

# Republic Day Greetings

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**Celebrated 9<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day**  
**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
New Delhi & Bengaluru, India

# Global Advocacy on COVID-19

Since April 2020, AIHMS-Global & VIKASH-SAMUKHYA on their part are continuing to do their best regarding Global Advocacy on COVID-19, by collaborating with national & international institutions to address the severity of the global pandemic.

AIHMS-Global & VIKASH-SAMUKHYA have joined more than 200 national & international organizations/ institutions of GAVI CSO Constituency in calling on the world stakeholders to commit to an equitable distribution of COVID-19 Vaccines among all nations:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KCLoJDR4YrJzHDrcq7C2sPWeGJlTb\\_9/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KCLoJDR4YrJzHDrcq7C2sPWeGJlTb_9/view)

AIHMS-Global & VIKASH-SAMUKHYA along with Global Health Council & other International Partners and Patrons reiterated its stand to review the United States Government's Earlier Decision to Terminate Relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) through a Joint Statement:

<https://globalhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/COVID-19-WHO-CSEM-Response.pdf>

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020, AIHMS-Global & VIKASH-SAMUKHYA, as associates of Health System Global along with its international patrons and global collaborators have signed the global call to action in urging the heads of state and government, and others involved in shaping the response to COVID-19, to adopt a set of ten principles and approaches to provide inclusive, just, equitable and effective public health approaches in countering COVID-19 and future pandemics:

[https://www.healthysocieties2030.org/reclaiming-comprehensive-public-health?3ceabe6d\\_page=2](https://www.healthysocieties2030.org/reclaiming-comprehensive-public-health?3ceabe6d_page=2)

## **Global Advocacy on COVID-19 (Contd.)**

AIHMS-Global & VIKASH-SAMUKHYA along with its 60 International Partners & Stakeholders have written to UN General Assembly President regarding the Special Session on the COVID-19 Pandemic on 3rd-4th December 2020 to address its apprehensions & concerns:

<http://ngosbeyond2014.org/articles/2020/11/17/special-session-on-covid-19-letter-to-president-of-the-un-ge-1.html>

AIHMS-Global along with its International Academic Collaborators & Civil Society Partners have been lobbying for Climate Change under its Sustainable Development Programs (SDG-13) since last couple of months after COVID-19 outbreak: <https://www.changethechamber.org/participating-organizations>

On 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020, AIHMS-Global along with its 200+ International Partners and Collaborators have updated the endorsed Global Consensus Statement on Meaningful Adolescent and Youth Engagement initiated by PMNCH, WHO: <https://www.who.int/pmnch/media/news/2018/meaningful-adolescent-and-youth/en/>

The said MAYE Statement is as follows:

<https://www.who.int/pmnch/mye-statement.pdf?ua=1>



## **Global Advocacy on COVID-19 (Contd.)**

VIKASH-SAMUKHYA, along with its 143 International Civil Society Partners call on the major funders in Global Health (WHO, WORLD BANK, GAVI, IMF, ILO, EU, OECD, GFF & GFATM) to prioritise global funding that supports recruitment of health workers in resource limited contexts:

[https://www.wemos.nl/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Joint-letter-to-global-funders-on-HRH-financing.pdf?fbclid=IwAR37oBzPGUUq4FMKE7y05waSqm8xgLS3767vS7jEnNIPLYV7Ay7ILFWj\\_3A](https://www.wemos.nl/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Joint-letter-to-global-funders-on-HRH-financing.pdf?fbclid=IwAR37oBzPGUUq4FMKE7y05waSqm8xgLS3767vS7jEnNIPLYV7Ay7ILFWj_3A)

AIHMS-Global along with its 166 International Partners & Collaborators had published an Open Appeal to Funders & Donors for Preserving Global South's Research Capacity in the Post-COVID-19 Scenario in this part of the world:

<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/368/6492/725> &  
<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/sci/suppl/2020/05/13/368.6492.725.DC1/Reidpath-abc2677-SM.pdf>

On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020, VIKASH-SAMUKHYA & AIHMS-Global on their part in continuing their efforts in global advocacy on Women & COVID-19 had prepared a Joint Statement and pledged it along with its International Partners & Patrons:

<https://womenindex.com/campaigns/covid-19/>

## **Global Advocacy on COVID-19 (Contd.)**

AIHMS-Global along with its 84 International Partners and Collaborators have urged USA Senate & Congress Committees to not squeeze funding for UN Agencies & WHO amid the Global Health Pandemic of COVID-19:

<https://betterworldcampaign.org/resource/congress-united-nations-funding/?fbclid=IwAR3TgEuXF9Zyp6jNZ6XAo3b7eN2zyDrmiVslTgcbbn1N9m3dSqv7wUcuWMQ>

On 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020, AIHMS-Global & VIKASH-SAMUKHYA with many leading international organizations have submitted a duly signed Civil Society Open Letter in support of the United Nations and the World Health Organization during COVID-19 Pandemic and promised their total support in days to come:

[https://iwhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/CSO-letter-in-support-of-UN-and-WHO\\_20May2020.pdf](https://iwhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/CSO-letter-in-support-of-UN-and-WHO_20May2020.pdf)

On 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020, AIHMS-Global & VIKASH-SAMUKHYA were among the primary signatories to an "Open Letter Calling on Governments to Apply a Gender Lens to COVID-19 Preparedness, Response, and Recovery" with all your goodwill over the years.

Kindly check the same and extend your organizational support to this initiative and oblige:

<https://deliverforgood.org/sign-on-to-this-open-letter-calling-on-governments-to-apply-a-gender-lens-to-covid-19-preparedness-response-and-recovery/>



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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



**Committed to Working Together with our 535 CSO Partners until the 17 SDGs are achieved for India**



## **\*Our Program Sectors\***

Health & Family Welfare

Nutrition & Food Security

Formal & Non-Formal Education

Livelihood Opportunities & Skill Development

Agriculture & Animal Husbandry

Information & Communication Technology (ICT)

Renewable Energy & Clean Environment

Climate Change & WASH

Partnerships & Networking

**(Control + Click each sector for further details)**



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## State-wise Distribution of CSO Partners in India



### Consortium Membership List Updated as on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021

1. Ad hoc Members:	224
2. Provisional Members:	162
3. Regular Members:	140
4. Prime Members:	009

**Total: 535**

State /UT	No.
Andhra Pradesh	09
Arunachal Pradesh	09
Assam	07
Bihar	66
Chhattisgarh	10
Delhi	10
Gujarat	07
Haryana	02
Himachal Pradesh	07
Jammu & Kashmir	04
Jharkhand	40
Karnataka	09
Madhya Pradesh	22
Maharashtra	19
Manipur	07
Meghalaya	06
Mizoram	07
Nagaland	08
Odisha	75
Rajasthan	20
Sikkim	09
Tamil Nadu	28
Telangana	06
Tripura	08
Uttar Pradesh	75
Uttarakhand	14
West Bengal	49
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	02

# SDG-1: No Poverty

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**PACE (Andhra Pradesh) is in action, conducting Community Awareness Meetings for its state level program of the Centre For Financial Literacy**



# SDG-2: Zero Hunger

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Jana Kalyan Pratisthan (Odisha) is in action, distributing nutritious food supplements to mothers & children and making them aware of COVID-19**

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# SDG-2: Zero Hunger

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Village Welfare Society (West Bengal) is in action, distributing nutritious food supplements to school children and making them aware of COVID-19**

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# SDG-2: Zero Hunger

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**SHARE (Jharkhand) is in action, distributing milk & other nutritious food supplements to children in the schools and making them aware of COVID-19**

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# SDG-3: Good Health & Wellbeing

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Bihar Gram Vikas Parishad (Bihar) is in action, training the Youth Warriors to provide quality healthcare in collaboration with state health functionaries**

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# SDG-3: Good Health & Wellbeing

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Bhojpur Mahila Kala Kendra (Bihar) is in action, training the women volunteers to prepare and provide quality isolation kits during COVID-19**

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# SDG-3: Good Health & Wellbeing

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**EKTA (Odisha) is in action, conducting health camps among villagers to protect them against COVID-19 during the current wave prevailing in the state**



# SDG-3: Good Health & Wellbeing

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**UP Voluntary Health Association (Uttar Pradesh) is in action, conducting Sensitization Workshops with public service providers on health issues**



# SDG-3: Good Health & Wellbeing

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**EKTA (Odisha) is in action, training ASHA workers of the district about COVID-19 by providing them with necessary medical support to work with**



# SDG-3: Good Health & Wellbeing

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Onkar Seva Sansthan (Jharkhand) is in action, conducting Health Awareness Programs for the community on Proper Hygiene & Healthcare in difficult times**

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# SDG-4: Quality Education

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**EKTA (Odisha) is in action, conducting awareness programs for school students on their rights to protection, and entitlements to quality education**



# SDG-4: Quality Education

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Cohesion Foundation (Gujarat) is in action, conducting Awareness Programs for school students to go back to school and maintain health & hygiene**



# SDG-5: Gender Equality

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Premasharay Mahila Kalyan Samiti (Madhya Pradesh) is in action, conducting community level advocacy workshops on women empowerment & gender issues**



# SDG-5: Gender Equality

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**EKTA (Odisha) is in action, conducting advocacy workshops in tribal districts on child rights & gender issues in fields of health, education & protection**



# SDG-5: Gender Equality

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**SAHYOGI (Bihar) is in action, conducting advocacy workshops in schools on gender rights & entitlements in fields of health, education & protection**

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# SDG-5: Gender Equality

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Manav Seva Kendra (Bihar) is in action, conducting advocacy workshops with stakeholders on protection and safety rights of women & girl children in the rural & remote areas of the state during the current wave of the pandemic**

## SDG-8: Decent Work & Economic Growth

### COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Yuva Rural Association (Maharashtra) is in action, training the rural youth to do innovative organic farming and to go for effective product marketing**

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# SDG-8: Decent Work & Economic Growth

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**EKTA (Odisha) is in action, training village women in organic farming through live demonstration and exchange visits within the state for self-reliance**



# SDG-8: Decent Work & Economic Growth

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Cohesion Foundation (Gujarat) is in action, orientating village women on organic farming and market practices for better income options in future**



# SDG-8: Decent Work & Economic Growth

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Yuva Rural Association (Maharashtra) is in action, orientating village women in doing kitchen garden practices for better income opportunities in future**



# SDG-8: Decent Work & Economic Growth

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Hind Yuva Shakti (Bihar) is in action, establishing JLG units in rural and remote areas with support of NABARD to have better income opportunities**

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# SDG-8: Decent Work & Economic Growth

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Gram Sathi (Jharkhand) is in action, helping the rural people to establish poultry farms in outreach areas and marketing its products in nearby cities**



# SDG-8: Decent Work & Economic Growth

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Onkar Seva Sansthan (Jharkhand) is in action, helping the rural women to learn new skill-sets for growing innovative crops and effective product marketing**



# SDG-10: Reduced Inequality

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Village Welfare Society (West Bengal) is in action, supporting Women & Senior Citizens of rural areas with distribution of clothes in winter**

# SDG-10: Reduced Inequality

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Jana Kalyan Pratisthan (Odisha) is in action, conducting ICYF training workshops to orient its stakeholders for working at the community level without disparity**



# SDG-10: Reduced Inequality

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Kaladanga Al-Qirat Charitable Society (West Bengal) is in action, supporting women & old people of the villages with distribution of blankets in winter**



# SDG-12: Responsible Consumption & Production

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Jana Kalyan Pratisthan (Odisha) is in action, supporting the village farmers to do different types of cultivation for its local consumption & marketing**



# SDG-12: Responsible Consumption & Production

## COVID-19: Civil Society Response in India



**Cohesion Foundation (Gujarat) is in action, supporting the village women to do mushroom cultivation and its wholesale marketing in rural areas**

