

Dr. Caroline Kisia

Caroline is a Physician from Kenya, whose passion is working with disadvantaged communities. She has worked in remote rural communities, many of them conflict-affected. With experience in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, Caroline has played a key leadership role in health, humanitarian and development matters in Eastern Africa, including working with large refugee populations and their hosting communities. She has experience growing organizations, and in leadership development at a practical level in difficult male-dominated fragile country contexts.

Caroline is currently Executive Director of Action Africa Help International (AAH-I), a not-for-profit organization working to alleviate poverty in communities in six countries in Eastern Africa. In the time at AAH-I she has helped expand both the depth and reach of programs, achieving a five-fold growth of annual revenues.

Caroline has previously been Director of a start-up non-profit using modern ICTs for health and rural development that went on to win a Silicon Valley award. She has been a Clinician and Manager in private and public hospitals in Kenya. Caroline has played an integral role in organisational management and leadership, strategy formulation, institutional development, program planning and delivery, knowledge and innovation management, capacity building, and health research. She has participated in leadership development programs for humanitarian staff and doctors in post-graduate training.

Caroline is a graduate of the International Masters in Health Management and Leadership (IMHL) from McGill University where she studied under Prof Henry Mintzberg. She also holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK); a Master of Science in Psychological Medicine from University of Wales College of Medicine (UK); and a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree from the University of Nairobi (Kenya), where she graduated at the top of her class. She has a certificate in Global Social Entrepreneurship from Santa Clara University, a certificate in Innovating Health for Tomorrow from INSEAD Business School, and has participated in the International Managerial Round Tables in Yokohama National University, Japan, and facilitated the Managerial Round Tables in Dublin Business School, Ireland.

Caroline is the Chairperson of the Board for SCAD, a Students Campaign Against Drugs, that for the last twenty years has spearheaded prevention of alcohol and drug abuse in Kenya. She has previously been a Vice-Chair of the Kenya Medical Women's Association. She enjoys running, traveling and mountain climbing. In the last four years she has done several half marathons, summited Mt Kenya thrice, Mt Kilimanjaro, and Imja Tse (Island Peak standing at 6,189m) on the Himalayan ranges.