

COMMUNITIES AND CIVIL SOCIETIES CALL GLOBAL LEADERS TO COMMIT AT COP28 TO ADDRESS HEALTH THREATS DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Dear Global Leaders at COP28,

As you convene for COP28, we, the undersigned representatives of communities and civil society organizations, bring forth an appeal underscored by the profound urgency of our times. We are at a crucial point where our planet's health and people's well-being are fundamentally threatened by climate change. We write to you to affirm our commitment in addressing the challenges that climate change poses to human health and well-being and to implore that you prioritize this issue with the frameworks of your dialogues, negotiations, and discussions at COP28.

The climate crisis isn't just a future problem it's causing health issues right now that we all need to deal with together. We urge you to take the following important issues seriously and advance commitments to address them:

- Climate change is a human rights and equity issue. The peoples and communities who did the least to cause this emergency are suffering the most.
- Climate change is significantly threatening the progress made in the fight against malaria, Neglected Tropical Diseases and other vector-borne diseases. Temperature changes, shifting rainfall patterns, and extreme weather events are affecting the spread of these diseases. Mosquito habitats are expanding, threatening the gains in vector control strategies.
- Air pollution, mostly caused by burning fossil fuels, is making breathing-related health problems worse all over the world. Prolonged exposure to polluted air can increase the risk of lung infections, which can be particularly severe or even fatal for people living with HIV and TB. We therefore urge you to call for an end to the dependency on dangerous fossil fuels and call for a shift to the use of clean energy to safeguard the current and future generations.
- The climate crisis undermines our agricultural foundations' stability, resulting in reduced crop yields and the specter of hunger and malnutrition. This disproportionately impacts the most vulnerable among us, necessitating the integration of food security within the climate response strategies. Food insecurity and loss of livelihoods are leading to poor health outcomes and increasing infection risks.
- The increased frequency of extreme weather events, with their propensity to cause floods and droughts, also elevates the risk of waterborne diseases. We urge you to

call for and ensure sustainable and resilient water systems are in place to cope with the devastating impact of climate-fueled disasters.

- Climate-fueled disasters such as floods destroy health facilities and infrastructures to access them. For those of us living with HIV, or affected by TB or malaria, this can mean losing access to life-saving treatments, jeopardizing our survival. Sustainable financing is critical for ensuring strong and well-prepared health systems to face health threats due to climate change.
- Incorporating a gender lens in our actions is not only a matter of justice but also essential for the effectiveness of our climate response. Therefore, it is imperative that our climate and health strategies are gender-responsive, ensuring equitable access to healthcare and support for all, particularly those most vulnerable.
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At this juncture, COP28 represents a beacon of hope and action. As the communities most affected and threatened by climate change, we have to believe that we can, collectively, change the course of history. We call upon you to take definitive steps to:

- Commit to reducing emissions, transitioning to renewable energy, and supporting global climate mitigation endeavors.
- Allocate resources for strengthening the ability of health systems to withstand the health-related impacts of climate change.
- Advocate for climate resilient health funds to the global financial architectures to successfully support country-driven approaches to cope with climate-related health impacts and support increased emergency funding to respond to these crises.
- Facilitate collaborative partnerships between governments, communities, civil society organizations, and private enterprises to implement holistic solutions for the environmental and health challenges associated with climate change.
- Ensure that as action is taken in each of the above areas, communities are meaningfully involved. For climate responses to be successful, they must be inclusive, gender and culturally sensitive, amplifying the voices and addressing the needs of marginalized and affected communities.

We look to your leadership with anticipation and hope. The climate-health nexus deserves a central place at COP28, for it is here that we can sow the seeds for a healthier, more resilient world for the generations to come.

