

## **ONYANGO GEORGE BIOGRAPHY**

Onyango George is a pharmacist who graduated with a Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm) from Kenyatta University between 2021 and 2026. He is passionate about public health, with a strong interest in non-communicable diseases (NCDs), tobacco control, and antimicrobial resistance (AMR). His interactions with patients during his pharmacy training, together with his personal experience with NCDs, inspired him to pursue public health advocacy and contribute to improving health outcomes in communities.

George's commitment to NCD advocacy has seen him grow from community level engagement to global recognition. In 2026, he was selected as one of four fellows for the Our Views Our Voices (OVOV) Fellowship, a global initiative that empowers advocates to strengthen the response to non-communicable diseases.

In the field of tobacco control, George has actively participated in several capacity building programmes, including remote training by ATIM BETA. He was also among 40 young advocates trained as Tobacco Industry Watchdogs through a programme organized by the Kenya Tobacco Control and Health Promotion Alliance (KETCA). These experiences have strengthened his knowledge and skills in tobacco control policy, advocacy, and monitoring tobacco industry interference.

George has represented Stowelink Foundation in several public health initiatives, including the Organizational Development and System Strengthening (ODSS) training organized by Amref Health Africa. Through these opportunities, he has gained valuable experience in organizational development, governance, leadership, and advocacy, enabling him to contribute effectively to strengthening civil society organizations and advancing public health.

His commitment to addressing antimicrobial resistance has also been remarkable. He has conducted community sensitization and awareness activities on the responsible use of antimicrobials and is among the founding members of the Kenyatta University AMR Club, where he currently serves as the Chairperson. In this role, he leads student initiatives aimed at promoting antimicrobial stewardship and raising awareness about antimicrobial resistance. He has also received specialized training on antimicrobial resistance through the ZIHI Institute.

Beyond advocacy, George has a strong interest in innovation and entrepreneurship. He participated in Cohort 2 and Cohort 3 of Founders Factory Africa, now known as 54 Collective, where he developed entrepreneurial skills and contributed to innovative solutions aimed at reducing post-harvest losses.

George is also an active volunteer who is committed to serving his community. He has volunteered in more than 12 medical camps, providing clinical pharmacy services and health education to patients. Through Stowelink Foundation, he has participated in community blood pressure screening campaigns and health promotion activities, helping to improve awareness and early detection of hypertension and other non-communicable diseases.

Outside his professional and advocacy work, George enjoys playing and watching football, swimming, travelling, and exploring new places. He remains committed to using his knowledge, leadership, and advocacy skills to advance public health and inspire young people to become agents of positive change in their communities.