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Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking
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Letter of endorsement

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for the EPIDEMIC Fellowship Training Programme and to confirm my willingness to participate as a supervisor/mentor for fellows during the two-year programme period.

The EPIDEMIC Fellowship aims to strengthen capacity in epidemiology, biostatistics, and health economics across sub-Saharan Africa through structured training and applied research. In this context, I, Kayoko Shioda, PhD, DVM, MPH, Assistant Professor of Global Health from Boston University School of Public Health, commit to contributing in-kind to the programme by serving as a mentor for one fellow per year. My role will be to provide scientific guidance, career mentorship, and feedback on research progress in complement to the fellow's primary supervisor, who will oversee day-to-day technical activities.

The expected commitment will involve approximately 6–8 interactions per year over a two-year period, primarily through virtual meetings, representing an estimated in-kind contribution of \$1,008. This value reflects the cost of professional time contributed, calculated in line with the provisions of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.

This contribution is fully consistent with the objectives of the Global Health EDCTP3 Joint Undertaking, and I am committed to ensuring that fellows receive the mentorship and support needed to complete high-quality research aligned with institutional and national priorities.

I confirm compliance with the Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) No 2021/695; Council Regulation (EU) No 2085/2021; the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement; and all applicable Global Health EDCTP3 JU rules.

I am pleased to support this initiative and look forward to contributing to the success of the EPIDEMIC Fellowship Programme.

Yours faithfully,

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