The African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) is a world-class independent research institution based in Africa, and led by Africans. Our work centers on three areas:

- **Research** - Generate high-quality, policy-relevant scientific evidence
- **Research capacity strengthening** - Enhance the capacity of Africans to produce robust evidence
- **Policy engagement and communications** - Reach out to African policy and decision-makers to ensure the best available research evidence informs decisions that shape the continent’s future
Research Programs

Our research is at the forefront of improving the understanding of the continent's key development challenges. Currently, our programs define and address research and policy priorities in population dynamics and reproductive health, urbanization and wellbeing, health challenges and systems, aging, education, and their linkages to development in sub-Saharan Africa. Our multi-disciplinary team of more than 40 African scholars, of which half hold PhDs, come from 11 countries across Africa and regularly publish 40-60 peer-reviewed scientific papers each year, in addition to numerous working papers and study reports. The center implements over 50 research projects each year.
APHRC’s innovative capacity building programs are linking academic research and training institutions in East, West, Central and Southern Africa. This model presents a great paradigm for the fostering of high-level scholarly skills that will promote change and development on the continent.

Professor Isaac Folorunso Adewole,
VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, NIGERIA

Research Capacity Strengthening

APHRC is committed to strengthening individual and institutional research capacity to enable Africans lead globally-competitive research and training programs on the continent. We achieve this through partnerships with universities to improve graduate training; fellowships, scholar exchanges and traineeships that support African and non-African researchers working on African issues; and targeted training workshops to enhance the capacity of African policymakers, program implementers and the media to understand and utilize relevant scientific evidence in their policy and program decisions. The Center has supported over 250 doctoral candidates at various African universities to undertake their doctoral training over the past six years.
Policy Engagement and Communications

APHRC promotes evidence-led decision-making to local, national and international audiences, using innovative communication, knowledge management and policy engagement strategies. APHRC works closely with government ministries and parliamentarians and has fostered collaborations with a wide range of key regional and global institutions.

APHRC’s research evidence from Nairobi’s slums has shown a maternal mortality ratio of 706 per 100,000 live births compared to the national average of 488. Now we are working together to address the health system needs and provide high quality, accessible, and affordable health care for women and children, especially in these under-served settings. We are excited to see more mothers delivering safely in facilities close to their homes.

Dr. V.K. Omondi, Director Health Management Team,
MAKADARA, NAIROBI COUNTY, KENYA
Funding and Partnerships

The Center operates an annual budget of over US$16 million sourced from partnerships with a diverse range of donors including private foundations and organizations, bilateral donors and individuals for its research, capacity strengthening, policy engagement and communication activities. This impressive growth, from slightly over a million dollars at inception in 2001, demonstrates APHRC’s competitiveness in efficient program delivery, strategic partnerships and effective grant and financial management systems.
During my tenure as Permanent Secretary of Education I had not gone to the slums until I met a researcher from APHRC who was looking at education issues in slums. APHRC’s Education Research Program has informed policies on barriers to accessing quality basic education under universal basic education policies, including the bringing of low-cost informal schools in slums under the government’s free primary education scheme.

Prof. James Ole Kiyiapi, Former Education Permanent Secretary and Kenyan Presidential Candidate is Currently a Member of APHRC’s Board of Directors.

Organizational Leadership

APHRC’s leadership espouses a strong commitment to excellence and is organized to optimize performance and effectively deliver impact. The leadership structure features a board of directors, the executive leadership team and the senior management team.

Our current Strategic Plan (2012-2016) sets out an ambitious vision for the Center’s future and a commitment to be judged not merely by our outputs but by the impact we are having in improving the lives of Africans. Its our vision that the people of Africa enjoy the highest possible quality of life through policies and practices informed by robust scientific evidence.
Our Vision
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Our Mission
To be a global center of excellence, consistently generating and delivering relevant scientific evidence for policy and action on population, health and education in Africa.

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