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SAMPLE NON-STATE ACTOR COMMITMENT TEMPLATE FOR ADOLESCENT WELL-BEING

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 African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA), 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 <u>call for national and global</u> <u>commitments</u> to deliver the 'Rescue Plan for People and Planet' at the <u>SDG Summit</u> <u>2023</u>, that will help drive SDG transformation for inclusion and sustainability in the years ahead; and
- in support of the <u>Global Forum for Adolescents</u>, the world's largest-ever convening of stakeholders – youth networks, governments, private sector, donors, the <u>UN</u> and others – to raise attention to the need for immediate action to advance the major

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determinants of adolescent well-being, as a major milestone within the <u>1.8 Billion Young People</u> for Change campaign, convened by PMNCH

On behalf of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance, we commit to:

- Train at least ten thousand ALMA Youth champions and corps across all malaria endemic countries in Africa as facilitators through the ALMA Scorecard hub on the use of country scorecard tools for Malaria, Neglected Tropical Diseases and Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) to drive transparency, action and accountability in adolescent health at all levels by 2030;
- 2. Support at least 20 countries to share their RMNCAH scorecards publicly, including data on the uptake and availability of youth friendly services, by 2030
- Please include expected outcome for all the above listed commitments (e.g. lives saved or improved, population impacted)
- Peer-to-Peer Education: Youth trainers/facilitators can relate to their peers more effectively, making it easier for young people to open up and discuss sensitive Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) topics by creating an easy approach and comfortable learning environment.
- This will also reduce stigma and taboos by helping break down cultural and societal taboos surrounding SRH topics.
- There will be increased Accessibility to information as youth trainers can reach out to marginalized and vulnerable youth populations who might be hesitant to seek SRH information or services.
- Using the scorecard hub as a public learning center will make easy access to the information on SRH while showing data and best practices from different countries.

In support of our Commitment/s please see attached supporting documents:

ALMA Scorecard Hub: https://scorecardhub.org/

Our commitment is directly aligned to the domains of the <u>Adolescent well-being</u> <u>framework</u>:

- 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

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

• SDG 3: "Good Health and Well-being"

By making this commitment we agree to <u>register</u> our commitments on the <u>SDG Summit Acceleration and Accountability Platform</u>. We commit to systematically report on the implementation of these commitments through existing follow-up and review processes including:

• Joint reporting efforts together with other stakeholders;



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