

## **Expedite Inclusion of Africa CDC as an Implementing Entity for the Pandemic Fund**

### **Statement of Communities and Civil Society in Africa and around the world on the role of Africa CDC as an Implementing Entity of the Pandemic Fund**

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Communities and Civil Society in Africa and around the world welcome the formation of the Pandemic Fund that allows for a dedicated stream of additional, long-term financing to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. We are also excited about the recent call for Expressions of Interest for potential projects to be funded under the first Call for Proposals. We further welcome the encouragement and commitment of Africa CDC to support African Union Member States to actively participate and submit their EOIs.

As much as it is important for AU Member States to participate individually in the EOIs, it remains equally essential to recognize the convening power, technical expertise and regional and global leadership of Africa CDC, both as a platform for AU Member States on health security matters and as an autonomous institution of the African Union charged with the mandate for coordinating Africa's disease prevention and control.

Africa CDC's leadership during COVID-19 pandemic has proven to be instrumental in supporting AU Member States with the needed guidelines, technical support, and the procurement and distribution of vaccines, essential diagnostics, and therapeutics. Africa's New Public Health Order, which is built on five pillars, is an additional strength to further elevate Africa's approach on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and, to effectively support both AU Member States and the Pandemic Fund.

We are, therefore, disappointed and concerned at the non-inclusion of Africa CDC in the first round of Expression of Interest as a Pandemic Fund implementing Entity at the outset. In view of the mission, expertise and strong performance of Africa CDC in coordinating and supporting AU Member States in responding to COVID-19 and other health threats in the continent, the immense political will it enjoys and its recognition as a major regional health institution in the continent, we believe Africa CDC should be a partner of choice for the Pandemic Fund.

We urge the Pandemic Fund Governing Board and Secretariat to expedite the ongoing process of vetting Africa CDC and other eligible regional bodies and entities to be included as Implementing Entities for the Fund. Further, we also urge that the Secretariat makes the criteria and timeline for the Implementing Entity vetting process public and to ensure that it is completed ahead of the second call for proposals later in the year.

As communities, civil society in Africa and other parts of the world, we also strongly encourage Africa CDC, Pandemic Fund Governing Board and the Secretariat to, in the meantime, explore possibility of ACDC participating in the Funds processes as an entity serving one or more eligible countries through one of the existing Implementing Entity as outlined in the beneficiary definition in the Funds Operations manual.

We reiterate our steadfast support for Africa CDC to be approved as an Implementing Entity for the Pandemic Fund as soon as possible to work with AU member states to help accelerate their capacity-strengthening and ensure they are better prepared for pandemic threats.

Kind Regards,

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3. ACTION Global Health Advocacy Partnership
4. ADI Group
5. Advocacy Network Africa (AdnetA)
6. Africa Civil Society Platform for Health - CiSPHA
7. Africa Japan Forum
8. African Writers in The Americas
9. African Youth Caucus
10. Afro Global Alliance
11. AHFCO
12. AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) - Africa Bureau
13. Arms To Lean On
14. Askunicom
15. Association For Promotion Sustainable Development
16. AVAC
17. BEYOND INITIATIVE FOR SOCIAL CONCERN \
18. Black Public Health Promoters
19. BONELA
20. Cedar Foundation for Disability
21. Center for Rights and Democracy CRD South Sudan

22. Coast Hostess Empowering Communities
23. Coast Sex Workers Alliance
24. Community Led Solutions CBO
25. Consolation East Africa
26. Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA)
27. CYKIDI HEALTH AND EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION
28. DSW
29. East African Health Platform - EAHP
30. Eastern Africa National Network of AIDS and Health Services Organization (EANNASO)
31. Eden Spring of Hope
32. Ekaita community unit based Organization
33. Equal Health and Rights Access Advocacy Initiative
34. Ethiopian Youth Federation
35. Federation of Deaf Women Kenya
36. Gender Youth for Change and Peace Building Network
37. Global Health Advocates
38. Global Health society of Tanzania
39. Grassroots Poverty Alleviation Program
40. Health Alert
41. Hope for Future Generations
42. ICW Kenya
43. Imara Leadership Initiative
44. Impact Santé Afrique
45. ITPC-MENA
46. Jamma Children Foundation
47. Jimma University
48. Jinsiangu
49. Kasaana Child Development Centre
50. Kenya AIDs NGOs Consortium
51. Kenya Network of People who use Drugs
52. Kenya Treatment Access Movement-KETAM
53. Key Affected Populations Health and Legal Rights Alliance (KESWA)
54. Key Population Consortium of Kenya
55. Kitale HIV AIDS Positive People Survival
56. Kitui Innovators
57. KUBORESHA-AFRICA LIMITED
58. Lean on Me Foundation
59. Liberian Youth Parliament for Water
60. Maisha youth
61. Maison des Organisations de la Société Civile (MOSC) Anjouan
62. Mask Ethiopia
63. Men For Positive Living support
64. Mentor Chica Initiative
65. Ministry of Health - Busiakenya County

66. Most At Risk Populations' Society (MARPS)
67. Network of TB Champions Kenya
68. Network of TB Champions/TB Women
69. Ngarire Hope group
70. Nigeria Health Watch
71. Northstar Alliance
72. Nyabende support programmes CBO
73. Nyamira post HIV Test CBO
74. Nyando Social Justice Center
75. Nyansma Unity Association
76. Pandemic Action Network
77. Partners in Sexual Health
78. Platform for ACT-A Community and Civil Society Representatives
79. Public health
80. Results Canada
81. RESULTS U.S
82. RESULTS UK
83. RICODEV
84. Sinatsisa Lubombo
85. SORAK Development Agency
86. SRHR AFRICA TRUST
87. ST HEMMINGWAYS COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION
88. Stop TB Partnership Zimbabwe
89. Stop TB Partnership-Kenya
90. Strive foundation Rwanda
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94. TB Partnership
95. TEDA/KeNPUD
96. The Access Challenge
97. The Populace Foundation International (TPFI)
98. TULA Self Help Group
99. Uganda Stop TB Partnership
100. Union de Generation Mature et Consciente
101. Uzima Support Group
102. VICCSON
103. Vision makers
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