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Operational plan to take forward the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health

Honourable chair, distinguished delegates.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the operational plan of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health on behalf of the Union for International Cancer Control and the NCD Alliance.

Every year NCDs claim the lives of over 18 million women and 1.2 million people under age 20, cause disability for many more, and push households into vicious cycles of poverty. Given the magnitude of this burden, the Global Strategy will only achieve its vision with concerted efforts to achieve its NCD-related targets.

Fully supporting the rigorous, integrated accountability measures planned for this Strategy, we hope to foster stronger synergies between RMNCAH and the global NCD agenda.

To this end, we call on WHO and Governments to prioritize the following areas:

1. **Ensure 'integrated accountability'**, by measuring progress using existing frameworks, including the '30x30' NCD target of the SDGs and the WHO Global NCD Monitoring Framework.
2. **Build capacity of the Global Health Data Collaborative (c.f. Annex 2) to include disaggregated NCD data.** There is a critical lack of disaggregated data on NCDs. To measure success of the Strategy, data on NCD prevention and control for women, children and adolescents is urgently needed.
3. **Develop sustainable, evidence-based strategies to finance health accountability**, maximising the use of domestic resources guided by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.
4. **Recognise the role that civil society plays** in supporting country-led implementation and accountability, making use of existing networks and new strategic alliances to promote the Global Strategy.

Finally, we look forward to progressing this work through the work of the new GCM/NCD Working Group in 2016 on integration of NCDs with other thematic areas and pledge to work with the RMNCAH community to safeguard the health and wellbeing of every woman, child and adolescent.

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