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Dear Honorable Clark:

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

On behalf of the Government of Liberia, we commit to the challenge of protecting the progress in safeguarding the 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, children, and adolescent health and well-being during the COVID-19 response and recovery, leaving no one behind.

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

- Allocate 30% (US\$5,672,455.94) of the Covid-19 2021 containment budget (US\$18,908,186.45), and additional domestic funding of US\$4,977,983.00, to improving the health and wellbeing of Women, Children, and Adolescent by:
 - Supporting and building the capacity of health services providers to provide quality Women, Children, and Adolescents Health Care; through investments for trainings as part of the Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child and Adolescent (RMNCAH) program and expansion of the National Community Health Assistant Program;
 - Indiscriminately providing quality WASH facilities, including safe and accessible drinking water to all Women, Children, and Adolescents in the country; through investment for the WASH Pillar of the Covid-19 Incidence Management System;

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- Empowering its Adolescent with knowledge and skills to make informed decisions and be involved in their own health care and wellbeing; through investment for Adolescent programs at the Ministries of Health, Gender, and Youth and Sports;
- Enhancing readiness of health facilities through ensuring availability of critical lifesaving equipment and medicines to ensure access to quality health care to Women, Children, and Adolescents; through investment for Adolescent Health at the Ministry of Health;
- Protecting Women, Children, and Adolescents against Sexual Gender Based Violence through the provision of quality forensic evidence, enhance surveillance and convicting the perpetrators; through investment for SGBV program at the Ministries of Health, Gender, Youth and Sports, Education, Labor, and Justices and the City Corporation.

Liberia's commitment is directly aligned to the following tasks as outlined in The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) Call to Action on COVID-19; with focus ask #s 1, 2, 6, and 7.

Sincerely,



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