# SDG-17: Partnerships to achieve the Goals

## *Global Advocacy on COVID-19*

# AIHMS-Global

<https://www.aihms.org/global-advocacy.html>

The screenshot displays the AIHMS-Global website interface. At the top, there's a browser window with multiple tabs open, including 'Money Receipt', 'Programs - Vikash Samukhya', 'WHM [oh-hi-]', 'cPanel - Main', 'cPanel File Manager', and 'AIHMS - Global'. The address bar shows 'aihms.org'. The main content area is divided into four columns:

- Achievements:** Lists several accomplishments with 'View' links, including being an Expert Group Member in the Scientific Committee of ISA-2019, Regional Champion for the TWG on Teaching and Learning of Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR), and being a supporting organization to HIFA and CSEM.
- Sustainable Development:** A circular graphic featuring the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) arranged around a central 'Sustainable Development' text. The goals are color-coded and include icons: PEOPLE (End poverty and hunger), PLANET (Protect our planet's natural resources), PROSPERITY (Ensure prosperous and fulfilling lives), PARTNERSHIP (Implement the agenda through a solid global partnership), and PEACE (Foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies).
- Strategy:** Describes the organization's approach to partnerships, stating that AIHMS shapes up every individual partnership based on mutually beneficial understanding.
- Covid-19 - Global Advocacy:** Highlights the organization's role in global advocacy on COVID-19, mentioning AIHMS-Global and VIKASH-SAMUKHYA.

Below the main content area, there's a section titled 'OUR PARTNERS' with a blue arrow icon pointing up. The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with icons for various applications and the system clock indicating 8:00 AM on 12-Apr-21.

