

## MESSAGE FROM MMUST PROGRAM LEADER, MULTI STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIP.



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The global health crisis caused by the novel coronavirus has created a great deal of uncertainty and stress in our lives. The impressive response mechanisms by Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology to the stressful and difficult circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has shown our strength, our resilience, our unwavering commitment and indeed our huge potential in research and innovation.

In the wake of the pandemic, MMUST entered into a Multi stakeholder partnership (MSP) Project with the Key Partners being AMREF Health Africa, Malteser International (MI) and Kenya Health Federation. This was spearheaded by Ms Joy China Joy China (Country Health Programme Manager, Kenya, MI) and Ms Catherine Mwenda Project Manager, Institute of Capacity Development, AMREF Health Africa). The relationship has borne what we are witnessing today of a donation of 60, 000 face masks for the entire MMUST Community and the ongoing e-content conversion and digital learning training in Nakuru. Plans to equip a State of art High Fidelity Skills Laboratory and other crucial engagements are underway from this partnership.

**Malteser International (MI)** is the worldwide relief agency of the Order of Malta with funds from the German Cooperation under the Country Director Mr. Martin Schoenburg. The project aims to create a sustainable MSP dialogue structure in Kenya that improves the training, deployment and working conditions of specialized health workers. Among the Programs the partnership is supporting at our university include;

1. Paramedic Science and EMTs (Emergency Medical Technologists).
2. Community Health Workers
3. Health Records and Information Management

Our Vice Chancellor Professor Solomon Shibairo and the university management has been keen on the milestones of this project and have given immense support to its success. The university wishes to take this opportunity to thank Malteser International for identifying MMUST as one of her prime Partner in Africa. We feel very privileged and lucky to run this project with you and we are indeed very happy and excited to have MI and MMUST become the linking pin between science and our society. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to this exceptional assignment. We remain committed to our moral obligation as a university to creatively improve and become part of a solution of the many problems affecting local and international communities through education, research & innovations, leadership, inter sectoral collaborations, clinical evidence-based and reflective practice.

From the Multi-stakeholder Partnership (MSP) meeting held at Kakamega Golf Hotel on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021, the following areas of Collaboration were identified and action points developed;

1. Training and Capacity Building
2. Curriculum Harmonization
3. Policy support
4. Digitization of Content and Conversion
5. Advocacy in career progression of the three identified programs.

*Be Healthy, Be Safe.*

**Dr. Tecla Psusma.**