

TODAY IS : Universal Health Coverage Day 12.12.2020 - OUR MESSAGE



Community and Family Aid Foundation

Ghana

Universal Health Coverage Day Celebration 2020

12.12.2020 (Saturday)

Press Release

Our Call to Action: Health for All: Protect Everyone

This year's theme responds directly to the urgency of the moment. **Health for All: Protect Everyone**. To end this crisis and build a safer and healthier future, we must invest in health systems that protect us all—now.

“We certainly cannot run away from our own shadows ,the COVID-19 and its implications on health across the globe is enough testimony that ,indeed, the issues of health must remain paramount and greater concern in the development menu list of governments and leadership, we shall all suffer the consequences if we fail to adhered to the principles, tenets, off and give practical meaning and attention to Universal Health Coverage (UHC),anything short of that we will continue to suffer the shocks, and our health systems will remain in a fragile state.

*We collectively need to rise to the challenges, build back better, and again make **Health For All: Protect Everyone** more practical than a mere dream, the ball is in our courts. Says, Joseph Senyo Kwashie –Executive Director At Community And Family Aid Foundation – Ghana”.*

We at **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION –GHANA** are happy to join the international community to celebrate this year's **Universal Health Coverage Day On 12.12.2020**, so significant in our quest to foster a collective health care and service provisions that caters for the needs of all irrespective of the social status and economic background. As we celebrate globally on the theme: **Health For All-Protects Everyone**, lives much to be desired.

We began the year 2020 hopeful of a better future that puts smiles on the faces of all only to be shattered and battered by the scourge of COVID-19. This really exposed the deeper cracked nature and how critical our health systems remains loosely organized and unprepared for to handle magnitude of health situations.

The emerging trends and shorts falls recorded presently should rather send a strong signal to government and leadership all over to prioritise health care and services provisions that bridges the gaps. No more excuses and selective justice in our health care system, the time is now more than before to shine the light of Universal Health Coverage as a greater impetus in our health systems strengthen and in doing so position ***ourselves to health recovery to delivery that gives satisfaction to everyone.***

Background

Each year on 12 December, the world celebrates International Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC Day), an official UN-designated day, to raise awareness of the need for strong, equitable and resilient health systems and universal health coverage (UHC). UHC is based on the principle that everyone, everywhere should have access to quality essential health services without suffering financial hardship. It is a goal that cuts across all health targets and is such a beacon of hope for a healthier and more equitable world.

UHC Day marks the anniversary of the UN's historic and unanimous endorsement of UHC in 2012 as an essential priority for international development. Since then, it has become the annual rallying point for the growing movement for health for all. Every 12 December (12.12), advocates raise their voices to share the stories of the millions of people still waiting for health, to call on leaders to make smarter investments in health and to remind the world the imperative of Health for All.

This 12.12, we need every single leader in the world to hear our message: *to end this crisis and build a safer, healthier future, we must invest in health systems that protect everyone—now.*

This burst of solidarity is our chance to show political leaders that people everywhere are rising to demand universal health coverage as an achievable goal and urgent investment.

What is the state of commitment to universal health coverage around the world?

The [State of commitment to universal health coverage \(UHC\)](#) provides a multi-stakeholder consolidated view on the state of progress being made towards UHC at country and global levels.

The review is political, country-focused and action-oriented in nature and complements the more technical and global [UHC monitoring report](#) focusing on UHC indicators on service coverage and financial protection.

The State of UHC Commitment follows the [UHC Political Declaration's Key Targets, Commitments and Follow-up Actions](#) and support national accountability and advocacy processes to ensure political leaders are held accountable for their UHC commitments.

OUR CALL TO ACTION: Health For All –Protect Everyone

We as organization want to emphasise that even before the crisis, *at least half of the world's population did not have full coverage of essential health services and about 100 million people* were pushed into extreme poverty because they have had to spend on health care beyond their ability to pay.

To end this crisis and build a safer and healthier future, we must invest in **health** systems that protect us all — now” **UHC Day** Campaign on 12 December **2020** will mark one year since the first cases of COVID-19 were reported.

