The Ministry of Health has on Friday received 332,800 doses of Covid-19 AstraZeneca-type vaccines from Greece as a result of bilateral relations.

The arrival marks a important step towards the goal to ensure equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines globally, in an unprecedented effort to provide at least 2 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine by the end of 2021.

The vaccine doses were received at Kigali International Airport Entebbe by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Health, Dr Mpunga Tharcisse.

He said that the vaccines were donated due to the stable relations between the Rwanda and Greece.

“Rwanda has a good relationship with other countries,” he said. Greece has taken the lead in helping other countries protect more people. ”

In addition, Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), said the vaccines received were immediately distributed across the district to speed up immunization activities.

Marios Themistocleous, the Secretary General of the Greek Ministry of Primary and Secondary Vaccines, said that the funding was based on bilateral relations.

“This is a testament to the strong friendship and relationship between Rwanda and Greece.”

Themistocleous went on to say that Greece wants to strengthen that relationship in the future.

The donation of the vaccine comes after another 200,000 AstraZeneca vaccines were last delivered to Rwanda on September 3, 2021, through military cooperation.

More than four million have already received the first dose across Rwanda, while more than two million have received the second dose.