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Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
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29th September 2025

Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of **MSF-Epicentre Mbarara Research Centre**, with registered address Kabale Road, MUST Campus, P.O.Box 1956 Mbarara (Uganda), and in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 of 19th November 2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe and specifically Article 9 therein, I hereby submit an application to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU).

MSF-Epicentre Mbarara Research Centre, forms part of Epicentre, an MSF Satellite dedicated to epidemiology and research.

MSF-Epicentre Mbarara Research Centre in Uganda provides the necessary infrastructure for a wide range of projects, which are designed to be applied in the field for the populations concerned and are often carried out in collaboration with leading research organisations and academic institutions.

The MSF-Epicentre Mbarara Research Centre is committed to the objectives of Global Health EDCTP3 JU. Its experience of clinical trials and the essential activities necessary for their success mean it is regularly a partner in EDCTP projects. The **Epicentre team in Mbarara** is part of the RAMP project submission, co-leading the Work Package 4, Data Management and Analysis but also participating for Uganda in Work Packages 3 (Clinical Trials), 5 (Laboratory) and 8 (Social Sciences).

Additionally, **MSF-Epicentre Mbarara Research Centre** will provide an **in-kind** investment in terms of expertise available from **key personnel**, such as senior management and laboratory staff and technical support staff (182 000€) as well as **infrastructure and services** (48 000€) which are essential to the success of the RAMP project. We estimate the **total value of this in-kind contribution, including indirect costs of 25%, to be 287 500 EUR over the 60-month duration of the RAMP project.**

We confirm the following:

1. We will comply with the Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) No 2021/695; Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021 establishing the joint undertakings under Horizon Europe; the Model Grant Agreement for Horizon Europe and applicable Global Health EDCTP3 JU rules, including the relevant work programmes, and in particular, the call conditions therein.
2. We will keep all information received in the context of our involvement as contributing

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partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU confidential. This confidentiality obligation applies in particular but is not limited to the areas of Global Health EDCTP3 JU call topic preparation and publication, proposal submission and evaluation, and consortium formation. We further understand that this obligation strictly prohibits the release of confidential information to any legal entities, save where specifically authorised by Global Health EDCTP3 JU. Internal dissemination of information within our organisation will be done on the basis of the “need-to-know” principle.

3. We are confident of our ability to fulfil the above commitments and further confirm our understanding that the Global Health EDCTP3 JU will allocate resources to the above topic based on these commitments.
4. The value of our contribution will be based on costs calculated in accordance with Article 6 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.
5. We accept that additional modalities regarding the provision of our contribution may be defined in subsequent agreements or documents, such as a funding agreement and topic text.

Yours faithfully,

on behalf

Dr Juliet MWANGA-AMUMPAIRE

Director, MSF-Epicentre Mbarara Research Centre

Paris, 29th September 2025
