journal of Development Research* 30(2): 320-341. **(Impact factor: 1.440)**
9. Roelen, K., Delap, E., Jones, C. and H. Karki Chettri (2017) Improving child wellbeing and care in Sub-Saharan Africa: The role of social protection. *Children and Youth Services Review* 73: 309-318. **(Impact factor: 1.684)**
10. Roelen, K. (2015) The two-fold investment trap': children and their role in sustainable graduation, *IDS Bulletin*, 46(2), 25-34. **(Impact factor: 0.319)**
11. Roelen, K. (2014) Sticks or carrots? Conditional cash transfers and their effect on child abuse and neglect. *Child Abuse & Neglect* 38(3), 372-382. **(Impact factor: 2.845)**

REPORTS

1. Gilligan, D., Arrieta, A., Devereux, S., Hoddinott, J., Kebede, D., Ledie, N., Roelen, K. and A. Seyoum Taffesse (2020) Integrating Service Delivery with Cash Transfers to Improve Nutrition in Ethiopia: An Impact Evaluation of the IN-SCT Pilot Project in Oromia and Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region. Endline Impact Evaluation Report. Addis Ababa: UNICEF/ MOLSA/ IFPRI.
2. Roelen, K., Palermo, T. and L. Prencipe (2018) 'Cash Plus': Linking Cash Transfers to Services and Sectors. Innocenti Research Brief 2018-19. Florence: UNICEF Innocenti Office of Research / Brighton: Institute of Development Studies.
3. Roelen, K., Devereux, S. and D. Kebede (2017) Cash Plus in Practice. Integrating nutrition and Access to services in the PSNP in Ethiopia. Addis Ababa: UNICEF Ethiopia.
4. Roelen, K., Devereux, S., Kebede, D. and M. Ulrichs (2017) Assessing perceptions and feedback from clients and service providers of interventions carried out under the Integrated Nutrition and Social Cash Transfer (IN-SCT) Pilot, SNNP region, Ethiopia. Research Report. Brighton: Institute of Development Studies.

LANGUAGES

Dutch	Mother tongue
English	Academic level
German	Moderate