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IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE ON
THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE NO.

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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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The Chief Administrative Officer
The LC V Chairperson,
The District Health Officer

**RE: BULAMU HEALTHCARE INTERNATIONAL'S HEALTH SYSTEMS
STENGHENING PROGRAMS.**

Bulamu Healthcare has been a registered NGO in good standing in Uganda since its formation in 2016. For its first four years, Bulamu operated medical camps in partnership with 16 district local governments that used licensed Ugandan clinicians to treat 154,960 patients.

In 2019, the Ministry of Health authorized Bulamu to develop and install a pilot health unit management system in Sheema District called the **Bulamu Health Center Excellence (HCE) Program**. Bulamu provides vital signs equipment to all HCs, introduces patient treatment forms to replace the exercise books, donates computers and printers to the higher-level units that serve as Data Reporting Centers, and installs HCE-IT software that accesses a cloud-based Data Warehouse used to upload weekly health unit performance data and download from Tableaul.com weekly, and monthly management reports.

After two years, the HCE Program has proven to be a great success. Sheema has moved up dramatically in the MOH District League Tables, and patient exit interviews show that they are pleased to have a copy of their own treatment form and rate Sheema health units very highly in patient care and customer service.

In mid-2020 in response to the pandemic, Bulamu introduced two related programs. For primary care, they launched the **Clinical Support Team (CST) Program** that sends 14 licensed Ugandan clinicians to work side-by-side with the staffs at 4 health centres, bringing with them vital signs equipment, PPEs, patient forms, and surgical supplies.

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They also provide emergency patient transport for districts without ambulances. Bulamu follows up each CST placement with a **Surgery Intensive** that brings a 30-clinician surgical team to an HC IV for 5 days to perform 150-300 surgeries, with patients scheduled over the preceding two months. The CST's and SI's are then followed by a full, district-wide installation of the

HCE Program.

I am, therefore, recommending Bulamu Healthcare International to you, to explore partnership opportunities and collaboration with your Local Government. Each District must decide in discussions with Bulamu if they would like to proceed with this 3-phased, systems strengthening program, in which case an MOU must be signed following the template that has been approved by our office and the Solicitor General. If you decide to proceed, you can have confidence that we reviewed and approve of the various forms, procedures, and reports that are embodied in the Demonstration Project. Bulamu will provide us with periodic Monitoring & Evaluation studies, so that we and you can evaluate the programs and determine if they should be incorporated into our standard DHIS operating model.

In case of any queries, please contact me or Dr. Henry Mwebesa, the Director General of Health Services.



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PERMANENT SECRETARY