# Curriculum Vitae

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#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality: Ethiopian

Gender: Male

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

## Arba Minch University, School of Public Health - Ethiopia

Lecturer / Researcher (July 2020 – Present)

- Teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Leader, Epidemiology & Biostatistics Unit
- Average teaching performance: 4.74/5.0
- Supervised 2 master theses
- Secured ETB 250,000 (~\$7200) for a community-based hypertension screening project in 2020
- Led a hypertension health education radio series (FM 90.9)
- Collaborated with EPHI on outbreak reviews and postgraduate module development

## Haramaya University, School of Public Health - Ethiopia

Lecturer / Coordinator (Nov 2008 – July 2020)

- Supervised 10 master theses
- Coordinator for hospital clinical epidemiology
- Won 4 grants totaling ETB 250,000 (~\$9031)
- Represented Kersa HDSS in international data workshops (Ghana, Kenya)
- Collaborated with CIRHT and various NGOs on national-level health research

#### **EDUCATION**

## PhD student (PhD in Medical Sciences), Lund University (2023-2027)

- -Halftime review presented in May 2025
- -PhD research area: Digital peer support-based anti-HIV-related stigma intervention and its effect on psychological wellbeing and retention in care among adolescents living with HIV

## Master of Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology, Addis Ababa University (2011–2013)

- Graduated with Very Great Distinction (CGPA: 3.79/4.0)
- Thesis published in a Q1 journal and cited in 30 documents

#### **Bachelor of Science in Public Health**

Haramaya University (2006–2008)

- Graduated with Distinction (CGPA: 3.39/4.0)

# TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Manuscript Writing & Meta-analysis: Scientific writing (Haramaya), Meta-analysis (Joanna Briggs Institute, Australia)
- Public Health Emergency Management (2018–2021)
- Data Analysis & Modeling: Longitudinal data (Harvard-Haramaya collaboration), ArcGIS
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Research: Geneva Foundation (7-month online course)
- Leadership & Ethics Training: EPHA, USAID/KNCV, Higher Diploma Program
- CHAMPS Project Data Analyst
- Represented HDSS in African Population & Health Research Center workshops

### **SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES**

- EPHA 33rd Annual Conference (2022): Oral Adolescent HIV disclosure (Systematic review & meta-analysis)
- EPHA 25th & 26th Conferences: Poster CS uptake, thesis research (published)
- Ethiopian Pediatric Society (2015): Oral Thesis presentation

#### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- First-Author Publications in Q1 Journals on the subjects of: Diabetes, hypertension, HIV/AIDS & TB, nutrition, mental health, stigma
- Contributor to GBD and CHAMPS studies (Lancet, Injury Prevention, etc.)
- Full list available on request or ORCID profile (https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4312-0136)

#### **TECHNICAL & RESEARCH SKILLS**

- Epidemiologic methods and advanced statistical analysis (SPSS, SPSS AMOS, STATA, R)
- Systematic reviews and meta-analysis
- Public health surveillance and outbreak investigation
- Academic writing and research supervision

#### REFERENCES

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