REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

THE PRIME MINISTER

Remarks by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Ngirente Edouard, at the Dissemination of findings from the Rwanda Population based HIV Impact Assessment (RPHIA) Survey

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- **Honourable Ministers,**
- **Excellency Ambassador of the United States in Rwanda,**
- **Distinguished Development Partners,**
- **Heads of Government Institutions,**
- **Distinguished Guests,**

Good evening,

1. Today, we come together to present the findings from the Rwanda Population based HIV Impact Assessment. This survey is the result of over a year- long collaboration between Government institutions, and development partners. As it is our practice, Rwanda has been promoting evidence-based decisions built on transparency, and involvement of all stakeholders.

2. Rwanda is on track to achieve the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV targets for the year 2020. The data indicate that Rwanda is making good progress in controlling the HIV epidemic. This makes it the first country to achieve this milestone. And we are confident that if we continue in this way, we will keep achieving good results.

3. The survey also reveals that a good percentage of people living with HIV in Rwanda know their HIV status. This is a good step in controlling HIV transmission.

4. We are performing well in the fight against HIV. However, we need to maintain our efforts, improve on our approaches and become even more innovative in looking for better solutions.

Distinguished Guests,

5. I would like to congratulate various institutions and individuals that played a role in ensuring that the survey was adequately conducted, with quality and in such a short time.

6. In a special way, allow me to thank our Community Health Workers for their role in the implementation of HIV control programs and for guiding the survey teams.

7. Let's continue to work together to promote a healthy life for our people.

Thank you so much!