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IndyGeneUS AI joins forces with the Kenya AIDS Vaccine Initiative Institute of Clinical Research (KAVI-ICR) at the University of Nairobi.

[KAVI-ICR](#) has more than a decade of clinical research experience with community engagement, and an accredited laboratory facility. The alliance will tackle infectious disease and other public health challenges using genomics and AI technology.

“We are excited to work with [IndyGeneUS](#) to deepen our understanding of human genetics and to accelerate solutions related to these challenges, including COVID-19 and preventative HIV pharmacogenetics” said Professor Omu Anzala, Director of KAVI-ICR. The partnership will first focus on increasing sequencing capabilities of the KAVI-ICR laboratory.

Dr. Elizabeth Wala, IndyGeneUS Advisor and Vice Chairperson of the Kenya Healthcare Federation, shares why she feels the collaboration is important for the continent of Africa. “This partnership is groundbreaking because it is bringing whole-genome sequencing and next generation technology to Africa’s most pressing public health issues along with clinical training for the next generation of scientists. These are important steps forward for healthcare and disease prevention, surveillance and management on the continent”.

Kenya is a technology hub for the region and an emerging leader in healthcare innovation. Earlier this year IndyGeneUS partnered with Kenya’s premier health data platform company, [Afya Rekod](#).

In February, IndyGeneUS will participate in the second Nairobi cohort of the [Founder Institute](#). Founder Institute, headquartered in Silicon Valley, has assembled a global community of over 18,000 mentors, raised over \$950M in capital, and created a portfolio with an estimated value of \$30B.

These partnerships are important steps for IndyGeneUS on the road to 100,000 samples. “It is important that we leverage the power of genomics in support of the healthcare ecosystem” said Yusuf Henriques, Founder of IndyGeneUS. “Our partnerships and participation in this global pre-seed accelerator demonstrate the strategic way we are approaching this work.”

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