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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

The Government of Ghana, recognizes 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 strengthen 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 prioritize 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 Nation's Secretary-General's call for national and global commitments to deliver the 'Rescue Plan for People and Planet at the SDG Summit 2023, that will help drive SD 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.

Financial Commitments

On behalf of the Government of Ghana, we commit to:

1. Increasing MOH share of the total GOG budget allocation which had decreased from 7.6 in 2022 to 6.7% in 2023 to at least 10% on annual basis.
2. Identifying key partners financing adolescent wellbeing programmes for effective coordination.
3. Creating an enabling environment for CSOs to bring in the financial resources to support the implementation of adolescent and wellbeing programmes.
4. Ensuring timely release of funds by MOF to sustain adolescent well-being programmes.



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5. Ensuring a dedicated resources to adolescents with special needs/vulnerable and those living with NCDs.
6. Ensuring M&E framework for tracking budget allocation and expenditure.
7. Ensuring the scrapping of taxes on menstrual health products (sanitary pads).
8. Allocating a component of fund to implement the adolescent wellbeing across sectors.

Policy Commitments

On behalf of the Government of Ghana, we commit to:

9. Develop, revise and implement policies that promote Adolescent Well Being. This commitment will specifically focus on the following.
10. Developing a national focused Adolescent Wellbeing policy through a broader stakeholder consultative process with the key involvement of adolescence by the end of 2025.
11. Reviewing the Adolescent and Reproductive Health policy to reflect current context of the adolescent wellbeing by 2026.
12. Ensuring that all Adolescent sectors align their policy with the national adolescent wellbeing policy.
13. Ensuring that the Adolescent Wellbeing policy when drafted has an abridged content version that is adolescent friendly and written in a language that adolescents can understand.
14. Ensuring that the Media Commission intensifies the regulation of media content to create a safe environment for adolescents.
15. Periodically monitoring and tracking the implementation of the Adolescent Wellbeing Policy when drafted and existing adolescent related policies.

Programmes and Service Delivery

On behalf of the Government of Ghana, we commit to:

16. Ensuring that all adolescent related programmes cover both boys and girls by the year 2025.
17. Ensuring that adolescent programmes target adolescents in and out of school by 2024.
18. Ensuring that all key stakeholders in the adolescent space collaborate appropriately in adolescent related programmes by 2025.
19. Ensuring that a safe environment is created to promote adolescent health and well-being by 2030.
20. Ensuring that all adolescents have access to adolescent related programmes by 2026.
21. Developing parent focused programmes to ensure the well-being of adolescents by 2024.
21. Ensuring that disabled adolescents are considered in all programmes drawn for adolescents by 2024.
22. Ensuring that all adolescent-related programmes are backed by policies.



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Our commitment is directly aligned to all the domains of the Adolescent well-being framework as follows.

1. Health and nutrition
2. Connectedness, positive values, and contribution to society
3. Safety and a supportive environment
4. Learning, competence, education, skills, and employability
5. Agency and resilience

Our commitment is aimed at accelerating progress towards the following SDGs:

- a. SDG 2- Zero hunger,
- b. SDG 3- Good health and well-being
- c. SDG 4- Quality education
- d. SDG 8- Decent work and Economic Growth

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.



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