







Strengthening mental healthcare in Rwanda through diaspora knowledge transfer

Overview

Main partner	<p><u>Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC)</u> is the central implementing agency for healthcare in Rwanda. It aims to enhance the health of the Rwandan population by delivering high-quality, affordable, and sustainable healthcare. Its Mental Health Division (MHD) is dedicated to ensuring accessible and equitable mental health services for all through prevention, raising awareness, managing mental illnesses, and supporting patients' reintegration into society.</p>	
Associate partner	<p>The <u>Luxembourg Media and Digital Design Centre (LMDDC)</u> gathers the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research, and the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology, to support national activities related to digital learning and to operate service and innovation platforms.</p>	
Duration	<p>11 months</p>	
Sustainable development goals	 	

Project design

Context & needs	<p>As Rwanda continues to strengthen its mental health system, gaps in specialised training remain a key area for development. These include enhancing workforce capacity and ensuring that training is well-adapted to local realities and cultural contexts. Recent mapping data shows that 20% of Rwandan diaspora professionals based in Europe work in health-related fields and are willing to contribute to skills transfer initiatives, creating a strategic opportunity to align national policy with the mobilisation of diaspora expertise in health.</p>
General objective	<p>To enhance Rwanda's mental health services by developing and delivering culturally relevant training programmes to mental health professionals, leveraging local and diaspora skills, and innovative blended learning methodologies.</p>
Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the use of digital learning tools in mental health by developing and disseminating two digital educational resources, reinforcing the role of RBC as a national training provider in mental health. • Ensure sustainability of knowledge transfer by training ten senior health professionals to become coaches and assist their colleagues in their learning journeys. • Enhance professional competencies of up to 80 mental health professionals by equipping them with advanced and culturally adapted knowledge through diaspora-led training.
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health care professionals in Rwanda. • Mental health patients.

Programme of activities

