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TRIBE-HUB Project Launch: RBC and EU Partner to Establish Rwanda as Regional Public Health Leader

Kigali, July 25, 2025—The Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC), in partnership with the European Union and Team Europe, has launched the TRIBE-HUB Project, a major initiative by the Ministry of Health aimed at advancing RBC's role as a Regional Centre of Excellence in public health across Africa.

The TRIBE-HUB Project (2025-2028) aims to enhance RBC's institutional capacity in key areas including public health research, workforce development, digital health, and disease surveillance. It will contribute to the development of public health services in Rwanda and across the African continent by strengthening national public health functions in disease surveillance, epidemic preparedness, and outbreak response. The project will promote peer-to-peer technical assistance, training, and knowledge exchange.

In January 31st 2025, RBC was officially designated by Africa CDC as a Regional Centre of Excellence, under the Africa CDC Regional NPHIs capacity strengthening. In this context, RBC is also expected to contribute to technical assistance, mentorship, and training to its peers across the region.

This project is a critical investment to operationalize that mandate, equipping RBC with the tools, systems, and expertise it needs to deliver on this continental responsibility.

Prof. Claude Mambo Muvunyi, Director General of RBC welcomed the project as a timely and strategic opportunity to advance public health capacity in Rwanda and the region.

"The TRIBE-HUB Project comes at the right time. It will help reinforce RBC's position as a Centre of Excellence in research, policy, and public health capacity development. Over the next three years, it will support our mission to improve population health, contribute to the implementation of Rwanda's Health Sector Strategic Plan (HSSP V), and enable us to extend technical support to public health institutes across the region."

Ms. Belen Calvo Uyarra European Union Ambassador to Rwanda said: *"Rwanda's swift and evidence-based response to public health emergencies such as COVID-19, Mpox, and Marburg Virus has been remarkable. The EU-funded TRIBE-HUB initiative will further strengthen Rwanda's health information systems and research-based policies, for a resilient, future-ready National Public Health Institute. TRIBE-HUB's contribution extends beyond Rwanda, supporting ten National Public Health Institutes across Africa through EU AU partnership."*

The TRIBE-HUB Project represents a strategic step toward achieving universal health coverage and improving the health outcomes of populations. By empowering RBC with the necessary tools, skills, and knowledge, TRIBE-HUB will help deliver on Africa's vision of sustainable health systems.

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