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Letter of endorsement

On behalf of **Health Information Systems Program South Africa NPC**, 66 Rigel Avenue, Waterkloof Ridge, Pretoria 0181, VAT **4520211527**, 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).

Introduction to the organisation

Health Information Systems Program South Africa (HISP-SA) is a non-profit organisation committed to strengthening national and regional health information systems to improve public health outcomes. HISP-SA has a long track record of partnership with Ministries of Health across Africa, implementing digital health solutions, capacity building, and data use for decision-making. These objectives are fully aligned with the Global Health EDCTP3 JU’s mandate to strengthen health research capacity and foster equitable global partnerships to address infectious diseases and emerging health threats.

Contribution to Global Health EDCTP3 JU

HISP-SA proposes to make its contribution **in-kind (IKOP)**, leveraging our institutional staff training budget, expertise, and infrastructure to support the **EPIC Consortium Strategic Fellowship Training Hub**. This contribution will directly strengthen epidemiology, biostatistics, public health informatics, and research translation capacity in South Africa, Mozambique, and Zambia.

Proposed involvement

Short Course Scholars Program: HISP-SA will provide additional short course scholarships for staff and collaborators, enabling participation in accredited courses such as Epidemiology Fundamentals, Biostatistics, Transmission Dynamics, Geospatial Analysis, and Implementation Science.

Research Fellowships: HISP-SA staff and collaborators will be eligible to apply for small seed-funded research projects, which HISP-SA will co-supervise in collaboration with Ministries of Health. Outputs will

include policy briefs to inform decision-makers.

Masters Fellowships: Staff embedded within DoH/MoH structures will be encouraged and supported to apply for Masters fellowships in Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Public Health Informatics.

Hosting Fellows: HISP-SA will host selected fellows for short networking visits with our in-country teams, including a period at our national office to strengthen peer-to-peer learning and professional networks.

Health Promotion: Leverage the Pan African HISP Network to promote the objectives of the EPIC Consortium Strategic Fellowship Training Hub.

Scientific Leadership: One to two senior HISP-SA staff members will serve on the Scientific Steering Committee of the consortium, participating in quarterly/bi-annual meetings and annual consortium convenings (Year 1: South Africa, Year 3: Mozambique, Year 5: Zambia).

Estimated value of contribution

We estimate the total value of this in-kind contribution to be **EUR 15,000** over the five-year consortium period, with costs based on short course scholarships, staff time for supervision and mentoring, hosting fellows, and senior staff engagement in governance. A more detailed costing by year and activity can be provided on request.

Confirmation

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.

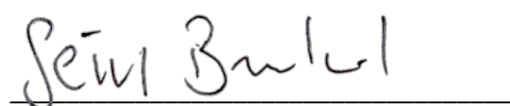
We will keep all information received in the context of our involvement as contributing partner to the Global Health EDCTP3 JU confidential, as per the “need-to-know” principle.

We are confident of our ability to fulfil the above commitments and 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.

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 Sean Broomhead, Chief Executive Officer

Authorised Representative, HISP-SA

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