

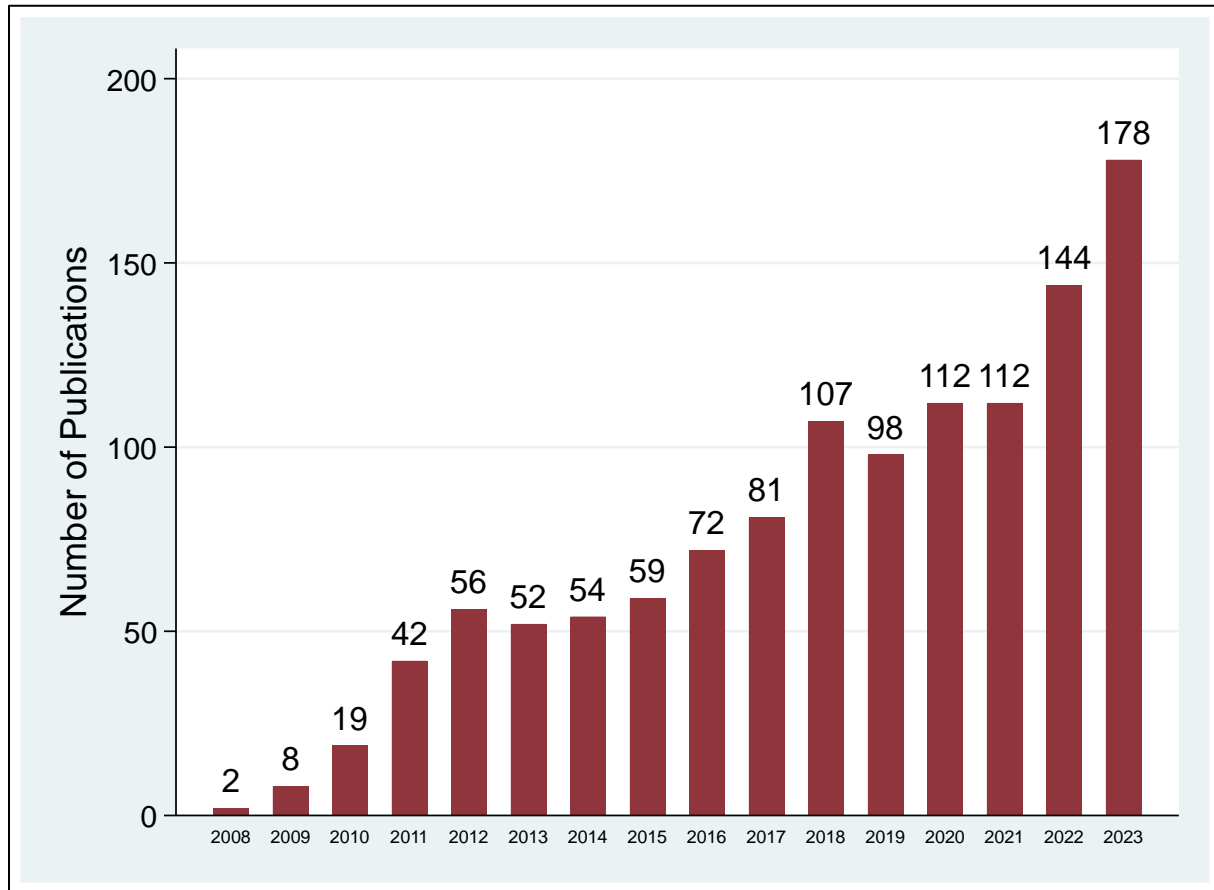


# SEMI-ANNUAL CUHAS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER 2024

*“Welcome to our first edition of semi-annual CUHAS alumni newsletter. In this edition, we are excited to share with you some of the CUHAS recent milestones”*

## OUR FOCUS ON:

### 1. CUHAS RESEARCH AT A GLANCE



One of the core functions of CUHAS is research. There has been a remarkable increase in research output, from **two publications in the year 2008 to 178 in 2023**.