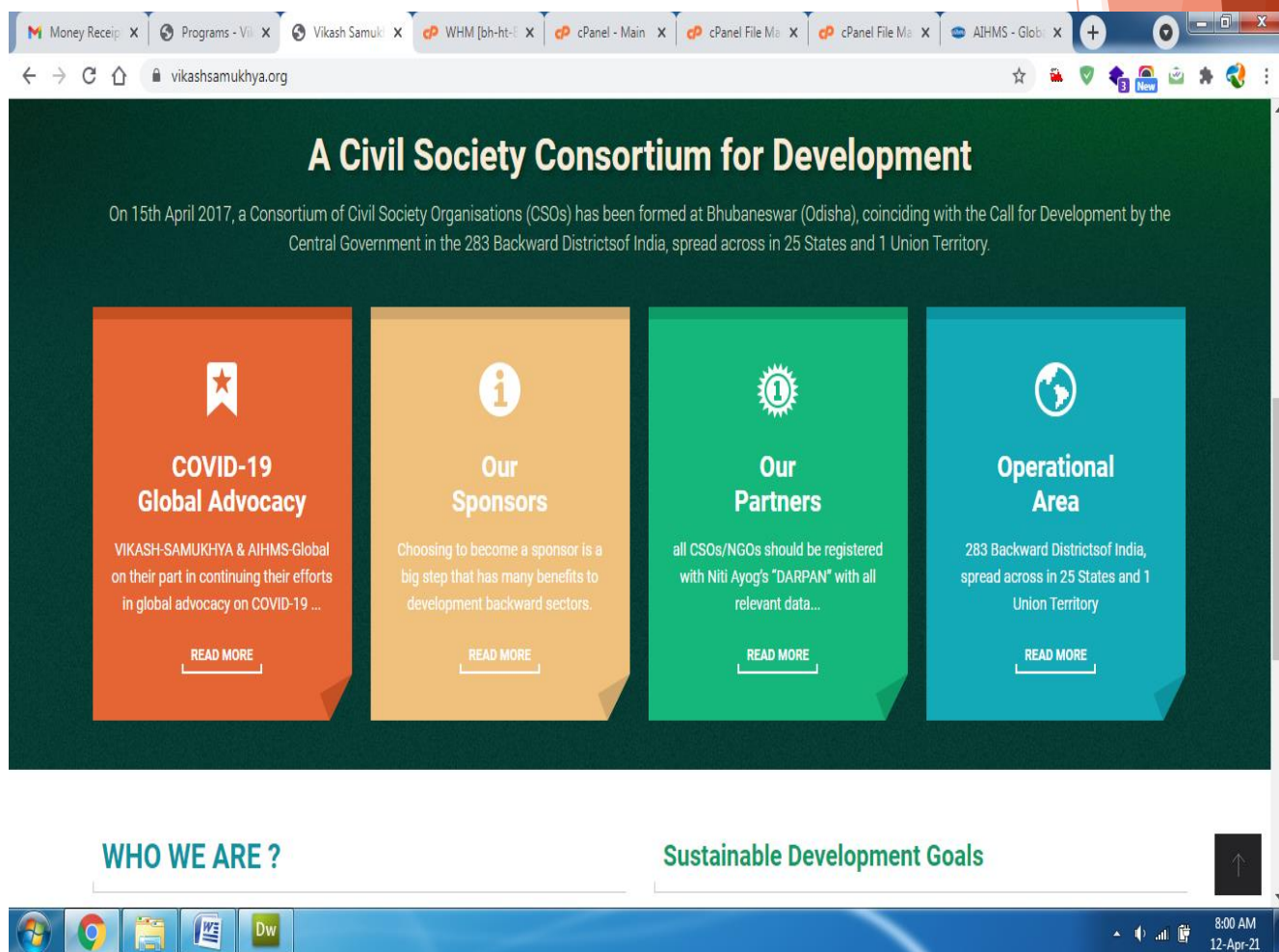


## SDG-17: Partnerships to achieve the Goals

### *Global Advocacy on COVID-19*

# VIKASH-SAMUKHYA

<https://www.vikashsamukhya.org/global-advocacy.html>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs open. The active tab is 'vikashsamukhya.org'. The website has a dark green header with the title 'A Civil Society Consortium for Development'. Below the header, a paragraph states: 'On 15th April 2017, a Consortium of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) has been formed at Bhubaneswar (Odisha), coinciding with the Call for Development by the Central Government in the 283 Backward Districts of India, spread across in 25 States and 1 Union Territory.'

The main content area features four colored boxes with icons and text:

- COVID-19 Global Advocacy** (Orange box): VIKASH-SAMUKHYA & AIHMS-Global on their part in continuing their efforts in global advocacy on COVID-19 ... [READ MORE](#)
- Our Sponsors** (Light orange box): Choosing to become a sponsor is a big step that has many benefits to development backward sectors. [READ MORE](#)
- Our Partners** (Green box): all CSOs/NGOs should be registered with Niti Ayog's "DARPAN" with all relevant data... [READ MORE](#)
- Operational Area** (Blue box): 283 Backward Districts of India, spread across in 25 States and 1 Union Territory. [READ MORE](#)

At the bottom, there are two sections: 'WHO WE ARE ?' and 'Sustainable Development Goals'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:00 AM on 12-Apr-21.

# COVID-19 & SDGs: Awards & Rewards



**Cohesion Foundation (Gujarat) won the CSR Times Award last year under Bronze category in the area of Healthcare (SDG-3) for their program on improved and qualitative access to holistic early childcare, development & education**



# बच्चों द्वारा तैयार किए गए चित्रों से बनाया कलेंडर

सत्ता सुधार ■ ग्वालियर

चाईल्ड राइट्स आर्बजवेटी संस्था भोपाल द्वारा यूनिसेफ के सहयोग से प्रकाशित करवाए गए कैलेंडरों का जिला बाल अधिकार मंच, ग्वालियर एवं गोपाल किरन समाजसेवी संस्था ने ग्वालियर, स्कूल फोरम के बच्चों की उपस्थिति में प्रदान किया। कैलेंडर में प्रदेश के विभिन्न जिलों के बच्चों द्वारा तैयार किए गए चित्रों का समावेश है। नववर्ष के अवसर पर माननीय विधायक श्री सतीश सिकरवार ग्वालियर पूर्व ने किया। ग्वालियर में विमोचित किया। चाईल्ड राइट्स आर्बजवेटी संस्था भोपाल द्वारा यूनिसेफ के विशेष सहयोग से विगत दिनों संपूर्ण प्रदेश में स्कूली बच्चों के



