

The Ministry of Health on Friday inaugurated a new COVID-19 treatment center as part of efforts to handle a projected surge in cases recorded this last December.

Dr Sabin Nsanzimana, the Director-General of Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) said, “The new facility located at Nyarugenge district hospital is set to significantly improve COVID-19 case management, offering the highest standard of oxygen therapy.”

Many patients in serious condition in Kigali and surrounding areas will be admitted to the new facility, he said, adding that it has a capacity of about 140 patients in serious condition in ICU.

Efforts were underway to set up COVID-19 ICU treatment centers in all provinces of the country, Dr Nsanzimana said.

Rwanda has recently witnessed a surge in new cases. The facility is expected to alleviate pressure on Kanyinya treatment center located outside Kigali city with a capacity of 70-80 patients.

As of Friday, Rwanda recorded 9,368 COVID-19 cases with 6,940 recoveries and 115 deaths.