The Kingdom of Belgium, through the Belgian development agency – Enabel has donated 40 ambulances to the Ministry of Health of Rwanda to boost access to health services.

The forty ambulances worth around Rwf2 billion will be dispatched in district hospitals throughout the country.

Speaking at the event, Ambassador of Belgium to Rwanda Benoit Ryelandt said that the donation of ambulances was planned as part of the current Belgo-Rwandan cooperation in the health sector.

“The Health sector is one of the components of the current 5-year Belgo-Rwandan cooperation 2019-2024. The 40 ambulances were planned to be delivered throughout the project but with COVID19 pandemic, it is even more useful to deliver all the ambulances now and at the same time to help contain the spread of the virus as well as other contagious diseases” said HE Benoit Ryelandt, Ambassador of Belgium in Rwanda.

According to the Ministry of Health, Dr Daniel Ngamije, this support is the proof of constant and good relations between Rwanda and Belgium. The support will improve the health sector in Rwanda.

With a total budget of 120 million Euros, the current country program focuses on three main sectors agreed on between the Government of Belgium and the Government of Rwanda: Health, Urbanization and Agriculture, as well as Public Finance Management. The cooperation is implemented through Enabel, the Belgian development agency.

The health sector is focusing on Maternal and Child Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health, including Family Planning, and Household access to health care. It covers 40% of the total envelop, i.e 45 million Euros.