

**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.

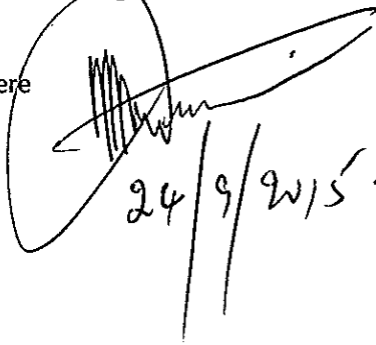
In support of the *Global Strategy*, we commit to support Every Woman, Every Child and Every Adolescent everywhere to survive, thrive and transform their lives and communities.

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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