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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of University of Ghana, at JB Danquah Road, Off J.J Rawlings Avenue, P.O. Box LG 25, Legon, Accra, Greater Accra Region, Ghana with Digital Address: GA-488-7076, VAT number V0004955722 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).

Founded in 1948, the University of Ghana prioritizes conducting cutting-edge research that addresses both national and global health challenges. It is equally committed to training and developing the next generation of African researchers and health professionals. These objectives align seamlessly with those of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (JU), which supports collaborative research aimed at improving health outcomes and strengthening health systems across Africa through capacity building. Collectively, the goals of the University of Ghana and the Global Health EDCTP3 JU are strongly aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3 (UN SDG 3): to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

In collaboration with Joseph Ki-Zerbo University in Burkina Faso and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH), the University of Ghana (UG) is proud to lead this consortium in implementing a project aimed at strengthening the capacity of health professionals in field epidemiology, biostatistics, and laboratory leadership across Africa.

As part of this initiative, UG will train and build the capacity of ten (10) health professionals from sub-Saharan Africa through a two-year, competency-based fellowship programme.

To support the successful implementation of this project, the University of Ghana commits the following in-kind contributions:

- i. Access to well-equipped research infrastructure to facilitate project activities
- ii. Tuition fee waiver for all the ten (10) fellows indicated in the proposal

- iii. Use of laboratory facilities
- iv. Reliable internet services
- v. Furnished office spaces
- vi. Seminar rooms for training and workshops
- vii. Vehicles for fieldwork and logistics
- viii. Assigned research support staff
- ix. Research and training equipment
- x. Additional support services as needed

The first year of the fellowship project will focus on didactic instruction delivered by distinguished faculty from the School of Public Health. These sessions will provide fellows with a robust theoretical foundation in epidemiology, biostatistics, and laboratory leadership. The second year will emphasize practical, hands-on training in disease surveillance, outbreak investigation, data analysis, research, and the development of a thesis.

These in-kind contributions will ensure the successful enrollment and participation of fellows in the programme, enabling them to engage fully in both academic instruction and field-based investigations aligned with the work packages outlined in our proposal.

With decades of experience in training international students, the University of Ghana is well-positioned to deliver this programme effectively and to achieve the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (JU) project.

The University's Research Office has a strong track record in the administration and management of grants from both international and local funders, ensuring high standards of accountability and performance.

The University of Ghana affirms that the proposed activities align with its research vision and will contribute meaningfully to ongoing efforts to build and enhance the capacity of health professionals across the continent.

The total estimated value of the University of Ghana's in-kind contribution toward the successful implementation of this project is €170,574.63. The estimated annual contribution is €102,574.78 for year 1 and €67,999.85 for year 2.

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 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,



August 25, 2025, Professor Felix Ankomah Asante (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Development)
