2nd Retreat and Dialogue of the Alliance of Southern Civil Society in Global Health

Accra-Ghana 2012

‘Progress Must be Sustained! Promises Must be Kept!!

Outcome Statement

The 2nd Retreat and Dialogue of the Alliance of Southern Civil Society in Global Health was held in Accra, Ghana from 3 – 9 March 2012. The main theme of the Retreat and Dialogue was ‘Access, Effectiveness, Results and Accountability - Deepening Southern Engagement in Global Health’.

More than 150 participants were engaged in the Retreat and Dialogue, with support from the following partners: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) ICPD Beyond 2014 Secretariat and the UNFPA Regional Office in Africa, the GAVI Alliance, The International Health Partnership (IHP+) and IHP+ Results, the World Health Organization (WHO) Department for Human Resources for Health, Decade of Vaccines Collaboration (DoVC), World Bank (WB), African Development Bank (AfDB) Group, the Global Fund, Partnership for Maternal, New Born and Child Health (MNCH), Family Care International (FCI), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), African Union Commission (AUC), Youth, Northern and Southern Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

We celebrate the support of the Governments of Ghana and Nigeria and their leadership in convening this open and interactive forum whereby Southern Civil Society Organizations were able to deepen their engagement and partnership with their governments, development partners and fellow Civil Society
Organizations. We also appreciate the support of the Governments of Malawi, Rwanda and Afghanistan in their involvement of the design and implementation of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Retreat and Dialogue.

We observe that the 2nd Retreat and Dialogue of the Alliance of Southern Civil Society in Global Health:

- Welcomed and endorsed in full the Alliance of Southern Civil Society in Global Health as an effective platform for sharing, programming, and mutual accountability.
- Strengthened dialogue on accountability among development partners, governments and civil society organization at the country level.
- Deepened the partnerships and linkages between Southern Civil Society Organizations and their respective delegations, boards and consultative fora to GAVI, IHP+ Results, WB and the Global Fund.

We note commitments made to expanding access, delivering results, ensuring accountability in aid effectiveness

We recognize that there is strength in diversity of Civil Society but far greater benefits from effectively coordinating this diversity, from a regional perspective across national and global health priorities.

We recognize that while there has been substantial progress in the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), there remains an unfinished agenda. Governments, Civil Society Organizations, development partners must continue to ensure that the efforts to provide benefits to the poorest and most vulnerable remain central to the global health development agenda beyond the MDGs.
We call on governments to:

- Ensure that commitments made to expand access, measure and monitor aid effectiveness, deliver results to the intended beneficiaries, and ensure transparent and mutual accountability, are delivered upon and progress is sustained.

- Deepen engagement with civil society as active partners in the national and international development planning, coordination, and decision making process.

- Provide and make readily available resources for capacity enabling, institutional strengthening and organizational effectiveness in the area of accountability and monitoring and evaluation.

- Implement efficient, effective, and transparent accountability mechanisms for all forms of development resources available to government and country partners.

We call on international development partners to:

- Ensure that commitments made to expand access, measure and monitor aid effectiveness, deliver results to the intended beneficiaries, and ensure transparent and mutual accountability, are delivered upon and progress is sustained.

- Strengthen partnership with civil society at country level to maintain and sustain resources to global health development and ensure development projects are aligned with national development plans.
Involve civil society in decision making processes including programme planning, coordination and implementation at national, regional and global levels.

Institute and formalize processes to integrate and cross collaborate with civil society representatives at across various development partners.

Facilitate the adaptation and accessibility of global guidelines on capacity enabling mechanisms for health professionals at the country and local levels.

We as Southern civil society resolve to:

- Deepen our engagement with Southern government, tailor advocacy to reduce confrontation towards enhancing collaboration for results, aid effectiveness and accountability.

- Ensure that commitments made to expand access, measure and monitor aid effectiveness, deliver results to the intended beneficiaries, and ensure transparent and mutual accountability, are delivered upon and progress is sustained.

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• Present ourselves as credible, trusted and reliable partners in national and global development to ensure the desired recognition, partnership and mutual accountability we seek.

• Consistently maintain strong ties with constituencies while representing them at the country, regional, and global levels.

• Effectively measure the impact of development and national programmes through well-developed feedback mechanisms that uphold active beneficiary participation.

• Engage the media at the global, regional and country level in accurate and ethical reporting of health issues.

• Advocate for innovative country responsive global and national investments, including financing, that strengthen health systems at all levels (national, sub-national and community) to deliver vaccines and other life saving health interventions.

• Urge that transformational education for health professionals take place in the context of broader Human Resource for Health (HRH) management and coordination processes.

• Advocate that government remain the ultimate custodian for training of health professionals, and that accreditation associations for training institutions fulfill their roles accordingly and efficiently.

• Create opportunities and strategically position ourselves for involvement in all country development processes including planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

• Create awareness and enhance capacity of civil society organizations and young people about the ICPD Beyond 2014 process.

• Fully engage with government, development partners and other stakeholders in the ICPD beyond 2012 review process at the country, regional and global level to ensure that issues of sexual and reproductive health rights, family planning, youth and women remain a priority.

• Develop a monitoring and accountability framework based on joint assessment of all development stakeholders to improve transparency and achieve accountability.
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