

State-of-the-art laboratory to be unveiled in Bagamoyo tomorrow

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Arusha. A state of the art laboratory is scheduled to be inaugurated tomorrow in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region.

The facility has been funded by the Italian Development Cooperation and the Italian National Institute

for Infectious Diseases, in cooperation with the ministry of Health and Social Welfare and Itakara Health Institute.

The Sh1.2 billion Biosafety Level 3 (BSL3) Laboratory, located in the premises of Bagamoyo District Hospital, is the best of its kind in East and Central Africa.

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A STATEMENT BY FRANCESCO VAIRO

“The setting up of the BSL3 Laboratory allows the establishment of a collaborative network among health

organisations, universities and domestic and international laboratories of infectious and communicable diseases for prompt laboratory diagnosis and identification of highly infectious pathogens,” a statement released by project manager Francesco Vairo in Dar es Salaam yesterday said.

This facility will be able to diagnose highly infectious diseases, such as viral hemorrhagic fevers, plague and anthrax, or any new unknown emerging diseases which need high level of biosafety to make lab technicians safe and to avoid any spread of the pathogen, the statement added.

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