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Publications	Journal Articles [3] I. Bassier, <u>J. Budlender</u> , R. Zizzamia and R. Jain (2023) poverty impacts of covid-19 in South Africa" South Africa	

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Grants

SRG Research Grant, STEG

■ Monopsony, Wage Floors, and Structural Transformation (2023-24)

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■ Stimulus effects of a large public employment programme (2021-23)

SA-TIED Research Grants, UNU-WIDER

- Economic and social costs of rolling blackouts in South Africa (2023-24)
- Monopsony, Wage Floors, and Structural Transformation (2022-23)
- Project on the South African Employment Tax Incentive (2020-21)
- Industry classification in the South African tax microdata (2019-20)
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