The problems we know them, what matters most is use our acclaimed advancement in technology, and our globalized scientific discoveries to provide HEALTH FOR ALL – THAT PROTECT EVERYONE.

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**TODAY IS :- International Day of Older Persons 1st october,
2020 -Thursday**



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1st october, YEAR 2020 -Thursday

The management at **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION-GHANA** celebrate this day ,the International Day of Older Persons.

It's a stage irrespective of who you are sure one day will certainly get there. Therefore as this day is equally celebrated across the globe ,we ask that each and everyone makes it a duty to support causes and actions that fueled positive environment creation to make older persons' lives and wellbeing protected ,appreciated and live longer to serve generations.

This October 1st marks the 30th anniversary of International Day of Older Persons, an occasion to celebrate older persons in our lives as sources of wisdom and inspiration. At the United Nations, International Day of Older Persons 2020 will highlight the role of the health care workforce in contributing to the health of older persons, with special recognition of the nursing profession, and a primary focus on the role of women - who are relatively undervalued and, in most cases, inadequately compensated.

To learn more about the UN theme, focus, and background for this International Day, including interviews with vibrant centenarians, visit

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/older-persons-day>

You may also want to join the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the UN International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) and the 75th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), when UN officials and leaders in the field of ageing and elsewhere will address the call to action for a Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020-2030. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday October 1st. You can register here.

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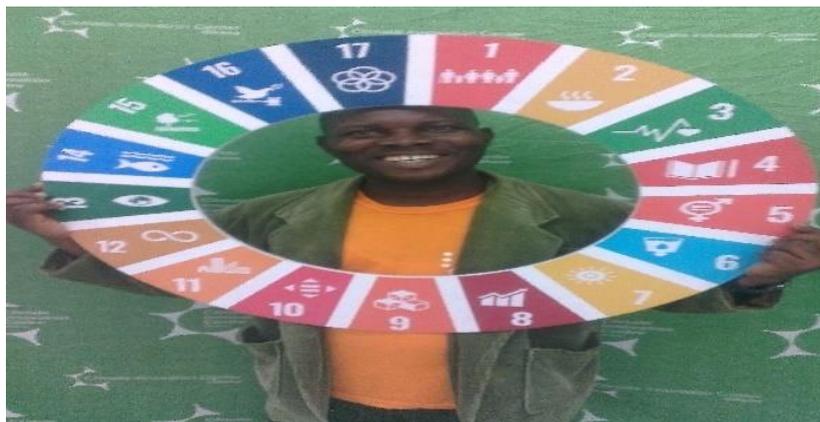
OUR PRESS RELEASE:- International Overdose Day 2020
Celebration , 31st August 2020 –Monday

Community And Family Aid Foundation Ghana

OUR PRESS RELEASE

International Overdose Day 2020 Celebration

31st August, 2020 –Monday



*As a health organization we are extremely mindful of our roles and responsibilities, that is why our commitment to overdose issues are critical in our calendar of events .THIS YEAR’S 2020 celebration on the 31st august –Monday on the ‘**THEME - SUPPORT THE FAMILY IMPROVE THE OUTCOME**’, thus our commitment will remain to*

- *Reduce stigma and discrimination for families and drug users*
- *Promote family drug support services for families and friends*
- *Promote harm reduction strategies for families and friends*

Says: Joseph Senyo Kwashie –Executive Director at Community And Family Aid Foundation –Ghana

Management of Community And Family Aid Foundation –Ghana and YOUTH RISE (led by Daniel Nii Ankrah in Ghana) are happy to be associated with this year's celebration, indeed, overdose is international problem,

a 2014 report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) estimates that about 183,000 people succumb to overdose around the world every year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an American public health organization, drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental deaths in the United States.

A vast majority of overdose deaths occur due to opioid abuse. Opioids are a class of drugs that reduce the intensity of pain by interacting with proteins called opioids found in the human brain, spinal cord, and other organs. Opiates include illegal substances like heroin, as well as legally prescribed medication such as oxycodone, codeine, and morphine.

The picture in Africa is not different, therefore calls for the need to rise and arise for change as overdose possesses Serious Consequences.As an organization we believe

Overdose is not the only consequence of drug dependence. In many parts of the world, the shared use of needles and drug injecting equipment can make users vulnerable to hepatitis C and HIV. According to UNODC, an estimated 13% of all drug users globally live with HIV.

