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NON-STATE ACTOR COMMITMENT FOR ADOLESCENT WELL-BEING

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Christian Council of Nigeria
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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*

On behalf of the CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF NIGERIA, we recognize that the well-being of adolescents is critical to achieving sustainable development and acknowledge the importance of adopting a whole-of-society 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 our plans and strategies, to support disaggregated data collection to better understand the challenges and opportunities for ensuring adolescent well-being, and to integrate adolescent-specific indicators into our 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 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 CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF NIGERIA, we commit to:

- By the end of 2023, CCN commits to train 70 leaders among young people living with HIV and theological students.
- By mid-2024, CCN commits to create an advisory committee with 10 young people and adolescents, to guide our work.
- By the end of 2024, CCN commits to train 30 young people living with HIV.

Our commitment is directly aligned to the domains of the domains of the [Adolescent well-being framework](#):

1. **Health and nutrition, specially HIV/AIDS**
2. **Connectedness, positive values, and contribution to society, creation of safe spaces within the faith community for young people and adolescents**
3. Safety and a supportive environment
4. **Learning, competence, education, skills, and employability, specially life skills**
5. Agency and resilience

Our commitment is aimed at accelerating progress towards the following [SDGs](#):

- SDG 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages)
- SDG 5, (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls focus on young people)
- SDG 16 (Promotion of inclusive societies and reduction of all forms of violence)

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:

- **Stakeholder engagement report as part of Voluntary National Reviews for SDG progress reporting;**
- Releasing an annual shareholder report that includes this commitment;
- Joint reporting efforts together with other stakeholders;
- Reporting as part of Government-led multi stakeholder platform, etc.

Sincerely,



Very Rev. Dr. Evans Onyemara
General Secretary.