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**RE: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF REQUEST TO SET UP AN INSTITUTION REVIEW BOARD.**

The Rwanda National Ethics Committee acknowledges receipt of your request to establish institution Review board (IRB) at **Ruli Higher Institute of Health (RHIH)** dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The Rwanda National Ethics Committee was created in May 2002 by the Minister of Health. The mission of the Committee is to examine the research projects on human beings that are to be carried out in any part of Rwanda and all modifications to be affected whatever the nationality of the promoters and to approve these projects. The role of the committee is among other things to:

1. Protect research subjects from exposure to unethical risks or invasion of privacy,
2. Contribute to safeguarding the dignity, rights, safety and welfare of research participants,
3. Promote the principle of justice by which the benefits and burden of research shall be fairly distributed among all groups and class of society.
4. Facilitate ethically acceptable attempts to identify new and better treatment from which everyone may potentially benefit

To better serve the National Scientific Community, the Rwanda National Ethics committee has decided to decentralize its activities and devolve the review of institutional research protocols to



Institutional Review Boards. It is for this reason the Rwanda National Ethics Committee approved your request to set up an Institutional Review Board (IRB) to review exclusively in house protocols for the research projects for the award of a university degree (Bachelor degree, Master degree & PhD) and staff at Ruli Higher Institute of Health(RHIH). All protocols involving partners and funding from outside Rwanda have to be reviewed by RNEC.

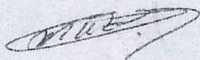
The members shall obligatorily include both sex from various professions especially the following:

- Representatives of medical community (Doctors, Nurses, Paramedical and other Medical allied Sciences),
- Representatives of scientific community (epidemiologists, psychologists...),
- Legal expert,
- Representatives of religious community.

This IRB should be composed by at least seven (7) members. The IRB shall report on a regular basis to the RNEC and should be copied with meeting minutes each time the board seats.

We will appreciate if you can provide contacts details of the responsible person to whom we shall be in communication for further arrangements.

Sincerely,



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