

## **Brief History**

The School of Public Health, University of Nairobi (SPH) was established in September 2010 and was officially launched by the Vice Chancellor on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011. The forerunner of the School was the Department of Community Health (DCH) which was established in 1967 within then School of Medicine. DCH was a leading public health training centre within the region and trained more than 250 public health professionals over the past 25 years in the Master of Public Health (MPH) programme and other special courses. However, in order for the DCH to deal more effectively with the emerging public health challenges and the high demand for training on public health issues, there was a need to expand its mandate through the establishment of a School of Public Health. With this development, The School now has more autonomy and can engage in collaboration with other institutions to expand its contribution to public health research, training and community health development.