

EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE (ACE II)																					
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Action Plan	Activity	Objective	Justification	Output	DLI #	DLR #	Estimated Budget (US\$) Total Budget	Responsible Person	2022												
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Learning Excellence	Review of MSc. One Health Molecular Biology (OHMB) curriculum and submit for international accreditation/recognition	Revised curriculum for MSc OHMB that will regionally attract at least 30 students into our two Universities (SUA and MURAS).	Develop key competence in one health based molecular biology/genomics of infectious diseases	A revised MSc curriculum in One Health Molecular Biology enhanced in content and context to meet national, regional and international standards in place within the first year of implementation	2	2.3	45,000.00	Gerald Misinzo													
	Implement on demand e-learning platform	Modernise teaching and involve international faculty	Upgrade training and course content	• IT infrastructure in place and e-learning platform operational • E-learning platform utilized for student training • Staff trained for implementation of e-learning	2		-	Secky Nyakunga													
	Maintain ICT Specialist	Operationalisation of the e-learning platform for the centre, Enhanced use of ICT and e-learning facilities	A well coordinated "Graduate School" type Secretariat that provides management support to the programme and enhances academic and research delivery	ICT Specialist maintained	2		-	Filomena Namuba													
	Maintain Training and Research Support Officer	Training and Research Support Officer engaged and in place	A well coordinated "Graduate School" type Secretariat that provides management support to the programme and enhances academic and research delivery	Training and Research Support Officer maintained	2		14,123.69	Filomena Namuba													
	Enroll 14 national MSc students and run the programme: support research, stipend and tuition fees	14 MSc students enrolled, trained, mentored and supervised in their respective research areas to build their capacity	Develop research capacity addressing infectious diseases	14 national MSc students enrolled	2	2.2	-	Gerald Misinzo & CoP Leaders													
	Run PhD programme, support research, stipend and tuition fees for 9 continuing national PhD students	To develop a core of theme based research students who undertake research to address health issues of national and regional importance	Transformative research competence in the region. New cadre of solution driven research scientists	National, regional and international supervisors/mentors identified and engaged; PhD, MPhil and MSc/Res-MSc programs are smoothly run	2	2.2	22,000.00	Gerald Misinzo & CoP Leaders													
	Procure training laboratory materials	To put a mechanism in place for biosafety, Training in laboratory biosafety procedures for safe handling of pathogens	Protect students and personnel, biological specimens and the environment from contamination	Biosafety procedures enforced in Center laboratories	2	2.2	24,420.73	Gerald Misinzo & Filomena Namuba													
	Maintain Chief Laboratory Technologist	To have orderly and managed laboratory facilities, to provide technical expert support to research	Laboratory management and biosafety	Laboratory Manager recruited and in place	2		15,289.55	Gerald Misinzo & Filomena Namuba													
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Research Excellence	Construct laboratory and student seminars building	Conducive environment for practical training and learning of students; Safe disposal of laboratory and biological waste for improved Biosafety and Biosecurity	Conducive laboratories that also conform to Biosafety standards and study rooms	• Plans for the construction of the student training laboratory and seminar rooms • Completion of the procurement process for the construction of the laboratory and seminar rooms • Contract awarded for the refurbishment to begin • Start of the refurbishment • Refurbished and successful functioning of the laboratory and study rooms	2		505,717.28	Gerald Misinzo & Filomena Namuba													
	Engage a nanopore specialist	To strengthen the Center research program and assist Center Leadership in coordinating student research activities at partner institutions	Transformative research competence in the region	1 nanopore specialist engaged	2		11,079.32	Gerald Misinzo & Filomena Namuba													
	Publish research findings						7,000.00	CoP Leaders (Mecky Matee, Ebron Karimubo, Leonard Mboera, Sharadhul Kimeria)													
	Attend and present papers at scientific conferences	Enhance training and research and engagement of partners	Enhanced collaboration and networking	Memorandum of understanding, exchange of faculty and technology transfer	2	2.2	-	Gerald Misinzo & Mark Rweyemamu													
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Quality Assurance	Organise Governing Board meeting	Governance of the Center	Strategic coherence of governance especially with transformation to SACIDS Foundation which provides enhanced autonomy	Board reports in relation to regional strategic goals	2			Mark Rweyemamu													