List of Civil Societies endorsing the letter

- 1 Civil Society For Malaria Elimination, Cameroun
- 2 Impact Santé Afrique, Cameroun
- 3 Public Health Initiative, Nepal
- 4 Manzini North Foundation, Eswatini
- 5 Community Working Group on Health, Zimbabwe
- 6 Association des volontaires pour l'assistance au développement (ASVAD), Cameroun
- 7 WACI Health, Kenya
- 8 Empower India, India
- 9 2PACKED (Association for Protection Développement of keys People and Environment of Cameroun), Cameroun
- 10 Organization for Health and Sustainable Development (OHISD), Cameroon
- 11 Caribbean Vulnerable Communities, Jamaica
- 12 Elus Locaux Contre le Paludisme, France
- 13 Association d'Aide à l'Education de l'Enfant Handicapé (AAEEH), France
- 14 Global Health Italian Network, Italy
- 15 Rekat Peduli Indonesia, Indonesia
- 16 Centre for Supporting Community Development Initiatives (SCDI), Vietnam
- 17 Association des volontaires unis pour le développement du Cameroun (AVUD), Cameroun
- 18 Obra Foundation, Ghana
- 19 Tanzania Network of Women Living with HIV , Tanzania
- 20 Estrela+ Timor Leste, Timor Leste
- 21 Association des Frères et Sœurs Unis , Cameroun
- 22 Results International (Australia), Australia
- 23 Jointed Hands Welfare Organisation, Zimbabwe
- 24 Janok Foundation, Ghana
- 25 International Treatment Preparedness Coalition, South Africa - Global
- 26 Concern Health Education Project, Ghana
- 27 Environnement Communautés Santé et Sécurité ECOSS, Sénégal
- 28 NACWOLA, Uganda
- 29 Volunteer Health Services, Ethiopia
- 30 Christian Action for Development and Support (CADS), South Sudan
- 31 Khulna Mukti Seba Sangstha (KMSS), Bangladesh
- 32 Centre for Environment, Human Rights & Development Forum – CEHRDF, BANGLADESH
- 33 Union des jeunes africains pour la démocratie, Congo
- 34 APAPE, Cameroun
- 35 Indigenous Women Empowerment Network, Ghana
- 36 Samprity Aid Foundation, Bangladesh
- 37 Engagement Citoyen pour la promotion de la Paix et le Développement (ECPD), Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 38 Dorcas Orphanage Centre, Cameroon
- 39 Facilitating Learning of Women in Emerging Regions (FLOWER), Ghana
- 40 Rural Peoples Foundation, Ghana
- 41 Centre for Migration and Africa Development, Ghana
- 42 Global Media Foundation, Ghana
- 43 Dream Weaver Organization, Ghana
- 44 Youth and Women for Change in Eswatini, Eswatini
- 45 Dounia Solidarité +, Burkina Faso
- 46 Tanzania organization of serving orphans and Vulnerable children, Tanzania
- 47 KODIFOPHAN FOUNDATION, Uganda
- 48 Global Network of Young People Living with HIV, South Africa
- 49 GESTOS – HIV, Communication and Gender, Brazil
- 50 Global Fund Advocates, Network, Global
- 51 Target Malaria, United Kingdom
- 52 Blue Diamond Society, Nepal

