



### **Dr. Steve Wandiga Biography**

I am an Epidemiologist interested in the convergence between infectious and non-communicable diseases at present. I was mentored by gracious individuals through EDCTP projects in 2007-2012 that enabled me to earn a PhD and carve out a path for career development. I work at the Kenya Medical Research Institute's as an Assistant Principal Research Scientist. I lead the Tuberculosis Division at the Center for Global Health Research in Kisumu Campus, Kisumu, Kenya where we host the back-up bio-safety level (BSL) 3 laboratory that supports the Ministry of Health and National Tuberculosis Program in drug susceptibility testing and drug resistance surveillance. As part of giving back, I am the Academic Director of the Study Abroad Program and co-Chair of the Masters in Global Health at the School for International Training in Kenya. I am the Managing Editor for the East African Health Research Journal, which is part of the East African Health Research Commission within the East African Community. One study that we look forward to kicking off is the multi-country clinical characterization of COVID-19 patients. I am supervising 5 PhD and 4 Masters students. I concur that an individual either "networks" or "not work" and mentorship is key to unlocking paths.