# The Board of Directors of Equity Group Holdings Plc is pleased to announce the unaudited results of the Group for the six months period ended 30 June 2020

# Condensed directors' remuneration report

For the	6 months ended	6 months ended	Year ended
	30.06.2020	30.06.2019	31.12.2019
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	Shs' 000	Shs' 000	Shs' 000
Aggregate directors' emoluments	50,351	100,129	121,968
Condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss			
For the	6 months ended	6 months ended	12 months ended
	30.06.2020	30.06.2019	31.12.2019
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
	Shs' millions	Shs' millions	Shs' millions
Net interest income	24,635	21,079	44,983
Net fee and commission income	7,005	8,234	17,170
Other income	4,853	6,061	9,078
Fair value loss on loan notes at FVTPL	-	-	(1,000)
Provision for impairment losses on loans and advances	(7,699)	(466)	(3,458)
Net operating income	28,795	34,908	66,773
Operating expenses	(16,817)	(17,919)	(35,295)
Profit before income tax	11,977	16,989	31,478
	(2,900)	(4,981)	(8,917)
Income tax expense	(2,700)		

# Condensed consolidated statement of other comprehensive income

For the	6 months ended 30.06.2020 Unaudited Shs' millions	6 months ended 30.06.2019 Unaudited Shs' millions	12 months ended 31.12.2019 Audited Shs' millions
Profit for the period	9,077	12,008	22,561
Other comprehensive income: FVOCI investment securities, net of tax	1.323	3.324	2,630
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	1,183	(3)	(824)
Other comprehensive income for the period	2,506	3,321	1,806
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	11,583	15,329	24,367
Earnings per share (basic and diluted) (Shs)	2.39	3.16	5.93

#### Condensed consolidated statement of financial position

	30.06.2020 Unaudited Shs' millions	30.06.2019 Unaudited Shs' millions	31.12.2019 Audited Shs' millions
s			
deposits and balances due from financial institutions	86,578	90,733	86,434
ative financial assets	58	156	472
tment securities	216,386	179,619	172,208
rom related parties	-	-	19
nt income tax	111	153	152
s and advances to customers	391,633	320,886	366,440
assets	14,755	11,976	12,745
erty and equipment	11,166	10,170	11,031
-of-use assets	6,859	8,715	7,342
gible assets (including goodwill)	10,643	10,175	10,347
red income tax	8,280	6,080	6,492
assets	746,469	638,663	673,682
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sits from customers wed funds	543,894	458,595	482,752
	57,573 90	55,877 77	56,714
o related parties liabilities	13,922	11,934	12,865
liabilities	6,789	8,538	7,496
nt income tax	815	843	1,928
red income tax	26	59	150
liabilities	623,109	535,923	561,905
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e capital	1,887	1,887	1,887
e premium	16,063	16,063	16,063
ned earnings and other reserves	104,298	83,819	92,769
y attributable to owners of the company	122,248	101, 769	110,719
controlling interests	1,112	971	1,058
equity	123,360	102,740	111,777
equity and liabilities	746,469	638,663	673,682
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#### Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

	Attributable to owners of parent					
	Share capital Shs' millions	Share premium Shs' millions	Retained earnings and other reserves Shs' millions	Total Shs' millions	Non-con- trolling interests Shs' millions	Total equity Shs' millions
6 months period ended 30 June 2020						
At start of period	1,887	16,063	92,769	110,719	1,058	111,777
Profit for the 6 months period	-	-	9,023	9,023	54	9,077
Other comprehensive income	-	-	2,506	2,506	-	2,506
At end of period	1,887	16,063	104,298	122,248	1,112	123,360
6 months period ended 30 June 2019						
At start of period	1,887	16,063	76,124	94,074	883	94,957
Profit for the 6 months period	-	-	11,920	11,920	88	12,008
Other comprehensive income	-	-	3,322	3,322	-	3,322
Final 2018 dividend declared	-	-	(7,547)	(7,547)	-	(7,547)
At end of period	1,887	16,063	83,819	101,769	971	102,740
12 months period ended 31 December 2019						
At start of year	1,887	16,063	76,124	94,074	883	94,957
Profit for the year	-	-	22,386	22,386	175	22,561
Other comprehensive income	-	-	1,806	1,806	-	1,806
Final 2018 dividend declared and paid	-	-	(7,547)	(7,547)	-	(7,547)
At end of year	1,887	16,063	92,769	110,719	1,058	111,777

# Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

For the	6 months ended 30.06.2020 Unaudited Shs' millions	6 months ended 30.06.2019 Unaudited Shs' millions	12 months ended 31.12.2019 Audited Shs' millions
Cash generated from operations	52,047	39,079	32,476
Income taxes paid	(5,471)	(3,899)	(8,487)
Net cash generated from operating activities	46,576	35,180	23,989
Net cash used in investing activities	(46,375)	(17,176)	(12,398)
Net cash generated from / (used in) financing activities	859	(312)	(1,384)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,060	17,692	10,207
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of period	70,780	60,573	60,573
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	71,840	78,265	70,780

#### Performance highlights

The Group reported decline in profitability from Shs 12.0 billion to Shs 9.1 billion for the corresponding period the previous year. The performance as at 30th June 2020 reflects the implementation of both defensive and offensive strategies to respond to the COVID-19 situation that has transformed the operating environment.

EGH PLc's balance sheet grew by 17% from Shs 638.7 billion to Shs 746.5 billion driven by 19% growth in customer deposits to Shs 543.9 billion from Shs 458.6, funding that was deployed to grow loans to customers by 22% and investment in Government securities by 20%. Regional subsidiaries grew faster increasing their contribution to the Group profitability to 28% up from 26% same period the previous year. Post balance sheet date, the Group completed the acquisition of 66.53% of BCDC the second largest bank in DRC paving way for the Group to achieve a systemic position after merger and amalgamation of the two subsidiaries in DRC.

Top-line net interest income was up 17% to Shs 24.6 billion up from Shs 21.1 billion the previous year driven by a 22% growth in loan book from Shs 320.9 billion to Shs 391.6 billion. Non-funded income declined by 3% from Shs 14.5 billion to Shs 14.1 billion as a result of the waiver of mobile transaction fee in Kenya since April 2020 to drive behaviour change towards virtual banking enabled by mobile technology; and lower transactional activity given weak economic activity. Customers shied from use of Merchant Banking and Agency Banking as transactional channels with merchant transactions stagnating as commissions declined by 10% from Shs 10.3 million to Shs 93.3 million as agency cash in cash out transaction volume declined by 20% from Shs 54.031 billion to Shs 42.975 billion with resultant commission declining by 25% from Shs 1.055 billion to Shs 789 million. However, retail digital commerce payments Eazzy Pay and Pay with Equity recorded 49% growth in cumulative number of transactions from 1.152 million to 1.719 million transactions as value of transactions grew by 52% to reach Shs 9.8 billion up from Shs 6.4 billion.

Total costs increased by 44% to Shs 26.7 billion up from Shs 18.6 billion driven by a 15-fold increase in loan loss provision which increased to Shs 7.7 billion up from Shs 500 million in recognition of portfolio risk associated with the adverse disruption of COVID-19 health pandemic control, management and containment measures and resultant economic shocks and disruptions of supply chains by economic lockdowns.

To cushion liquidity shocks the Group maintained a liquidity of 54% while Kenya recorded 59.4% liquidity ratio. On the defensive strategy the Group focused on efficiency and cost optimization that resulted in the Group cost income ratio declining from 52.8% to 48.8%. To mitigate for loss of mobile transactions fee and merchant banking fees and commissions, the Group focused on Diaspora remittances and increased revenues by 51% from Shs 398 million to Shs 601 million while increasing forex income by 20% to Shs 2.231 billion up from Shs 1.859 billion.

Equity Group Foundation rolled out a Shs 1.3 billion complimenting support to the fight against Covid-19 by providing frontline health workers dealing with Covid-19 patients with Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) in Kenya and DRC while providing testing kits to Rwanda. The Foundation further enhanced its MSMEs training to help preserve jobs by slowing layoffs while scaling disbursements of cash transfers under social safety net and protection programs with governments and the donor community. Our associate network of medical clinics Equity Afia doubled its clinics to support provision of non Covic-19 out-patient services. The Foundation continued with youth and women training and credit facility programme under Young Africa Works program to support livelihoods.

## Dividends

The Board of Directors does not recommend the payment of dividend for the first half of the year 2020

## **Explanatory notes**

The accounting policies used in preparing these financial statements are consistent with those used for the Group's 31 December 2019 annual financial statements. The above financial statements are extracts from the records of the Group.

They were approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 17th August 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

**Dr. James Mwangi, CBS** Group Managing Director & CEO



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