

Dear readers,

The Rwanda Public Health Bulletin (RPHB) continues to serve as a cornerstone for disseminating timely and actionable public health evidence to guide policy and strengthen health systems. This sixth volume, third issue, centered on the theme “Advancing Public Health Evidence for Action,” reflects our ongoing commitment to transform surveillance data into knowledge that informs impactful decisions across Rwanda’s health sector.

The featured analyses in this issue, spanning hypertension prevalence and mortality, malaria trends among children under 5, pregnant women, and insights from surveillance and health data systems, represent the outcomes of the April 2025 Data Analysis and Surveillance Report Writing Workshop. This workshop, organized by the Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC) through the Research, Innovation and Data Science (RIDS) Division in collaboration with the CDC Foundation and Bloomberg Philanthropies’ Data for Health (D4H) Initiative Data Impact Program, was a practical exercise in strengthening the analytical and reporting capacity of our public health workforce to produce high-quality, evidence-based reports such as those published in this issue.

These reports illustrate how data from our health information and surveillance systems can be harmonized, analyzed, and translated into insights that improve policy, prevention, and resource allocation. They also demonstrate the power of collaboration between RBC, academic institutions, and international partners in building a sustainable culture of data use for health decision-making.

As we advance Rwanda’s public health goals, the lessons and outputs from this workshop reinforce our collective vision: “a data-driven health system that continuously monitors progress, detects emerging threats early, and responds efficiently.” The RBC remains committed to nurturing this culture of evidence generation and use, ensuring that every dataset serves a purpose and improving the health and well-being of every Rwandan.

I commend the authors, facilitators, and partners whose efforts have made this publication possible. Your dedication exemplifies the spirit of scientific excellence and collaboration that continues to move Rwanda toward a future where data truly drives health action.

Yours sincerely,

The seal of the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) is circular. It features a central emblem with a sun, a book, and a caduceus, surrounded by the text 'RWANDA BIOMEDICAL CENTER' and 'Rwanda Biomedical Centre'.

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