

## SPEECH

By H.E. Mr Frédéric Clavier, Ambassador of France

Signing Ceremony AGA KHAN ONCOLOGY PROJECT

Tanzania Comprehensive Care Project (TCCP)

16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Mheshimiwa Ummy Ally Mwalimu, Waziri wa Afya, Maendeleo ya Jamii, Jinsia, Wazee na Watoto

Dokta Chaula Katibu mkuu wa wizara ya afya

Balozi Amin Kurji, Mwakilishi wa Mtandao wa Maendeleo ya Aga Khan

Dokta Gijs Walraven, Mkurugenzi wa Afya wa Mtandao wa Maendeleo ya Aga Khan

M. Sulaiman Shahabuddin, Afisa Mkuu Mtendaji wa Afrika Mashariki, Aga Khan Health Service

Mrs Stéphanie Mouen, Mkurugenzi wa Shirika la Maendeleo la Ufaransa Tanzania (AFD)

Mheshimiwa Paul Makonda, Mkuu wa Mkoa wa Dar es Salaam / Mheshimiwa Sofia Mjema Mkuu wa Wilaya ya Ilala Dar es Salaam

Waheshimiwa wabunge ambao mko hapa natambua uwepo

Wageni waalikwa

Mabibi na Mabwana

Nimefurahi sana kuwa hapa leo katika sherehe ya kihistoria ya utiaji saini wa moja ya miradi muhimu sana, unaohusu Mfumo wa Huduma bora za matibabu nchini Tanzania.

Kihistoria, Ufaransa imehusika ulimwenguni kote katika vita dhidi ya magonjwa makubwa. Kama unavyofahamu, Ufaransa ilikuwa Mwenyeji wa Mkutano wa 6 wa Kufadhili mfuko wa Kimataifa uliofanyika huko Lyon, tarehe 10 Oktoba, 2019. Kusudi la Mkutano huu lilikuwa kukusanya fedha za umma, na zile kutoka kwenye sekta binafsi, kwa kipindi cha mwaka - **ishirini**

**ishirini hadi ishirini ishirini na mbili (2020 hadi 2022) kwa dhumuni la kupigana na milipuko mikubwa ya magonjwa. Uamuzi wa Rais Macron kuwa mwenyeji wa mkutano huu, unathibitika kihistoria katika kujitolea kwa nchi ya Ufaransa, katika masuala ya afya ulimwenguni. Tangu miaka ya mwanzo (mwaka elfu mbili – (2000), Ufaransa imekuwa mstari wa mbele katika uhamasishaji wa kimataifa kwa kushiriki katika kuundwa Mfuko wa Dunia. Hivi sasa, Ufaransa ni wafadhili wa pili kwa ukubwa wakichangia Euro bilioni 4.2.**

***I am delighted to be present at today's landmark signing ceremony for one of the key projects in the Tanzania health care system.***

***France has been historically involved worldwide in the fight against major diseases. As you know, France hosted the 6th Global Fund Replenishment Conference in Lyon last October 10, 2019. The aim of this conference was to gather public and private funding for the 2020-2022 programming period to fight against major pandemics. President Macron's decision to host this conference reaffirms France's historic commitment to global health. Since the early 2000s, France has been at the forefront of international mobilization by participating in the creation of the Global Fund. It is today the second largest donor with a contribution of 4.2 billion euros.***

The Global Fund is now active in more than 100 developing countries, including Tanzania, accounting for 57% of global malaria funding, 20% for HIV / AIDS, and 65% for tuberculosis, enabling tremendous progress in access to treatment and prevention against epidemics. In Tanzania, France has until today contributed 243 MUS\$ and contributes 75MU\$ additional funds during the implementation period 2018-2020.

Since the 2000s, the Tanzanian government has done a remarkable work. I take this opportunity to greet the doctors, the professors of medicine, the agents of your Ministry, the Health Agents, the community agents, the NGOs who together have succeeded to reduce the prevalence of HIV from 9.6% in 2000 to 4.7% today.

Beyond the Global Fund, France is also involved in Tanzania in the field of research and university. These collaborations between Tanzanian researchers and doctors enable the development of innovative projects and make Tanzania a pioneering country for example on the management of sickle cell disease by

creating a unit of bone marrow transplant and gene therapy. On this project, exchanges are underway between the Saint Louis hospital in Paris and MUHAS *[and the teams of Pr Elianne Gluckman and Pr Julie Makani. Professor Elianne Gluckman performed the first umbilical cord transplant in 1988. With her team, she continues today to train doctors in transplantation and has developed an exemplary collaboration with Professor Julie Makani's team. I want to greet these two extraordinary women! Two examples of women scientists who inspire new generations of students.]*

The program will enable the team to train doctors in transplantation and has developed an exemplary collaboration with scientists who inspire new generations of medical students.

We don't stop here, as you can see, as France is also intervening in bilateral aid in the health sector through AFD, the French Development Agency. AFD has been supporting the Aga Khan Development Network development strategy in the health sector, worldwide and more specifically in the east African region including the financing of the state-of-the-art hospital in Dar es Salaam which some of us had the pleasure to inaugurate in March 2019.

I am quite happy to see collaboration being extended further with an innovative project in the fight against cancer, being developed through a Public Private Partnership approach between the Aga Khan Health Services and the 3 main Tanzanian public hospitals in the field of oncology. This new project will improve the existing facilities, train the professional staff, sensitise the population to early warning of cancers and support operational research.

France strongly believes in this project, which is a significant contribution to the improvement of the well-being of the people of Tanzania. France believes in it and committed to support it, because it is all about Tanzania and fulfilling our common commitments towards development. France will do everything necessary to support Tanzania in its efforts to reach the status of middle-income countries by 2025, set by the Government of Tanzania because development is the foundation for growth, but also education, and health improvement.

AFD, the French Development Agency, strongly committed to this process, and has decided in 2018 to double its financial support to Tanzania up to an amount

of more than 100 million EUR a year. This illustrates our strong confidence in the potentials and in the future of this country.

By choosing to support the health sector among others, France shows its confidence in Tanzania in key field for the development for the betterment of the people. It is also a pride to work in close partnership and trust with the Aga Khan Development Network which has always lived up to its ambitions.

Long live the Aga Khan Development Network !

Long live Tanzania !

Long live the friendship between France and Tanzania !