



**Youth Leaders Statement to
H.E Prof. Sarah Anyang Agbor
Commissioner for Human Resource, Science and Technology
African Union Commission**

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Your Excellency, thank you for coming here this morning in support of Youth Leaders for Health program.

Youth Leaders for Health is a joint program by WACI Health, RESULTS UK, Health Promotion Tanzania-HDT, Hope for Future Generation, and CISMAT- SL with support from Comic Relief

We are 25 Youth Leaders passionate about health and healthcare systems and will advocate for policy change at key national, regional and global advocacy moments. We shall influence decision-makers during a range of pivotal moments such as national elections, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting and World Malaria Day towards ending the malaria epidemic, achieve universal health coverage (UHC) and create lasting impact.

In the days and months ahead, we shall knock on your door to further engage with you and your team on Youth Leadership. In the meantime, your Excellency, allow us to share 3 key messages with you:

1. As youth leaders, we pledge our ongoing support as partners and stakeholders in achieving health priorities within our own countries and across Africa.
2. As we all strive towards building a better and more sustainable future, we urge leaders to support youth-led mechanisms that enable universal health coverage.
3. We *support* political and resource commitments to combat and eliminate diseases such as HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria that have continued to plague our continent disproportionately.

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