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September 26th is World Contraception Day’ 2017

“I will keep fighting till contraception acceptance and use becomes the LIFELINE to the DEADLINE of all, and in doing so countless lives will be saved. I count on all to help us to help 360” says Joseph Senyo Kwashie –Executive Director – CAFAF-GHANA

World Contraception Day takes place on September 26th every year. The annual worldwide campaign centers on a vision where every pregnancy is wanted. Launched in 2007, WCD’s mission is to improve awareness of contraception and to enable young people to make informed choices on their sexual and reproductive health.

Thus, Community And Family Aid Foundation joins the International Community in celebrating this special day. We are equally committed to laying a solid foundation to pave way for the acceptance and use of a range of contraceptives. We believe from choice there is a world of possibilities. Life is a matter of choice and not a chance. As human beings, as time changes and the world of work, relationships, including our sexual orientation patterns changes, the means to appreciate a new sense of belonging will remain crucial at all costs.

With so many birth control options available, choosing a most suitable form can be discouraging for many teens. Therefore having adequate knowledge and

experiences in the use and application of the right contraceptives is the best choice one can make. We must all join the clarion call to reach out to the unreached with decisive and behavior change messages that triggers positive response and contributes to the growing acceptance of and the use of contraceptives.

Both in Ghana and across the globe different effort are pursued to offer people the platform to make the right choice, thus, as active sexual human beings, it remains relevant to close the gap of living the dream for which reason the use of contraceptive is paramount. Ghana's population is projected to double beyond 50 million by 2050. Which is good yet what matters is the preparation and provision to meet the unmet needs of this generation to come.

We have come of age where contraceptives use must become the order of the day. Steps are needed urgently than before to stem the tides toward eroding the wrong perceptions, norms, and stigma associated with contraception. As it stands currently, we have extremely short falls and gaps in our **National Sexual Reproductive And Right Policies** that needed to be addressed to meet our generation needs. Aside that, practical approaches to confronting the problems head on comes next for which reason the use and availability of a range of contraceptives matters. These must be affordable, accessible and available to all at every given time to ensure no one is left behind. We have a stake in fulfilling the demands of the **Sustainable Development Goals (DGS) especially the** health related indicators in the **Agenda 2030 fold**.

As the world comes to the cross road, this 26th September, year's 2017 celebration is a wakeup call to deepen our steps and efforts of ensuring contraceptives provision issues are taken seriously with all the attention it needs. **What matters, matters and so we have to rise to the challenges.**

Life is a choice and not a chance; we must offer people the right choice to make, understand them their needs, and be there to support them make the right choices. Contraceptives equally makes the difference, thus, must not fail those who opt for contraceptives to safe guide their lives for improved health, life and productivity 360.