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## **Fredrick Were**

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Fred Were's current primary duties include: Dean of the school of Medicine at the University of Nairobi, Adjunct Professor of Newborn Medicine at the Aga Khan University (East Africa) and Research Adviser to the The Kenya Paediatric Research Consortium. He also provides clinical services at The Kenyatta National, Aga Khan University and Avenue Hospitals in Nairobi as lead consultant in newborn medicine.

Professor Were received his undergraduate medical degree training at the University of Nairobi. He then undertook a pediatric residency at the Kenyatta National Hospital under the auspices of the University of Nairobi. Soon after qualification as a Paediatrician, he spent two years at the Monash University/Medical Centre in a fellowship program leading to graduation as a Neonatologist. The period between 2002 and 2007 saw him return to the University of Nairobi where he functioned as senior lecturer and finalized his PhD which he obtained in 2008. The PHD thesis was in early predictors of long term outcomes among very low birth weight infants in Kenya. He is currently pursuing a post-doctorate in the area of health systems and health systems research.

Professor Were served as a National Chairman of The Kenya Paediatric Association (2002-2012) and Committee member of the World Association of Perinatal Medicine (2008-2011) among many others. He continues serving as member of the International Paediatric Association Standing Committee, Executive Board Member of Nestle Nutrition Institute of Africa, Chairman of The Network for Education and Support in Immunizations, President of The Eastern African Paediatric Association (from 2010) and President of the International Society of Tropical Paediatrics.

Professor Were's research interests lie in the areas of newborn medicine (with particular emphasis on nutrition of Low Birth Weight Infants) and health systems. He is committed to promote child health advocacy displaying particular vigor in the area of increasing childhood immunization coverage and public awareness. He has generated over 120 publications from his research activities 50 of them being original articles. Most of these have been in newborn medicine and health systems research.

In the area of immunization, Professor Were sits on many committees including the Global Rotavirus Academy, African Vaccines & Immunization Network and the Pneumococcal Awareness Council of Experts among others. From 2013 he has been a member of The African Technical Advisory Group for Measles, the African Technical Advisory Groups for immunizations as well as The WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunizations (SAGE). He further serves as Chair of the National Polio Certification Committee.



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In Kenya he serves as an informal advisor on immunizations to the Ministry of Health where he has been pivotal in the development of the National Immunization Policy, Health Workers' Guide to Vaccines & Immunization. He was appointed Chair of Kenya's National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (NITAG).