लिए चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया था। जिसका उद्देश्य सर्वश्रेष्ठ चित्रों का सीआरओ द्वारा वर्ष-2022 के जारी किए जाने वाले कैलेंडरों के 12 माह के मुख्य पृष्ठों पर प्रकाशन रहा। प्रतियोगिता के माध्यम से सैकड़ों प्रविष्टियां आईं। जिसमें कुल 12 सर्वश्रेष्ठ चित्रों का सीआरओ ने चयन कर बाद उन सुंदर और आकर्षक चित्रों का प्रकाशन वर्ष-2022 का कैलेंडर जारी करते हुए किया गया है।

**Gopal Kiran Samaj Sevi Sanstha (Madhya Pradesh) is praised by the local press for their efforts in publishing the “Children’s Calendar-2022” with state support & UNICEF**

## **\* End Note \***

**Last month, we have collectively acted and have pledged to stand with survivors on the Human Rights Day on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

**AIHMS-Global & VIKASH-SAMUKHYA along with its 144 international partners and collaborators, majority from the Global South, have come together to call for an end to sexual exploitation and abuse by WHO staff and generally in the health sector in many countries.**

**We are confirming that the attached open letter following next regarding ending sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment has been sent to Dr Tedros, Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) and Dr Amoth, Chair of the WHO Executive Board for their kind consideration and necessary action.**

**Look forward to working with you on this call for action in the coming year,**

**Warm regards & Best wishes,**

***~AIHMS-Global & VIKASH-SAMUKHYA Team***





The African Women's  
Development and  
Communication Network



**WGH** | WOMEN IN  
GLOBAL HEALTH

Actions pour la Réinsertion Sociale de la Femme



10 December 2021

**H. E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**

Director General of the World Health Organization  
&

**Dr Patrick Amoth**

Chair of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization

## ENDING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, ABUSE AND HARASSMENT IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Your excellencies,

The 16 Days of Activism, 25 November to 10 December, mark the global campaign for the prevention and elimination of Gender Based Violence. During the 16 Days of Activism 2021, we the undersigned organizations, wish to express our deep concern at the sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (SEAH) of women and girls by WHO staff during the tenth Ebola response in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). **We stand with survivors of SEAH and whistleblowers in their pursuit of justice and the truth, and we call on WHO to act now to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls.**

### Power Imbalances and root causes

As diverse organizations working for the rights of women and girls in global health, we are appalled at the reports of SEAH by United Nations' employees and international aid workers, including WHO, outlined in the [Independent Commission report](#) of 28 September 2021. The Commission uncovered 83 alleged perpetrators, 21 of whom were WHO employees. The allegations included 9 rapes and countless demands for sex for jobs. Women and girls as young as 13 years old became pregnant, had miscarriages and abortions as a result of rape and sexual exploitation, and a reported 22 children were born. It is shameful and completely unacceptable that male staff of UN and aid agencies have caused such deep harm and blighted the lives of women and girls whose health they were paid to protect. This case in DRC is one in a long series of such cases and almost certainly the tip of the iceberg within the health sector.

Deep power imbalances exist between those delivering humanitarian programs and the populations in vulnerable situations that those programs are intended to protect, especially women, girls and boys. Sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (SEAH) in humanitarian settings is part of a broader pattern of gender-based violence, enabled by gender inequality and inequality between the countries of the Global North and Global South. The risk of SEAH was increased in the WHO Ebola operation in DRC by the underrepresentation of women in staff and leadership: 73% of the 2,800 WHO staff were men, and men held 77% of leadership roles.