53 National forum of people living with HIV AIDS Networks Uganda (NAFOPHANU), Uganda
 54 ICWEA, Uganda
 55 UGANET, Uganda
 56 Kenya Legal & Ethical Issues Network on HIV & AIDS (KELIN), Kenya
 57 NAFOPHANU/Buikwe District network for people living with HIV/ AIDS, Uganda
 58 International community of women living with HIV East Africa, Uganda
 59 Americas TB Coalition, United States
 60 Center for Health Policies and Studies, Republic of Moldova
 61 Korean Advocates for Global Health, Republic of Korea
 62 APCOM Foundation, Asia Pacific
 63 Global Health Advocates/ Action Santé Mondiale, France
 64 AIDS-Fondet (The Danish AIDS Foundation), Denmark
 65 Salamander Trust, UK
 66 Afro Global Alliance, Ghana
 67 Yemini santé, République du Congo
 68 Santé Espoir Vie, Guinée
 69 African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development (ANAYD), Nigeria
 70 International Civil Society organisation Inventions By Ashwini, India
 71 Solidarité pour le Développement et les Initiatives de Santé publique (SOLDIS), Cameroun
 72 Fast-Track Cities Institute, USA
 73 Youth And Women For Opportunities Uganda-YWOU, Uganda
 74 International Association of Providers of AIDS Care, USA
 75 Action pour le Développement "ACDEV-Cameroun", Cameroon
 76 UDYAMA, India
 77 COMARESS, Madagascar
 78 La Plateforme des réseaux et Fautières de lutte contre le Sida et les Autres pandémies, Côte d'Ivoire
 79 Frank kisamo, Tanzania
 80 Center for Supporting Community Development Initiatives, Vietnam
 81 Réseau des Organisations de Lutte contre le Paludisme en côte d'Ivoire (ROLPCI), Côte d'Ivoire
 82 Coalition Malgache pour le Renforcement du Système de Santé, Madagascar
 83 ASOS, Madagascar
 84 ONSFM , Madagascar
 85 Plateforme des ONG et Associations de lutte contre le Paludisme en République du Congo, République du Congo
 86 Fulfilling Dreams Foundation (FDF), Nigeria
 87 NAPUD, Thailand
 88 Regional Malaria CSO platform, GMS, Thailand
 89 YOUNGO, GFAN, STOP TB PARTNERSHIP, India
 90 Plate forme Education pour la Santé, Cameroun
 91 Global Alliance For Public Health Intervention (GAPHI), Nigeria
 92 TestVTE, Laos
 93 Humanitarian Action for Peace, Republique Democratique du Congo
 94 Community Health and Inclusion Association (CHIAs), Laos
 95 Afrihealth Optinet Association (AHOA), Nigeria
 96 Réseau Santé plus RS+ Niger, Niger
 97 Développement et Action Sociale, Cameroun
 98 Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific, Asia-Pacific
 99 Office of the National Chief Imam, Ghana
 100 Kenguelekeze Para Saude, Direitos Humanos e Meio Ambiente, Mozambique
 101 Corps des jeunes contre le Paludisme, République Démocratique du Congo
 102 Hope for Future Generations, Ghana
 103 ONG MECAP FR TOGO, Togo
 104 Approche Participative, Développement et Santé de Proximité (APDSP), Cameroun
 105 APEE CÔTE D'IVOIRE, Côte d'Ivoire
 106 Pentecostal Advocates for Socio-Economic Development (PENASED), Cameroon
 107 Sustainable Impact for the Development of Africa (SIDAF), Cameroon

