

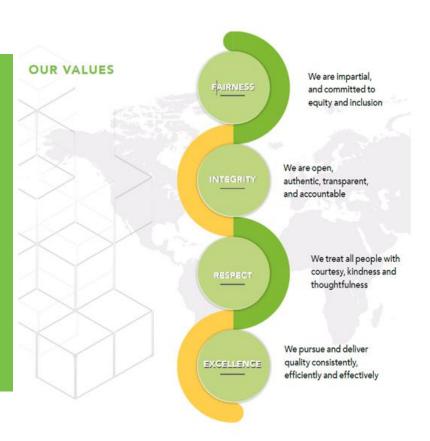
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## **African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)**



- Vision Transforming lives in Africa through
   Research (since 2001 HQ in Kenya, Registration in USA; 501(c)3 status)
- Team Multidisciplinary and multicultural
- Staff 192 staff from 12 countries, 54% female, 46%
   male, 55 PhDs, 56 Masters
- What we do Research, Research Capacity
   Strengthening, Policy Engagement and
   Communication
- Projects 90 in 30 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Funders Over 60 (25% unrestricted funds)

## **APHRC Workplace Program**

- Safety and health policy (guided by OSHA) since 2008 approved by Board and updated every 3 years or earlier if need be
- Safeguarding and related policies
- Health and Safety Committee
- Healthy Workplace Healthy Workers Strategic Plan
- Employee Assistance Program
- Staff involved in policy formulation, open fora, staff meetings etc.
- Leadership involvement budgeting, participation in activities
- Culture shift program 3 areas of focus

## Healthy Workplace Healthy Workers

Goals

#### **Our System**

Organize our resources to address systemic health and safety priorities in the organization

## Healthy and Safe Environment

Focuses on the preventive measures on the employees' environment

#### **Heathy Workers**

Focuses on a holistic health and wellbeing of employees

**Health and Safety** 

#### **Our Vision**

APHRC is a healthy and safe workplace for employees both individually and collectively

### **Our Mission**

Create a heathy and safe workplace through the physical environment, personal health, community involvement and psychosocial environment

**APHRC's Foundation** 

#### **Our Vision**

Transforming lives in Africa through research

#### Our Mission

Generating evidence, strengthening research and related capacity in the African R&D ecosystem, and engaging policy to inform action on health and development

#### **Our Values**

Fairness Integrity Respect Excellence Physical

Addresses areas such as physical activity, nutrition and diet, medical self-care, rest and sleep, physical safety, and hydration.

Resources and tools to help develop sound financial habits and lighten the load of financial stress.

Financial

APHRC's Holistic Health and Well-Being Approach Mental

Foster the development of positive mental health and addressing the determinants of mental health within the workplace.



Employees given opportunities for personal, intellectual and professional growth with a fair distribution of resources.

Professional



Foster a sense of uniqueness as well as belonging and purpose.





# Physical Work Environment







Reception

Auditorium



Open field for games, outdoor functions

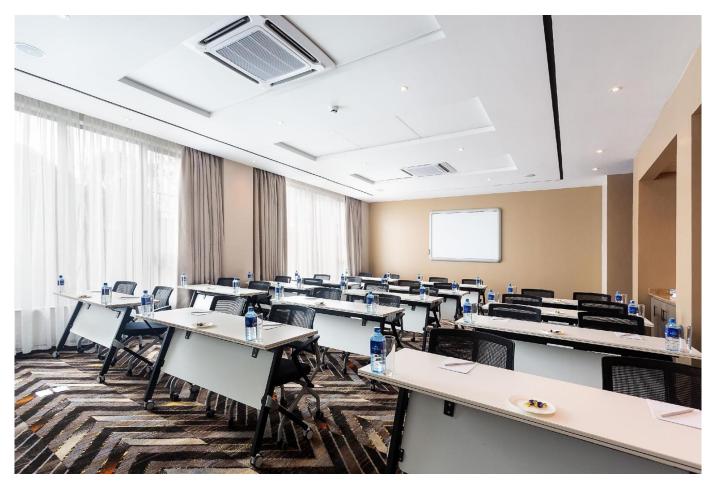


Restaurant





Relaxation gardens (Multi purpose)



