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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of The Infectious Diseases Institute Limited, IDI-McKinnell Knowledge Centre, 1000030513 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 Infectious Diseases Institute Limited (IDI) (<https://idi.mak.ac.ug/>) is a Ugandan not-for-profit organization owned by Makerere University, with a mission *“To strengthen health systems in Africa, with a strong emphasis on infectious diseases, through research and capacity building.”* IDI's work aligns closely with the Global Health EDCTP3 JU objectives by advancing collaborative research, training, and health systems strengthening to tackle poverty-related and emerging infectious diseases. IDI has trained over 27,000 health workers from 28 African countries, provides comprehensive HIV and infectious disease services to more than 250,000 people, and has published over 1,000 peer-reviewed articles. It supports the Ministry of Health in over 60 districts with technical assistance in laboratory systems, workforce development, data systems, and supply chain management. With a strong research portfolio of over 120 active grants and partnerships with national and international bodies, IDI contributes directly to EDCTP3 JU's vision of accelerating innovation, building sustainable research capacity, and fostering resilient health systems in Africa.

IDI intends to contribute approximately Eur 340,000 (IKOP) to Global Health EDCTP3 JU over the 5-year project: The Research Alliance for Pandemic Innovation & Drug Development (RAPID). This contribution is broken down as follows:

- Eur 90,000 costed as Dr. Catriona's Waitt's 10% FTE contribution to all the IDI work packages over 5 years;
- Eur 75,000 as time contribution from the MILK team to support with ethics, public engagement, CAB, trainings, and PK study support. This support will be critical for work packages 7, 12, 15;
- Eur 50,000 will be from PMX Africa/ Uganda. This entails consultancy services on PK study issues, use of computers with software for estimates, simulations, access to trainings, webinars, courses, space, and joining bespoke groups. This effort is vital for work package 9;

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- Eur 75,000 will be IDI's Training Department support clinical training, SOP and training material development, GCP training, point of care ultrasound. This effort will be split equally between work packages 5, 13, 15, 16; and
- Eur 50,000 will be IDI's GHS program support for SOP development, training material development, development of clinical protocols for higher level care. This support will contribute to the achievements of work package 13.

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,

Dr. Andrew D. Kambugu
 The Sande-McKinnell Executive Director

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