108 Coalition des OSC pour le Financement de la Santé et la CSU (COFIS-CSU), Cameroun
 109 Global coalition of women against HIV in Uganda, Uganda
 110 Union des Organismes d'Appui au Développement Durable (UNOADD), Cameroun
 111 Global Health and Social Awareness Foundation, Nigeria
 112 Sustainable Development ONG, Bénin
 113 MATIBABU FOUNDATION, Kenya
 114 Aalem for Orphan and Vulnerable Children, Inc., Liberia
 115 ONG SongES, Niger
 116 Mothers Initiatives Africa, Uganda
 117 JEVEV (JEUNESSE ET EMPLOIS VERTS POUR UNE ÉCONOMIE VERTE), Benin
 118 YADNET AFRICA, Uganda
 119 Movement of Wimen Living With HIV/AIDS MOWHA, Uganda
 120 Institute of Allergy and Clinical Immunology of Bangladesh (IACIB), Bangladesh
 121 Re-greening the environment for Sustainable livelihoods initiative, Nigeria
 122 Bridging Justice Foundation, Zambia
 123 Wedo organization for development, Yemen
 124 Mesuhuin foundation In't, Nigeria
 125 Justice, Human Development and Peace Initiative Jalingo, Nigeria
 126 Providence Whole Care International, Kenya
 127 Ashar Alo Society, Bangladesh
 128 Advocacy Network Africa (AdNetA), Kenya
 129 Ontario Positive Asians, Canada
 130 Initiative For Climate Change And Renewable Energy Advocacy, Nigeria
 131 NGO, Burkina Faso
 132 Association For Promotion Sustainable Development, India
 133 Center for Health Systems and Gender Justice, Kenya
 134 WORLD CONCERN, Ethiopia
 135 MBUNGONET, Tanzania
 136 Community Development for People's Health Advancement (CODEPHA), Tanzania
 137 Young persons network for sustainable life style and health development (Youpen4slah),
 Nigeria
 138 COEL -WOMEN EDLERS LEARNING INITIATIVES (WELI), Tanzania
 139 WAA &P* Women Against AID'S and Poverty Mbulu Tanzania, Tanzania
 140 Mbulu Education Network -MBUENET MTANDAO COALITIONS TZ TZ-EA, Tanzania
 141 CSYM HUDUMA CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL YOUTH MINISTRY YLO TANZANIA TZ, Tanzania
 142 Heritage Life Support Initiative, Nigeria
 143 Taraba youths transformation initiative, Nigeria
 144 League of women voters of Nig taraba state chapter, Nigeria
 145 Magami youth progressive, Nigeria
 146 AIDD (Aide Internationale pour le Développement Durable), Côte d'Ivoire
 147 Congolese children of the fure -RDC, Republique democratique du congo
 148 Tansana Health and Community Integrated Development Initiative (THACIDI), Jalingo Taraba
 State, Nigeria
 149 Kabaa Digital Resource Centre, Kenya
 150 DRC AID, République démocratique du Congo
 151 Wote Youth Development Projects CBO, Kenya
 152 Africa Public Health Student Network Initiative, African Continent
 153 International Helping for the Young, TCHAD
 154 TWEET Foundation, India
 155 Uganda Peace Foundation, Uganda
 156 Community Integrated Development Organization (CIDO), Uganda
 157 HURAC Humanitarian Response Actions, Cameroon
 158 Amplify Health and Development in Africa (AHDA), Tanzania
 159 Positive vision, Cameroun
 160 Women4GlobalFund, Global
 161 REJECI, Côte d'Ivoire
 162 ACIDED ALLIANCE CITOYENS POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE, Guinée Conakry

- 163 MAMAS FOR BURUNDI ASSOCIATION "MAFOBA", Burundi
- 164 Association IZARA Antsirabe, Madagascar
- 165 Organisation pour la Protection de l'Environnement la Recherche et l'Appui au Développement (PERAD), Cameroun
- 166 Association Donama (Donnons nous la main) qui lutte contre le cancer, Tchad
- 167 MUDYPEN, Cameroun
- 168 Positive Vision Cameroon, Cameroon
- 169 Association Camerounaise des Consommateurs d'Energie, de l'Eau, Autres divers et la Protection de l'Environnement, Cameroun
- 170 APROSEJ (Association pour la Promotion de la Santé et l'Education des Jeunes, Cameroun
- 171 Radio Communautaire des Grassfields, Cameroun
- 172 Media Synergy for the Promotion of Biodiversity Conservation and Community development Against Climate change-Cameroon.MECCOD, Cameroun
- 173 Goggoji Zumunchi Development Initiative (GZDI), Nigeria
- 174 Cameroon Green Land Network, Cameroon
- 175 La Solidarité contre le Paludisme en Centrafrique (SPALCA) , la République Centrafricaine (RCA)
- 176 Maternal Child Health and HIV AIDS Foundation (MATCHAF), Nigeria
- 177 novia-Dh, Cameroun
- 178 Association Environnement & Santé, Cameroun
- 179 Ste coop COJEDY, Cameroun
- 180 Association Ait-Amira en Avant, Maroc
- 181 AREWA MEDICARE, Cameroun
- 182 Association pour la promotion des albinos au cameroun, Cameroun
- 183 Synergie d'Action pour la Recherche et Intervention en Sciences psychologiques et Santé (SARISPSY-Santé), Cameroun/ Dschang
- 184 R.O.A.L.P.- Togo (Réseau des ONG et Associations de Lutte contre le Paludisme au Togo), Togo
- 185 HEAL THE WORLD, Cameroun
- 186 ONG MOCAM-Ci, Côte d'Ivoire
- 187 Local Expertise for Sustainable Development in Africa (LESDA), Cameroun
- 188 Jeunesse Alternatives, Cameroun
- 189 Gic des producteurs des arbres fruitiers djagordo de Mbalang Sanga, Cameroun
- 190 ACACOD, Cameroun
- 191 Cleannation Foundation, Nigeria
- 192 COOP-CA MIEL ANNOUR, Cameroun
- 193 ITRAPAF, Cameroun
- 194 ASREDD, Cameroun
- 195 FOSCAD, Cameroon
- 196 Santé et Action Globale, Togo
- 197 Miracam, Cameroon
- 198 RENAPSAJ, Gabon
- 199 Humanitarian Response Actions HURAC, Cameroon
- 200 Jamaa community development initiative zamfara state, Nigeria
- 201 Association pour la promotion et la protection des droits humains et l'accompagnement des filles mères, Cameroun
- 202 Association camerounaise pour l'appui social, le Bien-être et le développement communautaire(ACASD), Cameroun
- 203 OCASC, Cameroun
- 204 Nagarta Community Health and Gender Education initiative, Nigeria
- 205 Solidarité vie Action, Guinée
- 206 Choose life generation, Cameroon
- 207 Africa Media Development Foundation (AMDF), Nigeria
- 208 Sustainable for Environmental and climate change association, Tanzania
- 209 Health for Children Organization, Tanzania
- 210 TIN Ghana, Ghana
- 211 AGADJAS, Cameroun

