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Civil Society Organizations Working Towards Elimination of Malaria in Africa congratulate H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta President of the Republic of Kenya for his nomination as the new Chair of ALMA

Your Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta,

We, **civil society organizations from Africa engaged in the fight against malaria** congratulate Your Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta for your appointment as the new chair of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA).

Indeed, Your Excellency, your role is very important because malaria remains a public health problem and continues to take the lives of thousands of people living in Africa including women and children. From the last WHO world malaria report, more than 200 million cases of malaria were reported in Africa and along with 364 500 deaths. Nineteen countries in sub-Saharan Africa and India carried almost 85% of the global malaria burden. Sadly, Your Excellency, children under 5 years old are the most vulnerable group affected by malaria and accounted for 67% (272 000) of all malaria deaths.

Mr. President, we are losing our children, our mothers, our fathers, our brothers and sisters because of a disease that is preventable and treatable: this is not acceptable.

But today, Your Excellency, your nomination as the chair of ALMA gives us hope. We are counting on you to be our champion to fight this disease and literally to save people's lives.

Your Excellency, 2020 is a critical year in the fight against malaria not only, because we are 10 years away from the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals but also because several countries in Africa received their highest malaria funding allocation from the Global Fund for the 2020 - 2022 cycle. This is an opportunity to do things differently and accelerate the fight against malaria. However, access to those funds are conditioned by the co-financing requirement of countries (15% to 20%). Your Excellency, this means that African countries will be required to increase their allocation of domestic funds for malaria, tuberculosis and HIV. You have the power to remind your peers (African Head of States) to fully commit to meet these co-financing requirements on time and to do even more by increasing their health national budget and strengthen their health system and communities' systems. **Your Excellency, we thank you for your commitment to ensure that communities will have greater access to malaria services.**

As Civil Society, we commit to support you in your new role and to work closely with you to advocate for increase of domestic funding for malaria and fully funded programs.

CS4ME Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) is a global network of Civil Society Organizations engaged to achieve malaria elimination. Our goal is to make malaria programs and interventions more effective, sustainable, people-centered, rights-based, innovative, gender-sensitive, equitable,

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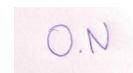
adequately funded and inclusive of Civil Society. As of today, our network has 173 members from 41 different countries. CS4ME is hosted by Impact Santé Afrique based in Cameroon www.cs4me.org

GFAN Africa (Global Fund Advocates Network - Africa) aims to unite the voices and actions of African civil society for successful replenishments of the Global Fund to defeat malaria, TB and HIV. This includes domestic resource mobilization as a component of sustainable financing. GFAN Africa is hosted by WACI Health in Nairobi, Kenya www.wacihealth.org/gfan

Yours Faithfully,












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