### Recommendations for accountability and transformation

We commend WHO for establishing an Independent Commission to investigate the facts of the DRC case and we acknowledge the members of the Commission for their work. An Independent Commission was an important and transparent first step that other agencies should follow. We also note WHO's [Management Response](#) of 21 October 2021 and the [Implementation Plan](#) of 12 November 2021.

OPEN LETTER TO WHO | 1

The DRC case places an unprecedented obligation upon WHO to act immediately to end abuse by its staff. We seek bold, high level and consistent leadership from WHO and the WHO Executive Board. WHO must deliver the Management Response and provide regular, accessible updates on implementation. Immediate plans to support victims and survivors and follow up on allegations of SEAH and managerial misconduct must not be delayed. The institutional and organizational change management planned within WHO is vital for implementing the Management Response. Achieving sustainable change will require WHO to address power imbalances internally and externally, with a strong focus on gender equality and geographical balance.

Allegations of SEAH in the tenth Ebola Response in DRC were made against staff of several UN and international aid agencies, in addition to WHO, highlighting the need for a sector wide approach. Given its global mandate to advocate for health as a human right and health equity, WHO must play a leadership role in preventing and eliminating SEAH within the health sector.

## **WE URGE THE FOLLOWING:**

### **1. Leadership, accountability and resources:**

**1.1** Visible and unwavering leadership from the Director General WHO on all actions, including with partners and member states, to ensure prevention of SEAH is a central and permanent goal in all WHO operations and work;

**1.2** WHO Executive Board to make prevention of SEAH a permanent indicator of performance management and accountability for WHO;

**1.3** WHO to follow up urgently with resources and reparations for the survivors in DRC, as well as on sanctions for perpetrators and any WHO managerial staff implicated. Resources for local and community level sensitization, awareness creation and capacity strengthening around identifying and reporting cases of abuse must also be available;

**1.4** Provide regular status updates through multiple channels on the implementation plan, ensuring updates reach the impacted persons and communities, including interim updates on any barriers to progress;

**1.5** Introduction of an investigatory system for WHO that centers and protects survivors, acts swiftly and transparently and ensures that perpetrators face justice and a level of sanctions that will act as a deterrent to others;

**1.6** Resources dedicated to the prevention of SEAH in the short and longer term, from global to country level operations, paying special attention to humanitarian and health emergencies;

**1.7** Gender parity in leadership, especially within WHO country offices and emergency response teams. The presence of a critical mass of women will reduce the risk of SEAH;

**1.8** Engage women from the Global South as a critical part of the solution to the prevention and elimination of SEAH, including to disseminate information to women on WHO codes of behavior for staff and reporting mechanisms for SEAH.

### **2. WHO leadership in the health sector**

**2.1** WHO must collaborate with and urge other organizations implicated in the DRC allegations to investigate, take responsibility for and make concrete plans to hold perpetrators and managers accountable, and compensate survivors;

**2.2** WHO must work with partners to prioritize prevention of SEAH in health sector aid and

humanitarian operations. It must meaningfully engage governments and international and local NGOs/CSOs, especially women-led organizations, to develop a transparent and coordinated accountability system.



There can be no excuses for the harm done by WHO staff to women and girls in DRC and nothing can undo that harm. We have high expectations of the leadership of WHO and are fully committed to supporting WHO to uphold the rights, safety and dignity of all women and girls by ending SEAH in the health sector.

Sincerely,

**Bibyshe Mundjo Takubusoga**

*Executive Secretary,  
Actions pour la Réinsertion sociale de la Femme  
& Vice Chairperson of FEMNET (Central Africa)  
Democratic Republic of Congo*

**Dr. Roopa Dhatt**

*Executive Director,  
Women in Global Health  
United States*

**Memory Kachambwa**

*Executive Director,  
FEMNET  
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**On behalf of the undersigned organizations:**

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- Global Health Council, USA
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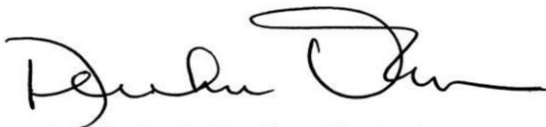
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