



Who we are

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

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

Research Programs

Our research is at the vanguard 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 consistently 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.

Strengthening Research Capacity

APHRC is committed to strengthening professional and institutional research capacity to lead globally-competitive research and training programs on the continent 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 utilize relevant scientific evidence to inform policies and programs in the region. The Center has supported over 220 doctoral candidates at various African universities to complete their doctoral training.

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.

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.

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. APHRC remains committed to our vision – *that the people of Africa enjoy the highest possible quality of life through policies and practices informed by robust scientific evidence.*