([https://scholar.google.com/citations?view\\_op=search\\_authors&hl=en&mauthor=bugando.ac.tz&btnG=](https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=search_authors&hl=en&mauthor=bugando.ac.tz&btnG=)). This has been contributed to by the **increase in the number of fundable research projects and grants** (<https://www.bugando.ac.tz/research.php>) in collaboration with local and international institutions, the rise in young, vibrant, dynamic faculty across various fields, the improvement in the quality of postgraduate research supervision, and the implementation of supportive research and publication policies.

The increase in the quality of publication output aligns with one of the university's missions to **“Search, discover, and communicate the truth to advance the frontiers of knowledge.”** In the past 10 years, one of the greatest discoveries has been a novel bacterial pathogen causing neonatal sepsis, named *Enterobacter bugandensis* (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26637818/>).

Furthermore, during the same period, the university has significantly contributed to the formulation of guidelines and policies in areas of communicable and non-communicable diseases, such as antimicrobial resistance, schistosomiasis, sickle cell disease, hypertension, and stroke.

The university faculty members have been nationally and internationally recognized, serving as mentors for young research fellows, reviewers and editors for various international journals, and external examiners for postgraduate programs at various universities.

Recently, in 2024, two faculty members were nationally recognized: Prof. Mshana as the best national health scientist and Dr. Ambrose for publishing in high-impact factor journals.



**DR. EMMANUELA AMBROSE**



**PROF. STEPHEN MSHANA**

## 2. SMOOTH TRANSITION OF LEADERSHIP

CUHAS has demonstrated its strength in succession planning by **periodically grooming its new leaders** without affecting the institution's prosperity. This year, we have witnessed changes in leadership in the Chancellor's Office, the Vice Chancellor's Office, various Heads of Departments, and the President of Convocation [Read more](#)

### Vice Chancellor's Office



Pictured: Prof. Paschalis G. Rugarabamu (left) handing over the office to Prof. Erasmus Kamugisha (right), the new Vice Chancellor

### President of the Convocation



Pictured: Dr. Erius Tebuka (left) handing over documents to Dr. Anthony Liwa (right), the newly elected president of convocation

## HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

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### Microbiology & immunology



**Dr. Helmut Nyawale,  
MMed**



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### Clinical pharmacology



**Dr. Anthony Liwa, PhD**



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### Pathology



**Dr. Oscar Muhini,  
MMed**



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### Orthopaedics & Trauma



**Dr. Andrew Nkilijiwa,  
MMed**



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### Internal Medicine



**Dr. Ladius M.  
Rudovick, MMed**



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### Radiology



**Dr. Magreth  
Magambo, MMed**



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### ENT



**Dr. Rogers Mihambo  
Machimu, MMed**



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### Psychiatry



**Dr. Catherine  
Magwiza, MMed**



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### Paediatrics and Child Health



**Dr. Neema Chami,  
MMed**



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### Pharmaceutical Sciences



Mr. Erick Jeremiah,  
B.Sc



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### Emergency Medicine



Dr. Shahzmah Alkarim  
Suleman, MMed



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### Ophthalmology



Dr. Christopher  
Mwanansao, MMed



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### Urology



Dr. John Igenge, MMed



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### Anaesthesia



Dr. Rebeca Samwel  
Shija, MMed



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### Oncology



Dr. Nestory  
Masalu, MMed



### 3. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

In line with Social Corporate Responsibility (SCR) and motivation by the UBUNTU philosophy, **“I Am Because We Are,”** CUHAS has consistently been at the forefront of giving back to the community through educational awareness on emerging health threats in the Lake Zone where it is located. This year, as part of this routine, our fourth-year MD students, through community outreach programs organized by the School of Public Health, achieved several milestones by addressing critical health needs in Ukerewe District.



**Fourth-year MD students during community outreach activities, including health education, screening, and medical interventions at Ukerewe district.**