Drug trafficking and drug-related illnesses and crimes can also negatively affect families and communities. One of the main purposes of International Overdose Awareness Day is to help reduce the stigma surrounding overdose by talking about it and by bringing attention to the fact that substance abuse and drug overdose is preventable.

We, on this occasion we to sound a clarion call to all ti rise with us to make a Difference in 2020

International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held on 31 August each year and aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related death. It also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of drug overdose.

International Overdose Awareness Day spreads the message that overdose death is preventable.

Thousands of people die each year from drug overdose. They come from all walks of life.

‘Let’s all be there *as the THEME IS SUPPORT THE FAMILY IMPROVE THE OUTCOME*’ implies, sincerely renew our commitment to

- *Reduce stigma and discrimination for families and drug users*
- *Promote family drug support services for families and friends*
- *Promote harm reduction strategies for families and friends*

Enough is enough we cannot pretend all is well, every society, family and above all must live up to our expectation before overdose wipe out us all out .lets be there to support each other, experience sounds, own the processes and help other to overcome the challenges associated with overdose and together we will be winning the battle.

We should be proud and know that the action embarked upon by a committed individual has helped to break the silence since its inception ,thus, we must keep the fight up to invest, implement country action, finance causes that make education ,awareness creation,and sensitization on this subject matter, matter more than before.

Now let’s reflect on the history

The day was established in 2001 by Australians Sally J. Finn and Peter Streker as a way to commemorate those who have lost their lives to overdose, and to support the loved ones whose lives have been affected by drug abuse.

Since 2012, the responsibility of organizing International Overdose Awareness Day has been taken over by the Penington Institute, an Australian non-profit health organization. Despite its Australian roots, the day is now observed all over the world.

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CAFAF-GHANA 360 (World Immunization Day 2018) OUR PRESS RELEASE

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PRESS RELEASE

World immunization week celebration 2018

Africa immunization week



World Immunization Week 2018: Protected Together, #Vaccines Work

24-30 April, 2018

"We keep hearing that "Immunization is one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions. Studies show that every US\$ 1 spent on childhood immunization returns US\$ 44 in economic and social benefits" and so the truth keep stirring us right in the face which we must not ignored. 2018 world immunization week offers fertile grounds to redouble our efforts with citizens government engagement for change, a true and successful immunization could be secured collectively where every lives will be saved with no one left behind-the theme ,thus, world immunization week 2018: protected together, vaccines work is apt"

Says... MR. JOSEPH SENYO KWASHIE –EXEXECUTIVE DIRECTOR at CAFAF-GHANA 360.

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION-NGO operating in Ghana join the International Community In Celebrating 2018 world immunization week centered on the theme "World Immunization Week: Protected Together ,Vaccines Work" From 23-30th April,2018 .

Immunization is one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions. Studies show that every US\$ 1 spent on childhood immunization returns US\$ 44 in economic and social benefits.

The facts

As World Immunization Week is marked worldwide, it is an opportune time to reflect on some major achievements. The world has seen an 84% reduction in measles deaths between 2000 and 2016 due to measles vaccination. As a result of continued immunization campaigns, polio cases have decreased by over 99% since 1988, and today, only 3 countries (Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan) remain polio endemic, down from more than 125 countries in 1988. During 2016, 116.5 million infants worldwide received 3 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DPT3) vaccine, protecting them against these infectious diseases that can cause serious illness and disability.

Despite this progress, an estimated 19.5 million infants worldwide are still missing out on basic vaccines and vaccination coverage has stalled at 86%, with no significant change during the past year.

It is predicted that increasing vaccine coverage in low- and middle-income countries by 2030 could prevent 24 million people from falling into poverty due to health expenses.

CAFAF-GHANA 360 and partners are happy for the numerous efforts pursued at different levels of encounter to ensure that every child get the kind of childhood health response the health system must provide. While celebrating such milestones we want to encouraged government, stakeholders, and the health community to redouble efforts and action at ensuring no child is left behind.

