

# Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) Support to Public Health Institutes (PHIs)

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## TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL



### Support core-functions, attributes and services of schools and institutes of public health (national level):

- Enhance expertise, knowledge, and resources to provide evidence-based and locally adapted policy advice, training and support.
- Support the generation of context specific, culturally and gender sensitive data and evidence on Africa public health priorities.
- Strengthen PHI at technical/academic and organisational level: core functions and country ownership
- Data use and translation to policy making.

### Establish/Enhance regional collaboration between PHIs to jointly develop research, training, policy advice and advocacy (regional level):

- Support South-South collaboration
- Integration of national PHIs and establishment of networks at sub-regional/continental level

### Enhance collaboration between European and African PHIs and integration of African PHIs in international public health networks.

- Twinning
- Consultation with regional and global public health organisations, political fora and working groups
- Support participation in international public health conferences

### Core functions to be strengthened:

- Research in Public Health
- Disease prevention and health promotion
- Evaluation and promotion of equitable access to services
- Public health workforce development

## MODALITIES/TOOLS

Technical assistance (Twinning, expert exchange)

Policy dialogue

## TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- To contribute to population's health and wellbeing via the provision of multiple public health services by performant schools of public health and public health institutes
- To enable a comprehensive support to public health institutes and public health policies through their key core functions and attributes for a transformative impact on beneficiaries

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## NATIONAL CONTEXT

**Strengthening the PHIs capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa** is a keystone in the support to health system:

**Communicable and non-communicable disease in Africa**, Ebola and COVID-19 pandemic

**Reduced impact on beneficiaries' health**

**Inefficiencies in pre-existing networks of PHIs or sub-groups** of networks linked to a specific core function

**Regional policies:**

- Multi-Annual Indicative Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa 2021-2027
- Public Health Order
- Africa CDC framework to support PHIs

**Need of performant schools and institutes of public health** able to provide training, research and context-specific policy advice to the health authorities and professionals.

**Scoping Review Study:**

- 32.7% of the 49 countries in SSA do not have designated NPHIs
- Countries in which NPHIs were in the process of establishing (Uganda and DRC)
- Newly formed, at least 5 of Africa's 39 NPHIs incl. Botswana's, Liberia's and Sierra Leone's, were established during or after the West Africa Ebola outbreaks in 2014-2016 (WHO, 2021).

## GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs



Agenda 2063

Newly established HERA (Health Emergency preparedness and Response Authority)

A global 5-year EU Support to Public Health Institutes Programme (SPHIP) in Burundi, DRC, Kenya and Uganda.

Wide geographical span of the EU support in research, public health laboratories and workforce development, disease prevention, equitable access to services

Synergies with other regional TEIs on:

- Health Security/One health
- SRHR
- Digital health
- MAV+