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Amref International University and Equity Group Sign Strategic Partnership to Advance Primary Health Care Across Africa

Nairobi, Kenya | 1 July 2026 – Amref International University (AMIU) and Equity Group have today signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking the beginning of a strategic partnership aimed at strengthening Primary Health Care (PHC) systems, advancing health workforce development, and accelerating equitable access to quality healthcare across Africa.

The partnership brings together two institutions united by a shared vision of transforming lives through sustainable development. By combining AMIU's expertise in health sciences education, research and innovation with Equity Group's proven leadership in execution, financial inclusion and regional development, the collaboration seeks to strengthen health systems where they matter most, at the community level.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, **Prof. Joachim Osur, Vice Chancellor of Amref International University**, emphasized the significance of the partnership in addressing Africa's healthcare priorities.

"Amref International University and Equity Group are working at the Primary Health Care level which serves 80% of the African population. This collaboration means a great deal in integrating access to equitable healthcare and strengthening community health systems across the continent."

Primary Health Care remains the foundation of resilient health systems, serving as the first point of contact for millions of people across Africa. Through this partnership, both institutions will leverage their complementary strengths to build a competent health workforce, support research and innovation, and promote practical solutions that improve healthcare delivery in communities.

The collaboration is further strengthened by the regional footprint shared by both institutions, enabling coordinated implementation across several African countries where both AMIU and Equity Group already have an established presence.

Speaking at the ceremony, **Dr. James Mwangi, Group Chief Executive Officer of Equity Group**, reaffirmed the institution's commitment to investing in transformative partnerships that create sustainable impact.

"Equity Group comes on board as a partner where execution intersects with research and knowledge. Together, we are striving to ensure competent healthcare providers who can effectively deliver services to communities at the primary level. This partnership validates our shared commitment to achieving better healthcare outcomes across Africa."

The partnership reflects a shared commitment to translating knowledge into action. While Amref International University contributes its extensive academic excellence and research capabilities, backed by the six-decade public health legacy of Amref Health Africa, Equity Group brings a strong track record of execution, innovation and regional influence that will accelerate implementation and impact.

AMIU integrates classroom learning with community-based practice, digital education, research and strategic partnerships to deliver relevant, high-impact education. As Chair of the Africa Health Collaborative, the University continues to shape the future of health workforce development and strengthen health systems across the continent.

The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding represents a significant milestone in advancing Africa's health agenda by fostering collaboration between academia and industry to create lasting, measurable impact in communities.

About Amref International University (AMIU)

Amref International University (AMIU) is a premier Pan-African health sciences university established in 2017 as part of Amref Health Africa's 60-year legacy in public and community health. The University offers competency-based education, research and innovation focused on strengthening health systems and advancing equitable healthcare across Africa through transformative leadership and community-centred solutions.

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