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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL RESULTS OF THE SELECTED CANDIDATES FOR  
DATA COLLECTION UNDER  
*An Evaluation of catastrophic cost borne by TB- patients and their  
households in Rwanda.***

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**Background:** The Government of Rwanda/Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) is working closely with other partners to reduce and eliminate the burden of Tuberculosis (TB) disease which affects the poorest people. Patients with TB often incur large costs related to illness and disability. These include medical and non-medical costs associated with seeking and receiving health care, and costs related to loss of income. Such costs can create access barriers to TB services and increase the risk of disease transmission. They also place an economic burden on households, which can push people below the poverty line or deeper into poverty. This is why one of the 3 targets of WHO's End TB Strategy stipulates that no TB patients or affected families should face "catastrophic costs" due to tuberculosis by 2020, in line with efforts towards achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and social protection.

To reduce the economic burden associated with TB illness and care, the World Health Organization (WHO) encourages countries to conduct nationally representative surveys, following the methodology described in the Tuberculosis Patient cost survey, to measure the progress towards the End TB Strategy indicator. This is because many countries, including Rwanda do not have the baseline information on TB catastrophic total costs. In 2019, the Ministry of Health (MoH) requested the financial support from Global Fund (GF) to fund the survey of TB catastrophic cost and document the magnitude of different types of costs incurred by TB patients (and their households) in Rwanda.

To ensure a smooth implementation of this survey, the RBC requested the technical support from the School of Publicly Health, College of Medicine and Health Sciences/ University of Rwanda. It is in this framework, a research collaboration agreement between UR and RBC was developed to guide and inform all the concerned parties throughout the survey processes.

The research protocol has been approved by the Rwanda National Ethics Committee (RNEC) and the research visa was obtained from the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR). Therefore, the next step consists of the collection of data in

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different centres of TB diagnosis and Centres of TB treatment across the country. To this end, the research project organized two rounds of interviews (20.05 & 04.06.2021) to select and recruit 15 qualified enumerators and those on the waiting list who have enough experience in quantitative and qualitative studies, especially in costing and expenditure studies.

As a result, the University of Rwanda recruited 15 enumerators for field data collection. The recruitment results are presented here below.

S/N	First Names	Last Names	Total score /100 %	Decision
1	BINAYISA	Gad	82.9	Recommended for next steps
2	MUNYANEZA	Jean Pierre	77.875	Recommended for next steps
3	TUYISHIME	Vincent	75.8	Recommended for next steps
4	IRADUKUNDA	Protegene	75.75	Recommended for next steps
5	NZASABIMANA Pascal	Pascal	75.2	Recommended for next steps
6	TUYISENGE	Marie jeanne	74.4	Recommended for next steps
7	NIYONIZERA	Ange	74	Recommended for next steps
8	SINDAYIHEBA	Ruben	73.625	Recommended for next steps
9	NKUNDABERUYE	Simon Pierre	73.2	Recommended for next steps
10	BIKORIMANA	BIKORIMAN A	73	Recommended for next steps
11	NYAKAYIRU	Nathan	72.75	Recommended for next steps
12	NIYONSENGA	Marie Claire	71.8	Recommended for next steps
13	ISHIMWE	Jean marie	71.7	Recommended for next steps
14	NIYOMUGABA	Florentine	71.6	Recommended for next steps
14	KALISA	Claude	71.6	Recommended for next steps
16	NIYOMURENGEZI	Abenezel	71.3	Recommended for next steps
17	NYINAWUMNTU	Pascaline	71.125	Recommended for next steps

18	DUKUZUMUREMYI	Janvier	71	Recommended for next steps
19	UWURUKUNDO	Jeanne	70.75	Recommended for next steps
20	NZAYISENGA	Samuel	70.6	Recommended for next steps
21	NIYOMAHORO	Frederick	70.1	Recommended for next steps
22	MUKESHIMANA	Verene	66.75	Not Recommended
23	HARINDINTWARI	Francois Xavier	63.375	Not Recommended
24	NYINAWUMWAMI	Brenda	63.1	Not Recommended
25	MUSABEYESU	Germaine	61.9	Not Recommended

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