

25 September 2025

Dr. Michael Makanga, Executive Director of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of The Botswana Harvard Health Partnership (BHP), located at Plot 1836, Northring Road, Princess Marina Hospital Way, [VAT number D21TA0001111], 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).

Established in 1996, BHP is the leading institution in HIV/AIDS research in Botswana, with a long history of collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Over nearly three decades, BHP has played a central role in major public health advances, including the prevention of mother-to-child transmission program, the national Masa antiretroviral therapy initiative, and large-scale surveillance and training activities, demonstrating its capacity to deliver impactful interventions.

A core mission of BHP is training and capacity building. Through sustained mentorship, BHP has significantly expanded the number of research projects led by Botswana-based investigators and increased African-led authorship in its publications. The partnership provides early-stage investigators with training in Good Clinical Practice, human subject protection, grant writing, and career development, supported by a robust infrastructure that includes more than two million stored biological samples and a wide range of ongoing research projects. These efforts directly align with EDCTP3 JU's goals of empowering African-led science and strengthening regional research systems.

BHP proposes to contribute both in-kind and financial resources, estimated at EUR 1,290,962.50 over a five-year period (see breakdown table below). Its participation will include leadership in Work Package 6, which focuses on communication, dissemination, policy dialogue, and community engagement. Through this, BHP will enhance visibility, develop culturally sensitive engagement strategies, and build capacity in science communication, policy translation, and research administration. The expected deliverables include high-quality datasets, peer-reviewed publications, stronger community engagement, and improved health system and research capacity across sub-Saharan Africa.

BHP confirms its commitment to comply with Horizon Europe regulations, the EDCTP3 JU rules, and confidentiality obligations, with contributions calculated under the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement. The letter concludes by affirming BHP's readiness to fulfil these commitments and its confidence in supporting the EDCTP3 JU's mission to accelerate innovative health solutions, strengthen African-led research, and reduce the burden of infectious diseases in Africa.



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Contributing partner name (if the contributing partner provides a cash contribution directly to a consortium member, please indicate the name of the beneficiary)		
Budget Category	Cost (€)	Description
[e.g. Personnel costs]	823,865.84	Management (Executive Director, Director of Operations, Business Development and Sponsored Awards) who will provide high-level oversight, compliance leadership, and strategic direction, as well as management and administrative staff (Finance Manager, HR Manager, Procurement Manager, Accountants, Payroll Officers, Grants Officers, Receptionist, Driver, Cleaner, and Security staff) who will ensure day to day operational management, financial administration, human resource management, procurement, and general office support. Additional contributions include laboratory and technical staff Biostatistician , responsible for data management and statistical analysis; Regulatory Coordinator, ensuring regulatory and ethical compliance; Community Engagement Officer, supporting participant retention and stakeholder engagement; and laboratory technicians, maintaining equipment and ensuring accurate sample handling and testing to maintain scientific and ethical standard
[e.g. Purchase costs (Travel, Equipment, Other goods, works & services)]	973,239.63	Office space and utilities (internet, telephone, electricity, and water), laboratory infrastructure (generator maintenance, equipment servicing, biosafety compliance, insurance, and occupational health coverage), and access to high-value equipment (Illumina NexSeq 2000, Oxford Nanopore GridION, Flow Cytometer, PCR machines, freezers, GeneXpert, autoclaves, and nitrogen storage systems). The institution will also provide systems and IT platforms (Sage Evolution, Premier Payroll, REDCap, laboratory management systems, and servers), training and professional memberships (BICA, SRA), and co-funding for travel to review meetings, conferences, and workshops.
[e.g. Subcontracting costs]	-	
[e.g. Financial support to 3 rd parties]	-	
Indirect costs (25% applied on Personnel and Purchase costs)	449,276.36	
Total (€)	2,246,381.84	

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 programs and in particular, the call conditions therein.



2. We will keep all information received in the context of our involvement as a 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 authorized by Global Health EDCTP3 JU. Internal dissemination of information within our organization 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,

Name of the authorised representative: Gaerolwe Masheto, MD

Title: Executive Director

Date: September 25, 2025

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