The Secretary General  
United Nations  
UN-SG EWEC Initiative  

18th September 2015  

Dear Sir/Madam, 

National Commitment Letter for Malawi Government  

The Government of Malawi hereby reconfirms its commitment to the UN Secretary General Every Woman Every Child Initiatives and the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals. With that we commit to end all preventable childhood and maternal deaths by 2035. Specifically, we commit to: 

- Avail Government funding for the 13 lifesaving commodities, as defined by the UN commission for life saving commodities, as of 2016 onwards; 
- Ensure access to Family Planning services, including to adolescents reaching a level of ZERO unmet needs; 
- Promote girl education and reduce teenage pregnancies; 
- Ensure the provision of quality maternal, newborn and childhood services in our Health Facilities with quality indicators reaching Global standards; 
- Work to address equity gaps and avail disaggregated data for planning as well as monitoring of different segments of the population to help detect and tackle inequalities; 
- Universally implement birth and death registration 
- Reduce the mortality rate among children under the age of 5 years to less than 20 per 1000 Live Births by 2035 
- Reduce the mortality rate among newborns to less than 15 per 1000 Live Births by 2035 
- Reduce the pregnancy related maternal deaths to less than 140 per 100,000 Live Births by 2035; and above all, the Government of Malawi shall, 
- Emphasize on Survive, Thrive and Transform Goals and Targets in every setting  

However, the Government of Malawi calls on its Global Partners for sustained support in its endeavor to reach the stated commitments. 

Yours Sincerely,  

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MINISTER OF HEALTH