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NIGERIA GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT STATEMENT FOR ADOLESCENT WELL-BEING IN SDG PRIORITIES

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***Subject:** Committing to Adolescent Well-being and accelerating on related SDG priorities 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 Nigeria, 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.

2. We commit to strengthen the government's approach to improving adolescents well-being and accelerate the achievement of related SDG priorities for adolescents and young people as a smart investment in the future of our societies, economies, and the planet. We commit to prioritize adolescents well-being, and related SDG priorities for young people in national development plans and strategies, to ensure disaggregated data collection to better understand the challenges and opportunities for ensuring adolescents 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.

3. Our commitment to adolescents 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 United Nations agencies 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.

4. On behalf of the Government of Nigeria we commit to:

- **Nigeria financial commitments for Adolescent Well-being:** Provision of budget line, appropriation, approval and timely release of funds for Adolescents Well-being interventions at the national level. This includes significantly increasing funding for primary healthcare coverage by exploring other WHO proposed financing mechanisms to improve access to Adolescent health care at the grassroots and rural levels.
- **Policy Commitments for Adolescents Well-being:** Optimizing the strengths and prospects of Nigeria's youthful population through investments in their health and development which are necessary preconditions to realize demographic dividends and sustainable Development Goals. This includes enacting a revised National School Health Policy and Implementation Framework, new *National Policy on HIV & AIDS for The Education Sector in Nigeria*, strengthen the capacity of states to domesticate and operationalize the National Adolescent Health and Development Policy and the National Schools Safety Policy.
- **Programme and service delivery commitments for Adolescents Well-being:** The FGN is totally committed to all efforts directed at the realization of adolescents' and young people's potentials in nation building and becoming healthy adolescents now, healthy adults in the future, and flourishing healthy future generations. This includes reducing the number of out of school students and increasing the parity in education between boys and girls by enhancing the enrolment of girls in secondary education, and collaborating with the Federal Ministry of Youth to commence an annual National Intergenerational Dialogue on Adolescents Health and Wellbeing, between Adolescents and Youth and Elder Statesmen/Leaders.

5. In support of our Commitments please see attached supporting documents:

- National policy on the health and development of adolescent and young people in Nigeria 2021 - 2025
- Implementation plan on the health and development of adolescent and young people in Nigeria – 2021 - 2025
- Monitoring and Evaluation frame work on adolescent health and development- 2021- 2025
- National Strategic Framework on the Health and Development of Adolescent and Young people in Nigeria 2007-2011
- National Standards & Minimum Service Package for Adolescent & Youth-Friendly Health Services in Nigeria - 2018
- National training manual on peer-to peer youth health education – 2011
- Clinical Protocol on the Health and Development of Adolescent and Young people's health in Nigeria 2011

6. Nigeria's commitment is linked to the five domains of Adolescent well-being framework listed below:

- i. Health and nutrition
- ii. Connectedness, positive values, and contribution to society
- iii. Safety and a supportive environment
- iv. Learning, competence, education, skills, and employability
- v. Agency and resilience

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

- SDG 2 (Zero hunger),
- SDG 3 (Good health and well-being),
- SDG 4 (Quality education),
- SDG 5 (Gender equality),
- SDG 8 (Decent work and economic growth),
- SDG 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions).

By making these commitments 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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