“Immunization protects everyone – from infants to senior citizens – against disabling illnesses, disability and death from vaccine-preventable diseases. Increasingly, adolescents and adults are experiencing the benefits of vaccination against life-threatening diseases, such as hepatitis, influenza, meningitis and cancers that occur in adulthood. Every year, immunization prevents up to 3 million deaths from diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and measles in all age groups.”

We believe **Protected Together ,Vaccines Work** theme for 2018 celebration places a grater challenge on us all play our part well and its only when these are done that we together with these children gain the protection and experience the efficacy of the vaccines impacting on both economy and nations development.

World Immunization Week 2018: Protected Together, #Vaccines Work

It’s my concern, your concerns, our concern... get involved now

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PRESS RELEASE
WORLD'S AIDS DAY 2017
1ST DECEMBER, 2017

“The 2017 edition of WORLD AIDS DAYS is here with us again and again reminding us of over three and half decades battle in the field fighting the number one shocking pandemic of the century. Remarkable are the efforts pursued so far in finding lasting solutions to this social scourge. Our health is our right; thus, when we certainly stand firmer the momentum could trigger much enviable results than we think. The theme matters but the actions counts collectively reminding us on the need to deliver as one “

Says MR. Joseph Senyo Kwashie Executive Director at CAFAF-GHANAN 360

Community And Family Aid Foundation –Ghana is happy to join the international community in the celebration of world aids day 2017. **World AIDS Day**, designated on 1 December every year since 1988,¹ is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection, and mourning those who have died of the disease. Government and health officials, non-governmental organizations and individuals around the world observe the day, often with education on AIDS prevention and control.

Till date much have been greatly achieved across the globe, in 2000, just 685,000 people living with HIV had access to antiretroviral therapy. By June 2017, around 20.9 million people had access to the life-saving medicines. Close \$7 Billion Funding Gap in AIDS Response, as we need Assistance for At-Risk Females, as Charts Progress towards Ending Pandemic, again some 1,800 young people a day were being newly infected with the virus and prevention rates among adults around the world had stalled.

Here in Ghana we are organizing the biggest gathering that will attract over 2000 people in attendance as a joint World Aids Day Celebration event to be hosted in the James Town Community on the 1st of December, (FRIDAY) 2017 in marking the Day.

The following organizations are partnering to deliver as one ,Community And Family Aid Foundation, Women Of Dignity Alliance, Gamashie Development Agency (GAMADA), Gamashie Radio, CEPHERG, Act For Change, Williows International ,Adesa Taloi, Gamashie All-Stars, Courageous Women,.

We would like to mark this year's campaign with the following activities

Health Walk, Video Presentation, Exhibition, Hiv Testing And Screening, Quiz Competition, Drama Displays among others.

Date: 1st December, 2017 (Friday)

Theme: My Health, My Right

Venue: James Town-Community Theatre Center (CTC) within City Engineers Building

Time: 7:00 am -2:00pm

We have the sciences and the outcomes continue to stare us right in the face, we need to act fast and continue to give special attention to AIDS. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS) places emphasis on what matters most and HIV AND AIDS must matter more than before. **My health is my right ,your health is your right**

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2020 WORLD AIDS DAY

1ST DECEMBER, 2020 –TUESDAY

On the occasion of 2020 WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATION, let me say, more than before the world is faced with two major necessary evils at the peril of our lives, the COVID-19, and the age old HIV/AIDS scourge. Whatever be their nature both have shattered the world. Therefore this is the time for us to embrace resilience for impact and end both epidemics, as the global theme for 2020 celebration depicts. Says – Joseph Senyo Kwashie –Executive Director at Community and Family Aid Foundation-Ghana

OUR CALL TO ACTION: LET'S END AIDS WITH RESILIENCE

Our foundation, (**Community and Family Aid Foundation-Ghana**), sincerely celebrates, the 2020 World Aids Day this 1st December- Tuesday. This year's celebration will go down history as the impossible year ,because the whole WORLDS attention and for that matter commitment to the fights against HIV and AIDS greatly shifted to focus more on the COVID-19 .But come to think of it 2019 evidence should inspire us to rise to the challenge.

