



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

Excellency,

**RE: Uganda's Commitment to the updated Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health**

I salute you on the launch of the updated Global Health Strategy in support of Every Woman Every Child campaign. The Government of Uganda pledges to address specific needs outlined in the *Global Strategy*, ultimately reducing preventable mortality and promoting the health and wellbeing of women, children and adolescents by 2030. Uganda's commitment to the Global Strategy is derived from the National Development Plan and the Health Sector Development Plan.

In contributing to the Global Strategy; Uganda is committing to:

- Increase the national budget dedicated to health to at least 15% by 2020 with a particular focus on mobilising resources for the Reproductive, Maternal, New born, Child and Adolescent Investment case to expand and enhance women's and children's public and private health programs by increasing domestic resources, attracting new external support and improving coordination of existing assistance;
- Ensure universal free access to comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care services from 43% to 90% through equipping and recruitment of skilled service providers, setting up ambulance service for emergency referrals, developing incentive schemes to attract and retain health workers in hard-to-reach areas, expanding results based financing and increasing coverage for focused antenatal care while integrating Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV Service and ensure free availability of mosquito-treated nets to every family;
- Increase contraception prevalence from 30% in 2015 to 50% by increasing the number of service delivery points providing family planning services and ensuring increased availability of reproductive health commodities. Uganda will also develop new policies and innovative partnerships to focus on adolescent health and implement new legislation on gender equality;

- Address malnutrition through a comprehensive multi-sectoral package in order to reduce the prevalence of child stunting from 33 to 20%. Children's Health will also be improved by ensuring that at least 80% of children under five years of age with pneumonia, diarrhoea, or malaria access effective treatment at either community or facility level within 24 hours, including access to oral rehydration therapy and zinc;
- Increase from 90% to 100%, immunisation coverage for immunisable diseases namely: Tuberculosis, Polio, Diptheria, Pertusis, Tetanus, Pneumococcal, Hepatis B, Heamophilus influenza and Measles. New effective vaccines will be scaled up especially for prevention of pneumococcal pneumonia, diarrhoea due to rota virus infection and Human Papilloma Virus (for prevention of cancer cervix).

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

  
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**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

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His Excellency Ban Ki-moon  
**SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS**