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**RE: PARTNERSHIP FOR MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH CALL TO ACTION ON  
COVID-19- COMMITMENT TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND RIGHTS OF  
WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**

Reference is made to the above stated subject matter.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia, we express our commitment to protecting and safeguarding the health, wellbeing and rights of our women, children and adolescents everywhere as part of our response to COVID-19, Aligned with The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) Call to Action on COVID-19.

With this endorsement, the reaffirm our commitments to strengthen women's Children's and adolescents' health through appropriate investments in improving equity and strengthening our primary healthcare systems, including our health care workforce. 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 the Government of Zambia, we commit to:

- In the biennium 2020-2021, domestic funds amounting to USD 459,681,595.86 have been allocated to the health sector with USD 66,306,856.67 for essential medicines and commodities
- The Government of Zambia has worked with partners and stakeholders to ensure that mothers and babies everywhere, irrespective of their social, financial status or physical disability, continue to have access to the highest quality care in a respectful and dignified manner, even during the challenging COVID-19 times. Continuation of essential SRMNCAH services has been a mainstay of Zambia's multisectoral response to COVID-19 as an essential pillar.

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.



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