- 212 Association pour la Promotion Féminine et le Développement Communautaire (APFDC - BENIN), Bénin
- 213 Nigerian Red Cross Society Kaduna State Branch, Nigeria
- 214 Saheel Community & Child Development Foundation, Nigeria
- 215 Community & Child Total Development Foundation (C&C), Nigeria
- 216 ONG NANTINYAN, Guinée-Bissau
- 217 Bridge That Gap Initiative, Nigeria
- 218 Association des femmes engagées pour le développement du Cameroun, Cameroun
- 219 ONG TAS, Comoros
- 220 Inclusive Youths and Women Integrity Initiative, Nigeria
- 221 Network of Women with Disabilities (NWD), Nigeria
- 222 Carelink Resource Foundation, Nigeria
- 223 Roafem, Benin
- 224 ZOZAC Community Association, Cameroon
- 225 Fédération des Associations Nationales des Acteurs de la Médecine Traditionnelle du Bénin (FANAMETRAB), Bénin
- 226 Action communautaire pour le Bien-être de l'Enfant et de la Femme au Burkina (ABEFAB), Burkina Faso
- 227 AJESPI-EN, Cameroun
- 228 Association Nigerienne des Scouts de l'Environnement ANSEN, Niger
- 229 Centre International de Formation en Droits Humains et Développement Durable, République du Congo
- 230 Association ADS2, Cameroun
- 231 Plateforme des Fédérations des Personnes Handicapées de Madagascar, Madagascar
- 232 Malaria Youth Army Cameroon, Cameroun
- 233 plataformagabu@gmail.com, Guinée Bissau
- 234 Civil Society in Malaria Control, Immunization and Nutrition (ACOMIN), Nigeria
- 235 Ureporter Djougou, Bénin
- 236 Union Congolaise des Organisations des PvVIH (UCOP+), RD-Congo
- 237 Avenir des jeunes en question, Guinée Conakry
- 238 Association de Développement Intégré des Jeunes du Burkina Faso (ADIJ BF), Burkina Faso
- 239 RAME, Burkina Faso
- 240 Agos canada nord kivu, Republique Democratique du Congo
- 241 REGAP+, Guinée
- 242 Better life youth association, Tchad
- 243 FONDATION MOJE, Cameroun
- 244 ONG EVEIL, Côte d'Ivoire
- 245 Caritas Congo Asbl, La République Démocratique du Congo
- 246 Association pour la santé communautaire de kaele, Cameroun
- 247 Ose, Cameroun
- 248 Organisation de la Femme pour l'Islam sans Frontières, Cameroun
- 249 Alternative côte d'ivoire, Côte d'Ivoire
- 250 Marafiki United Green Youth Initiative, Uganda
- 251 Revive Action Cameroon (REVACAM), Cameroon
- 252 Kuboresha-Africa Limited, Uganda
- 253 Child/Women Welfare Foundation, Cameroon
- 254 COBCUS (Coalition des OSC du Bénin pour la Couverture Universelle en Santé), Benin
- 255 ONG ESCAVI, Niger
- 256 Action Solidaire de la jeunesse pour le développement communautaire, ASOJEDEC, Congo-Kinshasa
- 257 UNION DESOLIDARITE D'AIDE AU DEVELOPPEMENT COMMUNAUTAIRE (USADEC), Rwanda
- 258 AIDEC (Appui aux initiatives de développements communautaires), Cameroun
- 259 ONG Plus de SIDA dans les Familles, Gabon
- 260 Armée des Jeunes contre le Paludisme de la RDC, République Démocratique du Congo
- 261 Association des Jeunes Réunis pour le Développement du Mayo Tsanaga, Cameroun
- 262 ARDIC, Cameroun
- 263 Info santé des jeunes sur la Migration (ISJM), Niger

