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September, 28th International Safe Abortion Day 2017

Call for Action and together lets step into action

*"I personally see safe ABORTION discussions and debates activities across the globe and in Ghana as a process than one off event...until every corner and for that matter everyone is aware and accepts the rights of women and girls as having the free will, the power, the rights, to enter a facility and demand for Comprehensive Abortion Care and Services not as a chance, Christmas gifts rather choice without being tagged as evil, called names, victimized, or being victimized I will not rest. The debate must be kept alive 360. The right things must be done through quality information sharing and information dissemination. From choice there is a world of possibilities for both victims and we are just here to do that." Says Joseph Senyo Kwashie (CAFAF-GHANA –Executive Director and ABORTION 360 Manager)*

The **September, 28th International Safe Abortion Day 2017**, is here with us again reminding us to chart a new cause in completing the unfinished business. **Community And Family Aid Foundation** wishes to affirm and consolidate our strong stand in demanding what is right for women and girls. We cannot pretend all is well when countless lives are lost due to societal frown and dictates on what is right and wrong pushing many more women to resort to illegal means of terminating pregnancy. The African story and elsewhere are nothing to write home about. If it must be done it must be done well.

We stand firmly and solidly with all women and girls around the world to rise to the challenge to fight for their rights, receive abortion care and services as when they need it, which are guaranteed under both international and their immediate country respective laws. These laws are there to protect their rights to **Universal Health Care**. Come out of your shells and shine to pave way for effective change of the world's order.

**This the right time to support progressive abortion laws, policies through targeted advocacy efforts**

**-Breaking the silence and changing attitudes and norms towards abortion through awareness raising and behavior change**

**-Improve access to comprehensive abortion care and services**

**-Generating understanding and evidence on abortion on action research for reforms to save lives**

This is why we care, “ensuring universal access to safe abortion is a fundamental human right, we cannot view it as only a “women’s issue.” It is a fundamental human right, which intersects with and is integral to realizing social, economic and reproductive justice. When individuals are able to access safe abortion, along with comprehensive sexuality education and a range of contraceptives, the social good outcomes are numerous – including plummeting maternal mortality and morbidity, and significantly reduced rates of STIs and teenage pregnancy. Other positive ripple effects include an increase in women and girls’ ability to continue education; increased gender equity and women’s empowerment; and reduced intergenerational transfers of poverty, among many other integral benefits.

If anything, the current global context is a reminder of the “long-game,” vigilant, and intersectional nature of fighting for SRHR, and of ensuring transformative social change.

Let’s support the many different ways activists are currently challenging the status quo and resisting in diverse contexts wherever we found ourselves”.