

## **Samuel Kipunaa Lopar profile**

Mr. Lopar is the current and founding Chairperson of the Department of Nursing and Clinical Studies at Mama Ngina University College. He is a seasoned advanced nurse practitioner, nurse educator, Health leader, and researcher with over two decades of progressive experience in nursing practice, academia, and public health administration. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Advanced Nursing Practice (APN) from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, where he is currently pursuing a PhD in Nursing. Mr. Lopar is a certified Advanced Nurse Practitioner (Community Health Nursing and Primary Health Care) with additional qualifications in strategic leadership, health systems strengthening, and adaptive leadership.

Mr. Lopar was former roles Acting Director of Nursing Services and County Chief Nursing Officer West Pokot County, where he provided strategic oversight and led policy implementation for nursing services. He has also served as a lecturer at Ortum School of Nursing, actively participating in curriculum development, clinical mentorship, and capacity building. His passion for education is matched by a commitment to research, His areas of academic research interest are maternal and child health, implementation science approaches and nursing education.

Beyond academia and public service, Mr. Lopar is a dedicated community leader and advocate. He has contributed to numerous health-related initiatives, including maternal and child health outreach programs, community-based health volunteer training, and COVID-19 response efforts. He also serves on various boards and committees, including school management boards. As a lifelong volunteer with the Kenya Red Cross and chair of local development initiatives, he exemplifies a model of servant leadership rooted in community empowerment, evidence-based practice, and strategic health improvement.