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Keynote address by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister

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Survey (EICV 5)**

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- **Honourable Ministers here present,**
- **Governors,**
- **Development partners,**
- **Distinguished Guests,**

Good morning!

- 1.** I wish to start by thanking the National Insitute of Statistics of Rwanda, for the publication of the updated statistics portraying the integrated living conditions of the Rwandan households. You have done a good job!
- 2.** A proper planning always needs accurate, reliable and updated information in order to monitor and assess progress made on poverty reduction and other development attributes.
- 3.** Statistics are key for any evidence based policy making and evidence based planning. Today's EICV 5 results call for doubling efforts by all stakeholders to keep reducing poverty and this involves all stakeholders in this process, including our Government of Rwanda, all Rwandans, the Private Sector and Development Partners.
- 4.** As you know, our country's ambition is to move towards a poverty-free Rwanda. In this regard, the Government of Rwanda will continue to invest in its human capital to ensure that we have a capable skilled people a with higher standards of living. Special attention will be put on our youth that constitutes about 70% of our population.

5. This is in line with our National Strategy for Transformation that aims, among others, to establish Rwanda as a globally Competitive Knowledge-based Economy.

6. It is also in the framework of the future drivers of Rwanda's growth where it is expected that Rwanda will improve its human capital development; export dynamism and regional integration; well-managed urbanization; agricultural modernization; and, capable and accountable public institutions.

7. The Government of Rwanda has no doubt that a better implementation of all programs that are designed to help the country in eradicating poverty, will bear good fruits.

8. To conclude, I wish to thank all stakeholders who participated in this survey and I commend all Rwandans who provided information on their living conditions.

9. With these remarks, it is now my pleasure to declare the Integrated Household Living Conditions Survey/EICV5 officially launched.

I thank you so much.