264 Christ Soldiers Foundation NGO, Ghana
 265 Réseau de Développement des Femmes Pauvres (RDFP), Rwanda
 266 POSCVI-TOGO, Togo
 267 OSER Humanitaire, Cameroon
 268 Asceaupev+, Cameroun
 269 THINK International, Denmark and South Africa
 270 SIDAF (Sustainable Impact for the Development of Africa), Cameroun
 271 Myanmar Community Health Society (MCHS), Myanmar
 272 Strumphet Alliance Network, Fiji
 273 Igat Hope Inc., Papua New Guinea
 274 Centre solidaarite Action Sociale, Côte d Ivoire
 275 Tanzania AIDS Firum, Tanzania
 276 Uganda Empowerment Forum, Uganda
 277 Solidarité pour le développement local (SODEL), Cameroun
 278 Sukaar Welfare Organization, Pakistan
 279 Medicus Mundi Italia, Italy
 280 Action for Health Initiatives, Inc., Philippines
 281 Africa Japan Forum, Japan
 282 APCASO, Asia-Pacific
 283 Association des anciens malades , Burkina Faso
 284 Blossom trust, India
 285 Breathe Mongolia - Clean Air Coalition, Mongolia
 286 CAB Mongolia, Mongolia
 287 CCM Secretariat Mongolia, Mongolia
 288 Chadvarlag Bolovson Khuchin, NGO, Mongolia
 289 Dopasi Foundation, Pakistan
 290 Enerel Hospital, Mongolia
 291 For Healthy TB Free Future, Mongolia
 292 Global TB Caucus, India
 293 Ikh Baga Bayansharga NGO, Mongolia
 294 Kalacakra Travel, UK Mongolia
 295 Kasabati, Burkina Faso
 296 KHANA/ Cambodia, Cambodia
 297 Korean National Tuberculosis Association, South Korea
 298 Ministry of Health, Mongolia
 299 Mongolian anti-TB Association, Mongolia
 300 Mongolian anti-Tuberculosis Coalition, Mongolia
 301 Mongolian Association in the United Kingdom, Britain
 302 Mongolian Soum Doctors and Professional's Association, Mongolia
 303 National Center Against Violence, Mongolia
 304 National Center for Communicable Disease, Mongolia
 305 National TB Program of Mongolia, Mongolia
 306 Newcom group, Mongolia
 307 Oyu Tolgoi Watch, Mongolia
 308 Psychological Responsiveness NGO, Mongolia
 309 Stop TB Partnership Indonesia, Indonesia
 310 TB CLM task force Mongolia, Mongolia
 311 TB survivor Mongolia, Mongolia
 312 The Global coalition of TB Advocates, Global
 313 Ulziit Asar, Mongolia
 314 Unen khatamj NGO, Mongolia
 315 We Are TB, China
 316 Youth for health center, Mongolia
 317 ZNNP+ , Zimbabwe