THE HARD FACTS

38,000,000 estimated number of people living with HIV in 2019

1,700,000 people were newly infected with HIV in 2019

690,000 people died of HIV-related causes in 2019

68 % of adults living with HIV received lifelong antiretroviral therapy (ART) in 2019

“HIV prevention, testing, treatment and care services are all being disrupted particularly in countries with fragile health systems. The breakdown in essential HIV services due to COVID-19 is threatening lives. Any slowing down in provision of these services will leave many vulnerable populations at greater risk of HIV infection and AIDS-related deaths.” - WHO

More than 12 million people are still waiting to get on HIV treatment and 1.7 million people became infected with HIV in 2019 because they could not access essential services.

The theme for the 2020 observance is “Ending the **HIV/AIDS Epidemic**: Resilience and Impact” (“Erradicar la epidemia del VIH/SIDA: Resiliencia e Impacto”). World AIDS Day was first observed in 1988.

IN GHANA

The Programme Manager of the National **AIDS**/STI Control Programme, Dr Stephen Ayisi Addo, said in **2019** the routine deaths dropped marginally to 11,797 and in 2020, between January and June, **Ghana** had recorded 798 deaths. People living with **HIV** in **2019** totalled 339,727 but rose to 345,534 in 2020. Aug 28, 2020

[345,534 persons living with HIV/AIDS in Ghana - MyJoyOnline ... www.myjoyonline.com › news](http://www.myjoyonline.com/news/345534-persons-living-with-HIV-AIDS-in-Ghana)

WE HAVE THE SOLUTION

Let's move from global solidarity to a shared responsibility

We as an organization will continue to commit our limited resources to fight AIDS and will need the support of all, thus, counting on all to help us to help, fight and win the fight against HIV and AIDS collectively.

We cannot run away from our own shadows

Help Us To Help

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CAFAF-GHANA 360 -WORLD TOILET DAY 19TH NOVEMBER,
2019 (PRESS RELEASE)-TUESDAY

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION-NGO

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Our Press Release

World Toilet Day

19th November, 2019(Tuesday)

*“In the 21st century there is nothing like waste, we have all the advance technologies to advance our development. Critical is the need to see toilet as the natural resources to power our future, as the use of it are enormous, can be found anywhere ,anytime, any moment and above living right with us, the 2019 global theme for the celebration is apt. we as organization share and have a greater stake in it...we urge world leaders and the business community to invest in toilet management, and in doing so creating possibilities to improve lives, its then that the “ **LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND**” becomes 100% complete” says –Joseph Senyo Kwashie –Executive Director of **Community And Family Aid Foundation-NGO (Ghana)***

BRIEF

World Toilet Day, celebrated on 19th November every year, is about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and help achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6, which promises sanitation for all by 2030.

Established by the World Toilet Organization in 2001, World Toilet Day was made an official UN day in 2013. UN-Water leads a taskforce of international agencies to campaign around a common theme.

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION – NGO in Ghana joins the international community in celebrating this day **“World Toilet Day”** on the 19th November, 2019, on the theme ***“LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND”***.

Here are the key facts

4.2 billion People live without safely managed sanitation – more than half the global population.

673 million people still practice open defecation worldwide.

Globally, at least 2 billion people use a drinking water source contaminated with faeces.

Inadequate sanitation is estimated to cause 432,000 diarrhea deaths every year and is a major factor in diseases such as intestinal worms and trachoma.

Children under the age of five living in countries affected by protracted conflict are, on average, nearly 20 times more likely to die from diarrhea diseases caused by a lack of safe water, sanitation and hygiene than by direct violence. (UNICEF 2019)

Let's not take toilet for granted rather reverence it and as toilet is not just toilet rather resources to power the future. We shall live with toilet forever and ever, thus, must embrace the array of opportunities it present.

In Ghana we are celebrating this day and wish to use this medium to let all know that we all have a greater stake to

change the status quo. We have to place value on toilet and never view it as wasted resources rather the natural resource gift of a life time. We are the producers, therefore should be the recyclers. The ball is in our court....

