

NGURU KARUGU BIOGRAPHY

Nguru Karugu is presently Nguru is Executive Director of Public Health Innovations, a consulting firm that focuses on developing health interventions and capacity development strategies for public health institutions, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations.

Nguru is also a public health consultant who has more than 25 years experience in public health project design, development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. He has worked with diverse populations, including incarcerated individuals, individuals in substance use programs, street youth, sex workers, religious leaders, and MSM/WSW communities, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender communities, both in the United States, Africa, and internationally. He has coordinated and provided organizational development support for the New York State Black Gay Network, a coalition of 17 HIV/AIDS service providers from across the state of New York that focuses programming for African-American men who have sex with men. Additionally, as International Program Manager of the Balm In Gilead's Africa HIV/AIDS Faith Initiative, he assisted faith institutions in five African countries to set up HIV/AIDS programs within their national secretariats (Cote D' Ivoire, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe). Recently, Nguru coordinated the first ever convening of Afya Minorite, a new formation of LGBTI organizations in the East Africa region who provide health care services.

For more than five years, Nguru was a member of the International Grants Panel for the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice. As part of the panel, he reviewed proposals from the Global South and Eastern Europe and provided technical support for groups engaged in LGBT organizing in various countries within those regions. He is presently a member of the peer grants panel of UHA1-The East African Sexual Health and Rights Initiative that reviews and disburses grants within the East African region and continues to be an advisor to the Astraea Foundation.