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15th July, 2021

Hon. Minister of Public Service, Ministry of Public Service,

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Dear Colleague,

LUNCH **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION** OF **ENHANCEMENT** OF ALLOWANCE FOR HEALTH WORKERS

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Reference is made to your letter ref: COM 100/153/01 dated 28th January, 2021 expressing concern for health workers and seeking our commitment towards addressing them. The concern is the need to enhance lunch allowances from the current Ush.3,000 and Ushs.2,000 to Ushs.15,000 and Ushs.10,000 for U7-U1 and U8 respectively. This adjustment has additional financial implication of Ushs.129.3bn to cover 44,433 health workers.

As you may recall, this issue was among the funding pressures presented to Cabinet in March 2021 for consideration, but due to other equally pressing issues amidst limited resources, it was not possible to provide for it in the final estimates.

Given the hardships these health workers are currently going through to contain COVID-19 pandemic, this issue should be reviewed and the lunch allowances paid. It should also be noted that these allowances are paid through the payroll.

The purpose of this letter therefore, is to inform you that I have No Objection to the proposed revision of lunch allowances for health workers at the above rates effective July 2021, and further commit that any shortfall shall be handled on a case by case basis during execution. By copy of this letter, your Permanent Secretary should adjust the payrolls with the new rates for health workers accordingly

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MINISTER OF FINANCE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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