



Infectious Diseases Research Collaboration

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The Chair of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Governing Board
c/o The Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Executive Director
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Letter of endorsement

On behalf of the Infectious Diseases Research Collaboration (IDRC), Plot 2C Nakasero Hill Road, P.O. Box 7475 Kampala, 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, we hereby submit an application to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU).

IDRC conducts high quality research in the areas of infectious diseases and other diseases of public health importance through collaboration and partnerships. We currently collaborate on a variety of clinical and epidemiological research projects across Uganda in partnership with universities and non-profit partners including: University of California San Francisco, Makerere University, Makerere University Joint AIDS Program, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Joint Clinical Research Center, Central Public Health Laboratory, Stanford University and the AIDS Information Center Uganda. Under its capacity building objective, IDRC employs, trains and mentors young Ugandans, some of whom have excelled and implemented successful research projects, published papers, and influenced policies. IDRC has led successful and highly productive research projects that have resulted in over 60 publications per year and have impacted on policy and practice of infectious diseases in Uganda. This dissemination of research results has promoted an evidence-based approach to policy making.

IDRC’s in-kind contribution to the achievement of the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 JU call for the Global collaborative action for strengthening the Regional Networks of Excellence and Epidemic Preparedness Consortia include the following:

1) A research environment for the fellows: IDRC will provide placements for the fellows in its ongoing HIV and malaria trials for hands-on training and mentorship (WP6). In addition to the ongoing trials, IDRC will provide placements in its surveillance sites. IDRC runs enhanced malaria

surveillance activities at 77 malaria Reference Centers (MRCs) in 24 districts with highly varied malaria transmission intensity across Uganda. This is done in collaboration with the Uganda Ministry of Health and local partners. At each site the program collects individual level clinical data, maintains a well-trained laboratory staff for performance of malaria microscopy, and has dedicated data entry staff and computers. There is a rich data set with over seven million individual level de-identified patient observations available from this surveillance network.

2) Access to data sets: IDRC has developed a state-of-the-art Data Management System consisting of capture, transfer, storage and reporting systems used for all IDRC's research projects. The system is almost entirely automated and is easily replicated for new projects. To ensure the integrity of the data, quality control measures such as alerts and automated reports are incorporated throughout the system. The system also includes a full audit trail to keep track of all changes to the data. An SQL Server database houses the final data where reports are generated automatically. IDRC will provide fellows with access to existing datasets from clinical trials, surveillance sites and other studies for hands on practice under the mentorship of IDRC investigators and other appropriate members of our consortium.

3) Office space and access to internet connectivity: We will provide office space and internet access to the fellows. They will use this space for their desk work, networking with other fellows and IDRC scientists.

The estimated total value of the in-kind contributions is- EUR 160,000 per year.

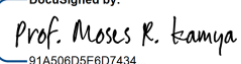
We confirm the following:

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.

1. We will keep all information received in the context of our involvement as contributing 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.
2. 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.
3. The value of our contribution will be based on costs calculated in accordance with Article 6 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.

4. 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,

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