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### **Call for Increased Support to the Pandemic Fund**

On behalf of the Ministry of Health of Rwanda, I seek your continued support for the Pandemic Fund, an essential global resource that strengthens critical pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response capabilities through investments and technical support at the national, regional, and global levels.

The importance of the Pandemic Fund cannot be overstated. Established in 2022, the Fund has already enhanced global health security and resilience significantly. It has allocated US\$885 million and mobilized an additional US\$6 billion, supporting 75 countries to fill capacity gaps crucial for pandemic preparedness. By targeting gaps in surveillance, laboratory capacity, risk communication, zoonotic disease management, and more, the Fund helps countries combat outbreaks, epidemics, and avert catastrophic costs.

The devastating human and economic impact of COVID-19 has highlighted the necessity for countries to be fully prepared. Strengthened surveillance systems enable the early detection of threats, while enhanced laboratory capacities ensure efficient disease identification. A robust healthcare workforce is essential for managing overburdened systems. Rwanda understands the critical role of the Pandemic Fund—not only from our COVID-19 experience but also from addressing recent Mpox and Marburg outbreaks. The Fund's swift action in fast-tracking \$129 million to support countries impacted by Mpox, including Rwanda, demonstrates its agility and commitment. Its role in fostering increased regional and global cooperation further underscores its efficiency and effectiveness in addressing health emergencies.

The Pandemic Fund's mission is clear: no country should face a health crisis alone and collective resilience is imperative to preventing localized outbreaks from escalating into global health crises. As emerging diseases continue to pose new challenges, we must respond with strategies that are dynamic, research-driven, collaborative, and well-resourced. Continued investment in the Pandemic Fund is crucial to ensuring these measures are in place, while also amplifying efforts to maintain healthy and safe nations worldwide.

To this end, I urge you to reaffirm your commitment to this critical cause and ensure that the Pandemic Fund continues to receive the support it needs to fulfil its mission.

Thank you for your support to keep the world resilient and healthy.

Sincerely,

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**Minister of Health**

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