Commitments in Support of
The Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016-2030)

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Your Excellency

NATIONAL COMMITMENT LETTER FOR BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT

Botswana Government affirms our support to the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents Health (2016 – 2030) and its guiding principles, as a global effort to bring all stakeholders together in support of countries’ work to improve women’s, children’s and adolescent well-being. We recognise that the survival, health and well-being of women, children and adolescents are essential to the achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and our Vision 2036.

We pledge to take the needed sustainable actions to end all preventable deaths of women, children and adolescent and assure our accountability to accelerating the improvement of the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents in Botswana. We therefore commit to;

- Provide highest quality of care through programs geared towards improvement of women, newborn, children and adolescents well-being.
- Reduce maternal deaths to less than 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030
- Reduce newborn mortality rate to less than 12 per 1000 live births by 2030
- Reduce under-five mortality to less than 25 per 1000 live births by 2030
- Scale-up emergency obstetric care to ensure universal access to Basic and Comprehensive Obstetric Care to 100% of women in need by 2030
- Create a budget allocation dedicated to the implementation of policies, strategies and plans for women, children, newborns and adolescents
- Scale – up high impact HIV interventions specifically for children and adolescents in line with fast track targets by 2020 (including 90-90-90 targets)
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- End all forms of malnutrition (including stunting, wasting and child obesity) and address the nutritional needs of children, adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women
- Use mobile health technology to provide uptake of services and retention in care for women and adolescents
- Prevent and reduce communicable and non-communicable disease burdens
- Improve strategic information including data collection, analysis and reporting, ensuring availability of age and sex disaggregated data to inform policy formulation and program decision making by 2020

- Ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (including family planning and health sector response to gender based violence) with particular focus on adolescents and young women, all within the national context
- Ensure universal implementation of high impact interventions to reduce childhood diseases and promote child survival
- Ensure that all girls and boys have access to good quality early childhood development and care
- Conduct periodic monitoring and evaluation of women, newborn, children and adolescent programs

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurance of our highest considerations.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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