

# WHAT IS CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE?

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a long-term condition where the kidneys slowly lose their ability to work properly.

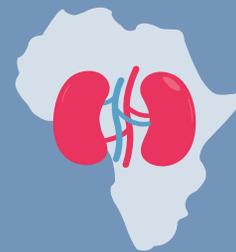
## WHAT DO YOUR KIDNEYS DO?



**When the kidneys stop working properly, waste builds up in the body and can become life-threatening.**

## CKD IN AFRICA

- About **1 in 6 Africans** (16%) may have CKD
- **Less than 10%** of people with CKD know they have it
- **Less than 5%** who need dialysis or a transplant receive it
- Treatment for advanced kidney disease is **very expensive**



## Why CKD is Dangerous

**CKD is often called a 'Silent Killer.'**

Most people have no symptoms early on. You can feel completely fine while kidney damage is happening silently.

