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To: WHO Office
Kabul, Afghanistan

Subject: PMNCH Call to Action - Commitment to protect the progress for women, children and adolescents' health

On behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GoIRA), we commit to the challenge of protecting the progress in safeguarding health and rights of women, children and adolescents everywhere through the PMNCH Covid-19 Call to Action.

With this endorsement, we reaffirm our commitments to achieve Universal Health Coverage through improved primary healthcare and pledge our commitment to action that will arrest and reverse the risks to women's, children and adolescents' health and well-being during the COVID-19 response and recovery, leaving no one behind.

On behalf of the GoIRA, we commit to:

- Combat the challenges of COVID-19 in Afghanistan with the support of development partners with a total investment of US\$ 176,582,986 from 2020 till 2023¹ (World Bank: 100,400,000 USD; Asian Development Bank (ADB): 40,000,000 USD; Development Budget: 1,467,532 USD; Regular Budget: 34,545,454 USD);
- Improve the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents by ensuring access to reproductive health services by protecting and ring-fencing the current level of investments (a minimum of 29% of the Current Health Expenditure as assessed in 2017²);
- Ensure the provision of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) services through reducing the unmet need for family planning from 25% to 10% by 2030 and increasing the modern contraceptive prevalence rate from 20% to 30% by 2030 through provision of rights-based family planning services and implementation of National RMNCAH strategy 2017 - 2021;

In addition we will continue to work across sectors to: address gender issues, including gender-based violence in the health system through implementation of the Gender and Human Rights Strategy 2018-2022; to roll out social protection and food security for vulnerable groups including women and children, refugees, internally displaced people, and people living with disabilities through the implementation of the Afghanistan Food Security and Nutrition Agenda

¹ The World Bank grant is for four years, ADB grant for 18 months and the GoIRA grant for one year.

² National Health Accounts (NHA)

2019-2023, and; to ensure availability of functional, safe and clean latrines and hand washing facilities as well as safe drinking water in health centers, schools and communities through implementation of the MoE's School Health Policy 2020-2030.

Our commitment is directly aligned to the following ask as outlined in The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) Call to Action on COVID-19; and we are committed to continue strengthening our political commitment, policies and domestic resource mobilization to

- Advancing sexual and reproductive rights and gender equality (Ask 2);
- Ensuring access to sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (SRMNCAH) services (Ask 1);
- Social protections, including food and nutrition security, for marginalized and vulnerable groups (Ask 5);
- Functional, safe, and clean toilet and hand washing facilities (Ask 6); and
- Prevention of violence against women, children and adolescents through education and protection programs (Ask 7).

Sincerely,

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