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To UN General Assembly

Addis Ababa

Subject:- Committing to Adolescent Well-being in Response to the UN Secretary General's Call for SDG Transformation Commitments at the SDG Summit 2023; and in support of the 2023 Global Forum for Adolescents

On behalf of the Government of Ethiopia, we recognize that the well-being of adolescents is critical to achieving sustainable development and acknowledge the importance of adopting a whole-of-government approach to work together in a coordinated and collaborative manner to address the multiple and intersecting factors that impact adolescents.

We commit to strengthening investments in adolescent well-being as it is a smart investment in the future of our societies, economies, and the planet, and call for sustainable and adequate funding for adolescent-focused programs and initiatives. We commit to prioritizing adolescent well-being in national development plans and strategies, to ensure disaggregated data collection to better understand the challenges and opportunities for ensuring adolescent well-being, and to integrate adolescent-specific indicators into the monitoring and reporting frameworks by meaningfully engaging adolescents and young people in the design, implementation, and monitoring of policies and programs that affect their well-being.

Our commitment to adolescent well-being is:

- In response to the United Nations Secretary-General's call for national and global commitments to deliver the 'Rescue Plan for People and Planet' at the SDG Summit 2023, which will help drive SDG transformation for inclusion and sustainability in the years ahead; and
- In support of the Global Forum for Adolescents, the world's largest-ever convening of stakeholders – youth networks, governments, private sector, donors, the UN, and others – to raise attention to the need for immediate action to advance the major determinants of adolescent well-being, as a major milestone within the 1.8 Billion Young People for Change campaign, convened by PMNCH

On behalf of the Government of Ethiopia, we commit The Ministry of Health of Ethiopia is committed to improving the health and well-being of adolescents and youth in Ethiopia. We are committed to achieving the following goals by 2030:

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- Reduce adolescent pregnancy by 50%
- Reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS among adolescents and youth by 25%
- Reduce the prevalence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among adolescents and youth by 20%

We will achieve these goals through a comprehensive approach that includes:

- Strengthening the policy and legal framework for adolescent and youth health
- Investing in programs that promote healthy behaviors among adolescents and youth
- Expanding access to quality youth friendly health services for adolescents and youth
- Working with communities to create supportive environments for adolescents and youth

We are confident that by working together, we can achieve these goals and improve the health and well-being of adolescents and youth in Ethiopia.

The Ministry of Health is committed outlined above by 2030. We will achieve these goals through a comprehensive approach that includes:

- Strengthening the policy and legal framework for adolescent and youth health
- Investing in programs that promote healthy behaviors and health literacy among adolescents and youth.
- Expanding access to quality youth friendly health services for adolescents and youth
- Working with communities to create supportive environments for adolescents and youth

We believe that by working together, we can achieve these goals and improve the health and well-being of adolescents and youth in Ethiopia.

By making this commitment we agree to register our commitments on the SDG Summit Acceleration and Accountability Platform. We commit to systematically report on the implementation of these commitments through existing follow-up and review processes including the Voluntary National Review Process.

Sincerely,


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 Minister



CC:

- Minister's Office
- Minister's Office (Program and health service section)
- Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Lead Executive Office
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