

Genomics for Health in Africa

Priority Area	
Public Health	
Abstract	
<p>The CoRE for Genomics for Health in Africa aims to leverage the potential of genomics to revolutionise healthcare in Africa. Genomics can provide a better understanding of rare diseases, cancers, and infections, which can lead to more effective treatments. Combined with biochemical, biophysical, and structural analyses, genomics serves as a powerful tool for precision medicine and personalised treatment approaches. However, despite its enormous value, genomics is under-utilised in Africa due to insufficient infrastructure, resources, and scientific capacity. This CoRE will build capacity for genomics-based diagnostics of rare diseases, cancers, and infections, coupled to investigating protein structure-function relationships and supporting optimal drug treatment and vaccine development. It will provide a unique and open platform to the African research community, to exploit the full potential of genomics coupled to protein structure function studies, as a fundamental tool to revolutionise public healthcare for both infectious and rare non-communicable diseases.</p>	
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