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Country Coordinator VODAN-Africa

Dear Vice-Chancellor Prof. Mohamad Mpezamihigo and Dr. Jamal Mohamed Warsame.

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate you on your efforts to contribute to the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic, particularly the limited health information from Africa. I commend the Virus Outbreak Data Network (VODAN)-Africa which has taken up one of the greatest challenges of this time: how to improve health information in view of the SARS-COVID-2 Pandemic.

The Ministry of Health is ready to collaborate with East Africa University (EAU), the VODAN-Africa and the research network that supports this work. We are facilitating access to health facilities and hospitals in Somalia to participate in this effort. We hope we can learn from this how the health information system in our country can be improved.

We cannot fight this pandemic or future ones alone. We need to collaborate on our great continent and its partners. On behalf of the Ministry of Health in Somalia, I fully support the VODAN-Africa research, and express the support to Kampala International University as research coordinator, East Africa University and the global partners, Leiden University Medical Center and Stanford University.

We will await updates on the results and request that we will be fully briefed on the research outcomes of your work.

Sincerely

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