### Ambasáid na hÉireann Embassy of Ireland



25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

The Review Committee Wellcome Trust, Public Health Engagement Fund

# Re: Letter of support to Uganda Academy for Health Innovation and Impact

The Embassy of Ireland in Uganda is pleased to write this letter in support of a funding application from the Uganda Academy for Health Innovation and Impact to the Wellcome Trust Public Health Engagement Fund.

This application, led by the Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation and Impact based at the Infectious Disease Institute, will support a mobile exhibition for the history of HIV exhibition that will assess whether exposure to an exhibition highlighting the social history of HIV in Uganda could lead to a decrease in high risk sexual behaviour.

In 2018, the Embassy of Ireland provided funding support to the Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation and Impact to establish a History of HIV exhibition at the Uganda national Museum, which ran from Dec. 2018 to February 2019 registering over 1,400 visitors and very positive feedback.

Given the success of the exhibition and the need to reach more youth and reduce new HIV infections, we would certainly recommend funding to bring the HIV exhibition to other of parts of Uganda.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Head of Cooperation Embassy of Ireland



# **UGANDA AIDS COMMISSION**

UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



#### Our Ref: PSI067/112/01

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# LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORY OF HIV IN UGANDA STUDY

We are pleased to write this letter of support for a funding application to the Wellcome Trust Awards call. This application led by our partner, the Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation and Impact (Infectious Disease Institute), is for a study that will assess whether exposure to an exhibition highlighting the social history of HIV in Uganda could lead to a decrease in high risk sexual behaviour.

The Academy is well known to our organisation, the Uganda AIDS Commission (UAC). As an organisation set up to oversee, plan and coordinate AIDS prevention and control activities throughout Uganda and one first organisations to respond to the HIV epidemic; we are keen to partner with the Ugandan Academy on this project. UAC has an extensive library of materials (both audio-visual and print) and a rich institutional history about the epidemic that could be showcased at the exhibition.

UAC strongly supports this application and looks forward to working with the Ugandan Academy on this project.

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## THE REVIEW COMMITTEE WELLCOME TRUST AWARDS CALL

#### Letter of support for the History of HIV in Uganda study

We are pleased to write this letter of support for our funding application to the Wellcome Trust Awards call.

This application led by our partner, the Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation and Impact (Infectious Disease Institute), is for a study that will assess whether exposure to an exhibition highlighting the social history of HIV in Uganda could lead to a decrease in high risk sexual behaviour.

The Academy is well known to our organisation - The AIDS Support Organisation (TASO) (U) Ltd and is a key partner in our capacity building efforts for health workers in Uganda. As one of the first institutions to take up the fight against HIV/AIDS and that has continued to support HIV/AIDS efforts over the years, TASO is keen to partner with the Ugandan Academy on this project. Specifically, TASO will provide a permanent space for the exhibition within its HIV museum and contribute historical information, education and communication materials.

TASO offers strong support for this application and if successful, pledges to work collaboratively with the Ugandan Academy to ensure success of this project.

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25<sup>th</sup>- March 2019

The Review Committee Wellcome Trust, Public Health Engagement Fund

# Letter of support for the History of HIV in Uganda study

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The Uganda Museum hosted the History of HIV exhibition as an in-kind contribution for a period of one month (January 2019) and has offered to provide space in the Uganda Museum where a section of the History of HIV exhibition will be displayed for a period of time.

We are confident that the Ugandan Academy has the capacity to carry out the development of a mobile exhibition in different parts of Uganda and are happy to offer our technical support as required.

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Sincerely

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