Training / conference room



Fire extinguisher and fire suppression system(server room)



Open plan office space



Closed office



Meeting room

# Physical work environment

- Clean and serene
- Tobacco free
- Recycled water
- Consideration for PLWD restrooms, ramps, auditorium
- WHO Covid-19 guidelines enforced since March 2020



# Psychosocial Environment





Staff party 2021

Walking our talk and reducing our NCD risks
Sports Day October, 2022





Staff gym

## ...in good, and in sad times...



Together in grief



Conquering mountains



Staff hiking

Celebrating achievements, special events



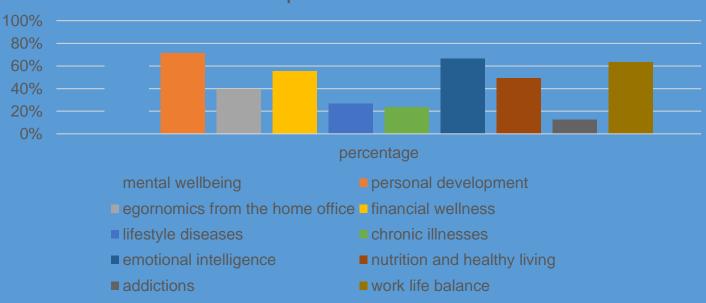
## Not all work!



**APHRC staff Choir** 



## Staff Wellness Topics Preference for Year 2022



## **Psychosocial environment**

- Employee assistance program counselling services
- Retreats, sports, happy hours
- Birthdays, weddings, baby showers
- Funerals welfare assistance program
- Health talks mental, financial, vocational, social

# Psychosocial environment

- Staff satisfaction and engagement surveys
- Remote work
- Regular check-ins
- Enabling policies e.g.
  - 24 days of paid time off
  - Travel with infant up to 12 months
  - Nursing mums work less hours until baby is 6 months old



# Personal Health and Wellbeing



## Personal health and well being

- Health insurance of US\$20k including annual check up and vaccinations, chronic illness support
- Discourage emails after 5pm and on weekends
- Employee Assistance Program
- Gym (at the office and outside)
- Joggers club
- Football club
- Quiet room
- Urban farming for organic food



## **Enterprise-Community Involvement**





APHRC staff participating in a corporate sponsored marathon, October 2022









Free medical camp

Donations to a school

# **Enterprise/Community Environment**

- Webinars and research on health issues
- Support to communities before and during Covid -19
- School painting
- Marathons Beyond zero, Luquluqu, Stanchart
- Medical camps
- Clothes and food donations during fires

## **Enterprise/Community Environment**

- Staff serve as reviewers of scientific journals and boards
- TV and radio talks
- NCD support to research communities
- Partnered to launch the continent's second human milk bank in Nairobi

# Awards and recognition

- 2022 Received a US\$15M gift from MacKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett as we celebrate 20 years of successful operations in Africa, producing locally relevant research evidence as a transformational tool for improving lives on the continent
- 2022 Selected to lead the largest-ever population-based research initiative in Africa
- Multiple times Recognition as global think tank on health issues

## **Evaluation and Continuous Improvement**

Our evaluation framework guides the performance measurement and review of key activities and initiatives. We aim to develop a framework that standardizes and aligns the monitoring and evaluation processes, provides timely data and information, facilitates continuous learning and enhances accountability and transparency of employee wellness activities

# Leadership Involvement

- Meetings on Healthy Workplace
- Approved Workplace Strategic Plan
- Approved Health Workplace Policies
- Financial Commitment,
- Human and Other Resources

## **Success Indicators**



Engagement

Employees

- Participation in Workplace activities and
- Use of Health and Fitness Center
- Employees'
- Change









Evaluation

Monitoring

Implementation,

- Safety Inspections and Audits
- Corrective and Protective Actions
- Health and Safety Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Certifications and Awards

## **Health and Safety Committee**



















## **Health and Safety Committee at Work**







# **THANK YOU**





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