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**COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION –NGO
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Press release

13th October 2017

**International Day for Disaster Reduction 2017
Theme: 'reducing the number of people affected by disasters'**

“No one is happy to see disasters destroying and tearing human and natural resources apart, they are unplanned for yet we can rise to the challenge by ably positioning ourselves to face it within our proactive management schemes. Let’s kill disasters before disasters consume our world. No one is virtually safe whenever disasters strike. Says, Joseph Senyo Kwashie – Executive Director at Community and Family Aid Foundation-Ghana “

Africa and for that many nations like Ghana and others are either experiencing or are about to experiences different disasters of varied kinds, and as we cannot exactly tell when one is likely to strike must eventually plan to face the realities in real time. The losses are uncountable and irreplaceable, thus, must appreciate the solutions before had theory to make inroads at all cost.

The UN General Assembly called for the International Day for Disaster Reduction in 1989 as a way to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. That includes disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness. It was originally celebrated on the second Wednesday of October (Resolution 44/236, 22 December 1989), but after two decades the UN General Assembly formally designated 13 October as the annual date (Resolution 64/200, 21 December 2009). This Friday (13th October) is the International Day for DRR, This year's theme is: 'reducing the number of people affected by disasters'. International Day for Disaster Reduction, held every 13 October, celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters. The 2017 edition continues under the "Sendai Seven" campaign, centered on the seven targets of the Sendai Framework. This year's focus is Target B: Reducing the number of affected people by disasters by 2030.

International Day for Disaster Reduction encourages every individual, community and government to take part in building more disaster resilient communities and nations. 2017 is here with us again, we need to work around the clock to ensure that we are reducing the number of people affected. Disasters become a reality than business as usual talk we often see our leaders deliver which amounts to nothing. Be a friend of disaster support and education now to reduce the number of affected beyond the 2017 celebration.

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CAFAF-GHANA/AFC 5th Oct 2017 PRESS RELEASE GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY 2017

Our Press Release COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION- GHANA 5th October 2017(Sunday) Global Hand washing Day Theme: “Our Hands, Our Future!”

“Our hands can make and unmake us, as they are the lifeline and deadline instrumental on our body. They can help to transfer a lot of diseases into our systems and at the same time help get rid of such contagion. when we lose sight of it we are totally doomed. special care of it matters 360,I am doing my part, do your part and

help others understand and appreciate handwashing, a critical care of these precious gift of life, the world counts on you all..... Say Joseph Senyo Kwashie – Executive Director of Community and Family Aid Foundation-Ghana “

Community And Family Aid Foundation is happy to join this special 2017 global hand washing day 2017 which has become a critical global ritual celebrated year 15th October. It has an important role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals—contributing to zero hunger, good health, quality education, reduced inequalities, and more. This October 15 is here with us, a global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap. Every year, Global Handwashing Day is celebrated with events, campaigns, and handwashing programs around the world.

Ahead of this year’s milestone celebration, CAFAF –GHANA and ACT FOR Change both civil society organizations had undertaken a series of face to face educational ,awareness, action campaign activities that had benefited over 2500 children in Ghana including sharing our experiences on the social media platform till date. This is why we care, hand washing with soap could prevent many of the 272 million yearly schooldays lost to diarrheal disease, and 50% of the infections acquired in healthcare settings. Handwashing is an affordable, effective way to achieve these goals. Handwashing with soap has the power to improve access to education for children, protect the health of patients and communities, and reduce inequities. Efforts on Global Handwashing Day to promote the benefits and practice of handwashing with soap, as well as fostering access to and improving hygiene facilities, will help us work towards a future where that potential is realized.

The Global Hand washing Partnership theme inspires celebrants and encourage handwashing with soap beyond October 15. **This year’s theme is ‘Our Hands, Our Future’**; reminding us that handwashing protects our own health, but also allows us to build our own futures, as well as those of our communities, and the world. **We have truly have come far touching lives and making what matters matters most in this regard, yet we can do much more if each one of us join the crusade to the later. We strive for continued health, well-being, and productivity for ourselves, our families, and our communities.**

We count on all to be change makers where our action towards hadwashing could make a greater difference, in doing so we are saving lives and will certainly not live anyon

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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.

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OUR PRESS RELEASE

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”.

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