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Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of University of Zimbabwe, 630 Churchill Avenue, Mt Pleasant, Harare 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 University of Zimbabwe (UZ) is a public comprehensive research institution whose Motto is Knowledge, Diligence, Integrity, Innovativeness and Professionalism. The UZ’s thrust research agenda is to reduce burden of the impact of infectious diseases, particularly HIV/ADS, Malaria and TB on individuals and communities, through the implementation of effective interventions, strengthening research capacity, by training researchers, improving infrastructure, and fostering regional and international collaboration and networking to facilitate knowledge sharing and maximize the impact of research efforts, development and evaluation of new or improved diagnostics, vaccines, and treatments for infectious diseases, improve the country's preparedness and response capacity for infectious disease outbreaks and pandemics, thereby enhancing global health security. The outlined research agenda are in line with the with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) and SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls)..

The UZ will design a basic clinical study implementing the WHO recommendations of elimination of mother-to child transmission of HIV, HBV and Syphilis at a primary healthcare centre in Harare, Zimbabwe. The study will be used as a conduit for training study personnel in conducting clinical trials and pandemic preparedness. The design of the study meets some of the main objectives of Global Health EDCTP3 JU and falls under Work Package 5 of the Consortium application.

The study will be conducted in collaboration with the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC). This collaboration is critical as any findings from the study which may influence national policy change can be expeditiously implemented nationwide.

The University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care and the Zimbabwe Ministry of Higher and tertiary education will make the in-kind contributions as detailed in the Table below.

Third party name	Category	Cost (€)	Justification
University of Zimbabwe	Equipment	80,000.00	Vehicle for study errands, lab equipment for study tests, freezer for archiving of left over specimens, fridge for storage of reagents. Flow hood for processing of study biological specimens, generator for electricity back-up of the laboratories.
Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care Study Clinic	Equipment	60,000.00	Flow hood for processing of study biological specimens, fridges, generator for electricity back-up of the clinic laboratory and the dedicated rooms.
University of Zimbabwe	Other goods, works and services	90,000.00	Data management centre for study participants data entry, cleaning and analysis, Biobank for storage of left over study specimens for future studies and laboratories for study and fuel for the generator and the dedicated laboratories.
Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care	Other goods, works and services	150,000.00	Dedicated clinic rooms for screening, enrollment and follow-up of study participants and a dedicated laboratory for running study participants tests and provision of study participants medications.
Zimbabwe Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education	Other goods, works and services	13,813.71	Customs duty free certificate for importation of equipment, reagents and consumables from outside Zimbabwe.
Total		393,813.71	

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.

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.

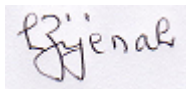
2. We are confident of our ability to fulfil the above commitments and further confirm our understanding that the Global Health EDCTP3 JU will allocate resources to the above topic based on these commitments.

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,

21 August 2025, Professor Lynn Zijenah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Zijenah', is placed over a light purple rectangular background.