

PRESS RELEASE

babylon partners with Rwandan government to deliver healthcare revolution in Rwanda

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babylon is delighted to announce it has partnered with the Rwandan government and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to deliver affordable, accessible healthcare to the people of Rwanda.

The agreement signed with the Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB) means babylon's medical services are now available across Rwanda.

Rwanda becomes the first country to make this technology available nationwide, following on the heels of the launch of babylon's free digital NHS service in London.

babylon launched in Rwanda in 2016 and is already delivering accessible healthcare to 600,000 Rwandans. The partnership with the means our services will now be available to the entire population.

The Government of Rwanda is one of the few pioneering countries globally with Universal Health coverage for all. By partnering with babylon, this service gives Rwandan's access to high quality healthcare through their mobile phones, including cutting edge artificial intelligence symptom checking and live telephone consultations with trained nurses and doctors. It can be used anywhere, meaning people don't have to make long trips to their nearest clinic or wait in long queues for doctors. Prescriptions can also be sent to the patient's phone.

Dr Diane Gashumba, Minister of Health for Rwanda said:

"Thanks to the visionary leadership of His Excellency, President Paul Kagame, Rwanda has been at the forefront of using advancements in ICT to provide better public services for its citizens. Rwanda was the first country in the world to see drones take flight to deliver life saving supplies to medical centers. Now the government of Rwanda is embracing cutting edge artificial intelligence by partnering with babylon health to ensure that every Rwandan who needs healthcare can access it."

Ali Parsa, CEO of babylon said:

"We live in a world where over 50% of the population has little or no access to healthcare yet increasingly, most of us carry a mobile phone in our pocket. babylon's mission is to harness technology to put accessible and affordable healthcare in the hands of every person on earth. Our partnership with the Rwandan government shows what's possible. I am proud that this partnership means Rwanda is one of the first countries to offer its entire population accessible healthcare wherever and whenever they need it. It's a model that I hope can be used to make good healthcare more accessible around the world."

The babylon service in Rwanda operates under the name babyl.

To register, patients should dial *811# from their phone and follow the simple instructions to register and book an appointment. The babyl service will call the user back and proceed to take them through the medical consultation process.

Should medicine be required, the babyl doctor will send the prescription to the user who can then use their Mutuelle or RAMA scheme to collect their medicine from the pharmacy. babyl doctors are licensed by the Rwanda Medical Council. They have been individually selected and trained to guarantee babylon's high standards of patient care.

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