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Rt. Hon. Helen Clark,
Chair of the Board,
Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health,
Hosted by WHO, Geneva.

Subject: PMNCH Call to Action - commitment to sustain positive pressure to protect the progress for women, children and adolescents' health

On behalf of the Government of Nigeria, we commit to protecting progress made in safeguarding the health and rights of women, adolescents and children everywhere, through the PMNCH Covid-19 Call to Action.

By this endorsement, I reaffirm our commitment to achieving 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 and after the COVID-19 response and recovery, leaving no one behind.

On behalf of the Government of Nigeria, we commit to building a model in Nigeria that will cater to the needs of everyone, through strategic interventions that address the unique needs of children, adolescents, women and men. We have launched and repositioned our RMNCAEH+N Multi-stakeholder Partnership Coordination Platform and developed our RMNCAEH+N COVID-19 Continuity Response Plan (2020-2022) to support and galvanize actions for services.

In line with that, we have allocated 1% of the Nigeria's Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) in the year 2021 to provide Basic Minimum Package of Healthcare services to the poor and vulnerable, which include reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, adolescent and elderly care, across the stages of life.

We hereby re-affirm our commitment to supporting initiatives aimed at increasing Contraceptive Prevalence Rate and uptake of family planning services and have revised and launched our costed National Implementation Plan for Family Planning (Blueprint), with allocation to the Federal Ministry of Health and UNFPA Basket fund for procurement of commodities. In addition, we are committed to the Nigeria/GAVI Transition Plan for Immunization and the promise to sustain funding to the immunization programme. In partnership with the World Bank, we are also implementing a Nutrition intervention project named ANRIN in 12 states of the Federation. We committed to procure Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food, to avert severe acute malnutrition in children under 5.

With respect to promoting sexual and reproductive health and gender equality; we have developed policies, strategies and guidelines and committed to implementing:

- National Policy on Health and Development of Adolescents and Young People
- Updated IMNCH strategy to RMNCAEH+N Strategy
- Review of Nigeria N-SPAN
- National guideline for care of Newborns (Basic and comprehensive), Operational guidelines for KMC
- Respectful Maternity Care Guideline
- Accelerated Road Map for Maternal Health
- Self-Care Guidelines
- Insurance Scheme for the Elderly and Retirees
- Policy review of prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation and Gender Based Violence

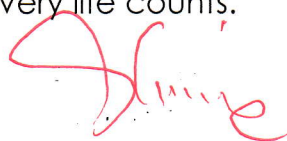
We are also committed to partnering with the Ministry of Water Resources to improve access to safe and clean water, access to sanitary toilets, and handwashing facilities by using our National RMNCAEH+N Multi-stakeholder Partnership Coordination Platform.



Our commitment is aligned to the following, as outlined in The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) Call to Action on COVID-19:

- Ensuring access to information, health services and life-saving supplies for women, children and adolescents;
- Promoting sexual and reproductive health and gender equality;
- Improving access to safe and clean water, sanitary toilets and handwashing facilities;
- Preventing violence against women, children and adolescents.

We look forward to a Nigeria where every pregnancy is safe and desired, every child survives and grows to become a productive adolescent and adult and a member of a society where every life counts.



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