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Waqo Boru is currently an epidemiologist with the Kenya Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (K-FELTP), under the Department of Preventive and Promotive Health at the Ministry of Health. The program is fully funded by donors including the CDC and World Bank. Mr. Waqo is a Medical Epidemiologist with a Master of Science degree in Epidemiology and Laboratory Management and a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Microbiology. He was a Fellow of the CDC/ASM Global Fellowship Program in the United States on Disease Surveillance and Laboratory System Strengthening. Mr. Waqo was also heavily involved in the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA, 2016) in Kenya. He served as a lead in the Joint External Evaluation for International Health Regulation (IHR) capacity in Kenya, and an external evaluator for WHO Joint External Evaluation for IHR (JEE) mission for Mozambique and Namibia in 2017. He has also served as a consultant for various organizations including Global Implementation Solution (GIS) Chicago, and the Global Fund through the KPMG

He has worked on various public health initiatives. Key among them is Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) which has included assessment of AMR data in various health facilities in Kenya. Findings from this study have been published among many other health related projects. As a follow up to this study, he played a critical role in supporting national laboratory system strengthening through mentorship.

Waqo has been heavily involved in the disease surveillance and disease outbreak response in the country for over 7 years as a lead investigator and coordinator of the response activities. He has continuously provided leadership in deliberations on disease outbreak response in the country. Waqo has immense experience in public health systems and research as seen in his numerous publications.

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