Solidarity Statement by GFAN Africa on ET 302 Plane Crash on Sunday, 10 March, 2019

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We at the Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN) Africa are distraught by the news of the Ethiopian Airlines passenger aircraft ET 302, which crashed yesterday, Sunday, 10 March, 2019 minutes after takeoff from Addis Ababa en route to Nairobi, Kenya. We mourn the 157 passengers and crew on board and express our deepest sympathy and condolences to their families.

As health advocates, we stand in solidarity with all those who have suffered the tragic loss of family members, friends, professional colleagues, associates, leaders and fellow countrymen in this untimely and disastrous crash. We empathize and share in their pain and deep sense of loss. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers and desire their consolation and strength to deal with the loss of their loved ones.

May their souls rest in eternal peace.

GFAN Africa is a network of advocates in Africa working together to communicate the urgent need, and demand full funding for the Global Fund as well as increased and effective domestic resources for health.