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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
Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Letter of endorsement

On behalf of Makerere University, 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, I hereby submit an application to become a contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (Global Health EDCTP3 JU).

The Makerere University Centre for Health and Population Research (MUCHAP) led by Dr. Dan Kajungu is a multidisciplinary research platform of Makerere University committed to generating high-quality, population-based evidence to improve health outcomes in Uganda and the region. Through its flagship Iganga-Mayuge Health and Demographic Surveillance Site (IMHDSS) – a member of the INDEPTH Network, MUCHAP conducts longitudinal research on infectious and non-communicable diseases, maternal and child health, and health systems. Its objectives align closely with those of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking (GH EDCTP3 JU), particularly in strengthening research capacity, fostering equitable partnerships, and accelerating the development and implementation of effective health interventions for poverty-related and emerging diseases in Africa.

We propose to contribute to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU through **in-kind operational contributions (IKOP)** over a five-year period, focused on leveraging our established longitudinal population cohort to support multi-country clinical research, surveillance, and capacity building. This contribution will include access to anonymised health and demographic data, provision of field research infrastructure, hosting of clinical and epidemiological studies, and deployment of trained research staff to GH EDCTP3 JU-funded projects. Our involvement will add value by enabling real-time population-level monitoring, facilitating rapid participant recruitment, and providing a platform for evaluating novel interventions in real-world African settings.

This contribution aligns with Global Health EDCTP3 JU priority topics, including **PRD-2024-01: Strengthening research capacity for poverty-related diseases**, and **PRD-2024-05: Innovative approaches for surveillance and epidemic preparedness**.

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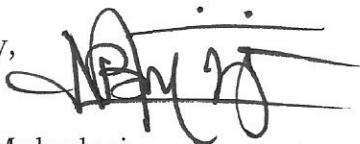
Specifically, MUCHAP proposes to contribute to project areas and work packages related to **Epidemic Preparedness, Disease surveillance, Population health and environment, Ethics, Regulatory, and Pharmacovigilance, Clinical research and trial management, social impact, Data science, artificial intelligence (AI) and analytics, and Capacity strengthening and training**. We will provide deliverables such as community mapping datasets, annual demographic surveillance reports, trained field teams, and analytical support for integrated datasets. Our facilities and technical teams will also host collaborative workshops and capacity-building activities for consortium partners. The **Strengthening Institutional Networks and Building Capacity for Epidemiological Preparedness in Africa (SINCEP-AFRICA)** project activities will be led by Dr. Dan Kajungu and his team at MUCHAP on behalf of Makerere University.

We estimate the total value of this contribution to be an **in-kind operational contribution of EUR 500,000** over five years towards shared research infrastructure and training initiatives, distributed evenly across the duration of the partnership.

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 sincerely,



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