

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



THE PRIME MINISTER

**Remarks by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Edouard Ngirente, at
the launch of key findings from the 6th Demographic and Health
Survey (DHS6-2019/2020)**

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- **Honourable Ministers,**
- **Senior Government Officials,**
- **Distinguished Guests & Development Partners**

1. I am pleased to join you today for the launch of key findings from the 6th Rwanda Demographic and Health Survey (DHS6). This survey is the result of strong partnership between the Government of Rwanda and different stakeholders. Therefore, I would like to thank our partners for fruitful cooperation that has made this survey a success.
2. Given the importance of Demographic and Health data in our country's socio-economic development, the Government of Rwanda resolved to conduct a Demographic and Health Survey, every five years. Today, we are happy that after previous RDHS surveys, this commitment is again fulfilled, despite the challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.
3. The 2019-2020 Demographic and Health Survey is an important tool for evidence-based policy making and planning. It will play a key role in availing up-to date and accurate information on demographic and health indicators.
4. As you know, one of the objectives of our National Strategy for Transformation (NST1) 2017-2024 is to ensure a quality healthy population. To achieve this, we need to have accurate and reliable data to monitor progress across our health programs or policies for informed decisions.

These results will be very useful in monitoring the progress our development agenda as reflected in our National Strategy for Transformation (NST1) as well as in our vision 2050.

▪ **Distinguished participants,**

5. A comparative analysis of the findings from the 6th DHS and the previous rounds illustrates changes of trends across most of health indicators in Rwanda. While steady progress has been made on some indicators, much is needed to be done to improve other areas.
6. Therefore, the Government of Rwanda is committed to double efforts in reinforcing key strategic interventions in the health sector as detailed in the National Strategy for Transformation (NST1). This will ensure that all indicators are on track by 2024.
7. The Government of Rwanda will also continue to strengthen multi-Sectorial Programs initiated to improve access to quality health services.
8. This will be done through providing trainings to health workforce, ensuring community involvement, supporting community-based health insurance, strengthening innovative data collection tools and extension of health services close to our citizens, as well as development of health infrastructure.

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9. As I conclude, I wish also to commend the critical role played by the Community Health Workers in our health sector. I would like also to thank once again the whole team that worked on this survey. You have done a very good job.

10. With these remarks, I am pleased to announce that the 6th DHS Key Indicators Report is officially launched.

Thank you for your kind attention