Pledge of Support to the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health
Republic of South Africa

The Republic of South Africa affirms its support to the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016-2030) as a global effort to bring all stakeholders together in support of countries' work to improve women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being.

We pledge to take the needed sustainable actions to end all preventable deaths of women, children, and adolescents within a generation and ensure their well being and we hold ourselves accountable for our collective progress towards this goal.

In support of the Global Strategy, we commit to support Every Woman, Every Child and Every Adolescent everywhere to survive, thrive and transform their lives and communities.

We therefore commit to reaching a range of targets as indicated in our National Development Plan: Vision 2030, including the following:

- Reduce under-five child mortality rate to less than 25 per 1000 live births
- Ensuring a generation free of HIV
- Use mobile health technology to provide health messages to every pregnant women
- Significantly improve access to sexual and reproductive health services
- Implement strategies to ensure safe delivery and a reduction in neonatal mortality, including access to skilled health workers and ensure implementation of kangaroo mother care in all public hospitals
- Reach the global target of 70 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births or less
- Significantly decrease the burden of disease from TB and achieve virtual elimination of malaria
- Increase average male and female life expectancy at birth to at least 70 years, including through the prevention and reduction of communicable and non-communicable disease burdens
- The bulk of the health services provided in the public sector is currently funded from the national fiscus; a national health insurance system is currently being planned to ensure that the total health expenditure is distributed equitably on the basis of need and not ability to pay
- Implement policies to ensure equity in access to quality health services through universal health coverage

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