Commitment from Government of Burkina Faso Translated by PMNCH

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From the President of Burkina Faso

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Subject: PMNCH Call to Action on COVID-19 - Commitment to protect and promote the health and rights of women, children and adolescents

Madame Executive Director,

On behalf of the Government of Burkina Faso, we commit to the challenge of protecting and safeguarding the health and rights of women, children and adolescents everywhere as part of our response to COVID-19, aligned with PMNCH <u>Call to Action on COVID-19</u>.

With this endorsement, we reaffirm our commitments to strengthen women's, children's and adolescents' health through investments in improving equity and strengthening our primary healthcare systems, including our health and care workforces. We 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 Burkina Faso, we are committed to:

- continue free care for women and children under five and family planning services until 2025 by allocating, from the state budget, at least US \$ 52,631,000 each year;
- scale up, by 2023, the delegation of tasks and self-care in family planning in health training and at the community level;
- energize 100% school and university nurses by making available quality sexual and reproductive health services adapted to the needs of adolescents and young people by 2025:
- increase by 50%, by 2023, the coverage of family life education for adolescents and young people in school and out of school, including those in vocational training centers.

Our commitments are directly aligned to the following ask as outlined in PMNCH <u>Call to Action</u> on COVID-19:

1. Ensuring access to information, health services and life-saving supplies for women, children and adolescents:

2. Promoting sexual and reproductive rights and gender equality;

To realize our commitment towards the Call to Action, we will work collectively to incorporate the inputs of all stakeholders, including civil society, the United Nations, health professionals, adolescents and young people, donor organizations, and private business as part of our national multi-stakeholder platforms and processes.

Please accept, Madame Executive Director, the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

Signed by

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