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### CURRENT POSITION

Feb 2018 – Present *Institute for Fiscal Studies, Center for the Evaluation of Development Policies, London, UK. Assistant Director. Deputy Director Center for the Evaluation of Development Policies.*

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### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Oct 2012 – Jan 2018 *Institute for Fiscal Studies, Center for the Evaluation of Development Policies, London, UK. Research Economist.*

Sept 2009 – Sept 2012 *Institute for Fiscal Studies, Center for the Evaluation of Development Policies, London, UK. Research Economist.*

Sept 2008 – Aug 2009 *Institute for Fiscal Studies, Center for the Evaluation of Development Policies, London, UK. Postdoctoral Fellow. Advisors: Prof. Orazio Attanasio and Prof. Costas Meghir.*

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### EDUCATION

Sept 2005 – Aug 2008 **Ph.D. in Social Protection Policy**, *University of Maastricht, Maastricht, NL.* “Microfinance – Greater Good or Lesser Evil?”. Advisor: C. de Neubourgh.

Oct 2004 – Aug 2005 **Masters in Econometrics** (Doctorandus in Econometrie), *University of Maastricht, Maastricht, NL.*

Sept 2000 – June 2004 **Propedeuse in Econometrics**, *University of Maastricht, Maastricht, NL.*

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### OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Ongoing *University College London, Department of Economics, UK. Associate Staff.*

March 2010 – Present *United Nations University-Merit, Maastricht, NL.*

*Affiliated Researcher. Principal Investigator for an Evaluation Project.*

Sept 2008 – Present *Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht University, Maastricht, NL. Affiliated Researcher.*

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### PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

Attanasio, O., B. Augsburg, R. De Haas (forthcoming), Microcredit Contracts and Risk Diversification, *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

Augsburg, B. & Rodríguez Lesmes (2018). Sanitation and Child Health in India, *World Development*; Volume 107, July 2018, Pages 22-39.

Attanasio, O. & B. Augsburg (2018). Holy Cows or Cash Cows, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 66(2)307-330.

Attanasio, O. & B. Augsburg (2016). Subjective Expectations and Income Processes in rural India, *Economica*, Volume 83, Issue 331, pages 416–442.

Augsburg, B., R. De Haas, H. Harmgart and C. Meghir (2015), The Impacts of Microcredit: Evidence from

Bosnia and Herzegovina, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 7(1): 183–203.

Attanasio, O., B. Augsburg, R. De Haas, E. Fitzsimons and H. Harmgart (2015), The impacts of microfinance: Evidence from joint-liability lending in Mongolia, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 7(1): 90-122.

Argent, J., B. Augsburg, I. Rasul (2014), Livestock Asset Transfers With and Without Training: Evidence from Rwanda, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organizations*. Volume 108, December 2014, p.19–39.

Augsburg, B. & Fouillet, C. (2010), "Profit Empowerment: How Donors push Microfinance away from its primary objective", *Perspectives on Global Technology and Development, special issue: Microfinance and Society*, PGDT 9 (2010) 323-351.

Augsburg, B. (2009a), The impact of a Dairy intervention in rural India - Evidence from realized outcomes and expected returns to investment. *Journal of Development Effectiveness*. 1:2, 147-170.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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Are households credit constrained for sanitation? Evidence from an RCT in India, joint with B.Caeyers, S.Giunti, B.Malde.

Effects of a home visiting intervention in the slums of Cuttack, Odisha: a cluster randomized trial, joint with A. Andrew, O. Attanasio, S. Grantham-McGregor, C. Meghir, M. Rubio Codina.

Information, Social Status and Health Investments Evidence from an RCT in Nigeria, joint with L. Abramovsky, M. Luehrman, F. Oteiza, JP Rud, (2017).

Nutrition, WASH and Child Physical Growth, joint with L.Abramovsky, P.Jervis, B.Malde and A.Phimister.

Financing household sanitation through microfinance - impacts and challenges, with P.A.Rodríguez Lesmes.

Sanitation dynamics: toilet acquisition and its economic and social implications - Evidence from FINISH project in Gwalior, India, joint with P.A. Rodríguez Lesmes.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS – ongoing and just completed**

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- 2016 - 2018 British Academy: Sustainable Development Programme. “*Improving children’s life chances in high-risk, low-income settings: Designing a “new generation” longitudinal cohort study of child development*”, (O.Attanasio, S.Krutikiva, C.Meghir, A.Stein, J.Boyden, £202,163)
- 2016 - 2019 3ie: “*Community toilet use in slums - willingness to pay and the role of informational and supply side constraints.*”. (US\$550,000). Co-I (with A. Armand and O. Attanasio).
- 2013 - 2017 WaterAid UK (funder BMGF). “*Sustainable Total Sanitation in Nigeria – implementation, learning, research, and influence on practice and policy*”. (US\$ 1,113,930). PI.
- 2012 - 2017 Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF): “*Understanding the Links and Interactions between Low Sanitation and Health Insurance in India*” (US\$601,508) (with Prof. O. Attanasio and B.Caeyers; J.Bevan (WSP India)). Co-I.
- 2014 - 2016 Consultant on *Monitoring, Verification and Evaluation Service Provider for the DFID WASH Results Programme*, Department for International Development, managed by OPM.
- 2014 - 2017 Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF): “*Early Childhood Development for the Poor - Evaluation of the Impacts – midline survey*” (US\$ 439,656). Co-I.
- 2012 - 2018 National Institute of Health (NIH): “*Early Childhood Development for the poor: Impacting at scale*”. (US\$ 2,242,585), Co-I.
- 2011 - 2015 Private donation by Mr Martin Rushton-Turner. Evaluation of *Early Childhood Development Stimulation project in slums of Cuttack, Odisha*” (GBP 150,000). Co-I.
- 2011 - 2015 ESRC-DFID: “*Improving productivity in developing countries: identifying bottlenecks and obstacles to productive investments and technology adoption*”, (GBP 361,828), Co-I.
- 2008 - 2015 Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS): “*Evaluation of a large scale sanitation intervention (FINISH – Financial Inclusion Improves Sanitation and Health)*”. PI.