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**PROF KIHUMBU THAIRU;** *MB, ChB (EA); PhD (Lon); FRCP (Glasg); FRSM (Lon).*

Prof. Thairu born in 11 January 1941, is a Founder Chairman, Board of Management, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI). Currently an adjunct Prof. of Neurophysiology at Medical Physiology School of Health Sciences, University of Nairobi. He studied in Makerere University and University College, London where he attained his degree in Medicine and PhD in Neurophysiology respectively.

Prof. Thairu has served in various capacity both Locally and internationally. He has served as a Chairman, Highland State College Board, President of African Sports Management, Board, Chairman Commission for Higher Education, Vice Chancellor of the Presbyterian University of East Africa and was named as the National Hero of the Republic of Kenya (2010).

Among other Portfolio he has held past and present include: -

1. Executive member of the Association of Medical Schools of Africa. This is an OAU affiliated body.
2. Member of the University Council, University of Nairobi. As an elected representative of the University senate.
3. Life Member of the Flying Doctors Association, after serving as member of the then board of AMREF Kenya.
4. Member of the WHO Health Service Research Group.
5. Member WHO expert group on Cardiovascular Diseases.
6. Member WHO expert group on Medical Technology.
7. Member of the Advisory Board, Dawa Pharmaceuticals.
8. Member of Human Biology Panel, Ministry of Education, Kenya.
9. Founder Chairman, Board of Management, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI).
10. Member, British Medical Association.
11. Member, Federation of African University Sports Associations (Elected Zonal Vice-President).
12. 1995 onwards, Member International Council for Global Health Progress.
13. Fellow Royal Society of Medicine.

He is Married to Dr. Wanja Thairu (BA, MA, MSc, Ph. D). and has a son who is also a Professor of Medicine and a graduate of Imperial College London.