	Organise International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) meetings	Strategic Scientific advice to SACIDS	Quality of scientific output commensurate with regional/international expectation	Independent scientific advice to Director, Centre Leaders at UNZA and SUA and to SACIDS Governing Board	2			Mark Rweyemamu													
	Monitor progress of PhD, MSc and MPhil/Res MSc students	Ensure research quality	Coherent themed research conduct	CoP plans, reports and meeting minutes	2			CoP Leaders (Mecky Matee, Ebron Karimubo, Leonard Mboera, Sharadhul Kimeria)													
	Oversee and coordinate the quality assurance of the Centre	Coordinated Quality Assurance strategy for the Center Program	A quality center program assured	Consistent and high performance by the Centre	2			Mark Rweyemamu													
Equity Dimensions	Communication engagement with policy makers and the public in the region and globally	Center activities and goals are understood, supported and adopted by policy makers and the public	Get buy in and support for the centre	Policy makers and the public engaged	2			Filomena Namuba													
Attracting Academic staff and students from the region	Run PhD programme, support research, stipend and tuition fees for 2 continuing regional PhD students	To develop a core of theme based research students who undertake research to address health issues of national and regional importance	Transformative research competence in the region. New cadre of solution driven research scientists	National, regional and international supervisors/mentors identified and engaged; PhD, MPhil and MSc/Res-MSc programs are smoothly run	2	2.2		Gerald Misinzo & CoP Leaders													
National & Regional Academic/Sector Partners	Engage, collaborate and carry out joint research and training activities with national and regional partners, publish joint publications, develop and apply joint proposals including PhD students' attachment and travel to partners institutions	Expanded scientific capability of students and faculty members to pursue independent and collaborative research addressing infectious disease challenges in Africa	Strengthen partnership and develop the Centre	• Signed MoU partner agreement with academic, research and private sector partners • Well developed joint research collaboration team with international partners, • International collaboration team write and publish joint publication • Joint developed proposals submitted for funding • A well structure and developed regional collaborative network of trainers and researchers • A well developed regional network of supervisors for PhD	2	2.5, 2.7		Gerald Misinzo & Mark Rweyemamu													
Collaboration with International Academic Partners	Engage, collaborate and carry out joint research and training activities with international partners, publish joint publications, develop and apply joint proposals including PhD students' attachment and travel to partners institutions	Expanded scientific capability of students and faculty members to pursue independent and collaborative research addressing infectious disease challenges in Africa	Strengthen partnership and develop the Centre	• Signed MoU partner agreement with academic, research and private sector partners • Well developed joint research collaboration team with international partners, • International collaboration team write and publish joint publication • Joint developed proposals submitted for funding • A well structure and developed regional collaborative network of trainers and researchers • A well developed regional network of supervisors for PhD	2	2.5, 2.7	22,009.63	Gerald Misinzo & Mark Rweyemamu													
Management and Governance	Maintain Centre Secretariat staff and operations for programme management, finance, procurement, communications, administration, programme quality assurance and internal monitoring & evaluation	A well coordinated Center entity, which builds on the SACIDS foundation to develop into a semi-autonomous regional Center	A well coordinated "Graduate School" type Secretariat that provides management support to the programme and enhances academic and research delivery	Center secretariat staff maintained	2		22,009.63	Filomena Namuba													
	Support Centre Leadership, Coordination and operation costs	A well coordinated and administered Center	A well coordinated "Graduate School" type Secretariat that provides management support to the programme and enhances academic and research delivery	Center Administration, regional coordination and financial management in line with regional expectations	2	2.1	41,950.70	Gerald Misinzo & Filomena Namuba													
Monitoring and Evaluation	Carry out monitoring	Structured systems for regular Monitoring and Evaluation and financial control auditing are in place	M & E system	Quarterly reports	2		116,897.56	Filomena Namuba													
	Attend National Steering Committee meeting	Guidance and oversight to selected ACEs during the project implementation	Governance of the centre programme	Review and provide guidance to the overall strategy and implementation of the Centre, including its impact at national and regional levels	2		5,000.00	Gerald Misinzo													
	Carry out external audit	• Credible financial statements • Unbiased expert recommendations • Weaknesses in internal control identified and rectified	M & E system	Audited financial reports	3	3.4	15,503.28	Gerald Misinzo & Filomena Namuba													
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