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THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO END AIDS IN CHILDREN BY 2030 LAUNCH – AFRICA
1 FEBRUARY 2023, JULIUS NYERERE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, DAR ES SALAAM,
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA





Your Excellency Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania
Dr Philip Mpango

Your Excellency Vice President and Minister of Health of Zimbabwe,
Retired General Constantino Chiwenga

Your Excellency my sister First Lady Monica Geingos of Namibia, also
President of the Organization of African First Ladies for Development

My sister Honourable Ummu Mwalimu, Minister of Health of the United
Republic of Tanzania

Honourable Ministers and government representatives of the
12 countries who have joined the alliance in this first phase: Angola,
Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya,
Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and
Zimbabwe. and the observer delegation from Namibia

Colleagues from the United Nations, partners from PEPFAR, Global
Fund, EGPAF and others

And Friends and leaders from civil society,

Yesterday I visited the Mbagala Rangi Tatu Hospital where I met two
amazing women, living with HIV Salome and Sharifa. They gave birth at
the hospital to HIV negative babies. They are also working as powerful
connectors between the hospital and the community. The great news
is that the children of Salome and Sharifa are growing up healthy and
are going to live, long lives. The scandal is that we still have 1.7 million
children who we adults are denying that same future. The scandal is that
we have found a way to get three quarters of all adults living with HIV
on life saving treatment but only half the children living with HIV are on
treatment. That is the scandal. It breaks my heart.

We are here to address that injustice. We have come together to support
Salome and Sharifa, they're called peer mothers, and so many millions of
women who are HIV positive, who want to save their babies. No mother
doesn't want to save their baby, like Lillian told us. We are here to
support them, to fight to save the lives of their babies.

I am proud to be part of this momentous occasion—of launching this
Global Alliance to End AIDS in Children by 2030. I am so happy to be
among you honourable Ministers and representatives of the twelve
governments. Because I know, I have been a politician like you, this



is a low-hanging fruit. and doable. Honourable Ministers make it your priority and you will see results during your tenure. And we are here to support you.

Thank you for all you have done since we met in Montreal Canada: the action plans, the prioritizing, the partnerships, the coalitions. Thank you for the hard work. But today, thank you for your commitments to make sure infants, children, and adolescents at risk for HIV have access are tested; , to guarantee the best treatments and care for those who test positive; to close the treatment gap for pregnant and breastfeeding adolescent girls and women living with HIV;and to prevent and detect new infections among women and girls.

But also, strongly in addition, we've heard how critical it is to address human rights, gender equality, and social and structural barriers. So this is about getting the whole of government into this agenda. Thank you for committing to do that too. We also heard and we will hear more commitments from global leaders to support your governments and your people to implement these plans. It is through partnerships that we have made the progress against HIV—it is through these partnerships that we can get to the end of this fight.

It is a winnable fight- it is a fight for our children. It fills me with hope that all of us in this room have committed. Here is our commitment on behalf of the United Nations, on behalf of the Global Alliance led by WHO and UNCIEF. We commit to support the implementation of the Dar es Salaam Declaration.

Together, we can create that world where no child is born with HIV. Countries have achieved it. The 12 countries represented here today can do it too so no child living with HIV is denied their right to lifesaving treatment.

We can do this.

Thank you very much.

