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Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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Subject: *PMNCH Call to Action – Government of India Commitment to protect the progress for women, children and adolescents' health.*

The Government of India hereby reiterates its commitment to protect and promote the lives, health and well-being of all its citizens and more importantly, safeguarding the health of women, children and adolescents, everywhere. We express our solidarity with the global community, through the "PMNCH Call to Action on Covid-19" and continue to make efforts to mitigate the impact of pandemic as well as not losing out on the progress and momentum towards the attainment of sustainable development goals.

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

On behalf of the Government of India, we commit to:

- Implementation of a Covid related health sector preparedness plan of US \$ 2 Billion, to strengthen all levels of care. We also commit to ensure essential public health functions with an enhanced focus on women, children and adolescents and the most vulnerable.
- A whole of government response to the Pandemic and a commitment to increase this investment on healthcare manifold in the coming years and also beyond, to build-back better health systems through strategic multi-sectoral response to the multifarious challenges posed by the pandemic, which directly and indirectly impact women, children and adolescents.

Our commitment is directly aligned to the Asks 1 and 3, as outlined in The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) Call to Action on Covid-19.

Sincerely,

(Rajesh Bhushan)