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## LETTER OF SUPPORT

Njala University is delighted to affirm its institutional support for the proposal titled "INCORPORATING DRONE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES FOR MALARIA CONTROL IN SIERRA LEONE" in response to the National Science Technology and Innovation Council's Call titled "Call for Full Proposals to Fund a Project to Promote New and Emerging Technologies."

The overall goal of this project is to incorporate drone/satellite-driven larval habitat monitoring and mosquito surveillance systems into the vector control activities against malaria in Sierra Leone. This proposal will also assess the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of larval source mapping and surveillance/monitoring activities for indoor residual spraying using improved AI drone technology.

We are fully committed to supporting this project in any way possible for successful implementation, especially given the recent challenges of insecticide resistance of vectors, changes in vector behavior, and the invasion of Anopheles stephensi in Africa. The adoption of this new drone technology for monitoring and surveillance will enable the program to make informed decisions when implementing these tools in various settings in Sierra Leone to combat malaria. We wish you success with the application and look forward to the implementation of the project.

Yours sincerely,

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