

## **AVELINE WANGECI KARUKU**

Community and Social Services Coordinator & Lecturer  
Southern Cross Higher Education Institute

### **1. Academic Leadership**

- Serves as Placement Coordinator and Lecturer at Southern Cross Higher Education Institute, overseeing community and social services programs.
- Provides academic leadership in work placements, aligning learning outcomes with assessments, supervising staff, and ensuring quality standards in teaching and student engagement.

### **2. Specialized Expertise**

- Holds a Master of International Community Development and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.
- Expertise spans adoption services, child safeguarding, community development, and higher education pedagogy.
- Skilled in curriculum alignment, faculty mentoring, and integrating practical training with academic instruction.

### **3. International Representation**

- Represents professional expertise across Kenya and Australia through roles in adoption services and higher education.
- Engages with diverse communities, institutions, and international stakeholders, contributing to global discourse on child welfare, community development, and social services education.

### **4. Research Productivity**

- Contributes to institutional reports, adoption audits, and program evaluations.
- Prepares placement reports for academic boards and develops social inquiry studies.
- Demonstrates productivity in applied research, linking social work practice with educational outcomes and policy compliance.

### **5. Editorial & Peer Review Expertise**

- Experienced in preparing academic reports, supervising student assessments, and moderating results.
- Provides oversight in evaluating work placements, ensuring compliance with institutional and professional standards.
- Contributes to quality assurance through faculty mentoring, assessment moderation, and review of academic misconduct cases.

### **6. Engagement in Policy & Practice**

- Actively involved in adoption policy implementation, child safeguarding, and community outreach.
- Engages in training charitable institutions, counseling adoptive parents, and coordinating with courts for child welfare cases.
- Bridges academic leadership with practical social service interventions, reinforcing ethical and professional standards.