



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
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Dear Prime Minister Abe,

Please ensure the Ise-Shima G7 is a landmark Summit that supports Universal Health Coverage so that sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health services reach marginalised or vulnerable populations.

We are writing as representatives of civil society and private organisations working on access to health care. We would like to congratulate your Government in determining that Universal Health Coverage (UHC) will be a key focus of the development agenda of the 2016 G7.

We believe the Japanese presidency of the G7 can build on the G7's track record of supporting vital global health initiatives: the 2000 Okinawa Summit took an ambitious and far-sighted decision to launch the Global Fund for Malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS and the 2010 G7 launched the Muskoka Initiative, both of which are the international community's greatest successes in improving global health.

Prioritising Universal Health Coverage for the 2016 G7 is a strategic choice given the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, which include universal access to sexual and reproductive health services and Universal Health Coverage, the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health and the pandemic outbreaks that have exposed the dangers of underfunded and understaffed health systems. We know that Universal Health Coverage is needed to deliver health improvements for those marginalised and vulnerable populations that were left behind by the Millennium Development Goals.

We urge you as the leader of the G7 group to use the Ise-Shima Summit to inspire and galvanise the G7 to provide the political and financial commitments to support and help fund Universal Health Coverage, to support the proposal for a 2030 Alliance for Universal Health Coverage, to improve the effectiveness of investments to strengthen health systems, and drive accountability for Universal Health Coverage as well as across the health SDG targets.

Mr Prime Minister, the Japanese Presidency has the opportunity to show the world that, in the new SDG era it is not business as usual, by ensuring the G7 takes a long-term and decisive actions to meet global challenges. Supporting Universal Health Coverage commitments and ensuring sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health are included in Universal Health Coverage as key outcome of the 2016 G7 Summit would be a significant step forward in this direction.

We thank you for your prioritising Universal Health Coverage and we wish you and your fellow leaders a successful and historic G7 Summit.

Yours sincerely

Key UHC priorities

We urge the G7 governments:

- 1. Endorse the principles of universal health coverage.** Make an explicit commitment to the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health by supporting Universal Health Coverage.
- 2. Universal Health Coverage must leave no one behind.** Call for Universal Health Coverage to support equity and rights by focusing on the most marginalized and vulnerable populations, delivering comprehensive sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent primary health care services and ensuring services are provided free at point of use.
- 3. Prevention is better than response.** Support reform to the global health architecture with coherent proposals on health systems strengthening for UHC and health security.
- 4. Increase aid to health.** Call on G7 countries to contribute 0.1% of GNI to health, as part of 0.7% to ODA and, ensure that aid is aligned and supports national health systems.

Signed by the following 192 organisations from 51 countries:

- Abha Light Foundation
- Abibiman Foundation
- Academics Stand Against Poverty
- Action Works Nepal
- ADRA e.V.
- Advocacy, Research, Training and Services (ARTS) Foundation
- Afghan Family Guidance Association
- Africa Health Budget Network
- ALEJO Community Support Project
- Alliance of Young Nurse Leaders and Advocates, Inc. (AYNLA)
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Public Health Association
- Ansul-India Health & Management Services (AIHMS)
- Association BurkinabeBurkinabé pour la Survie de l'Enfance (ABSE)
- Association d'Entraide Médico-Sociale AEMS-ASBL
- Association for Improvement Food for Mother and Children in South Kivu/AMEKI-DR.Congo
- Association for Promotion Sustainable Development - Hisar, India
- AwazCDS
- Banteay Srei
- BCARE International
- Bethel Viva Foundation
- BHOMISTO
- BRAC
- Business and Welfare Initiatives Ltd. (BWIL)
- Canadian Premature Babies Foundation - Fondation pour Bébés Prématurés Canadiens
- Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)

- CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
- Center for Social Group Development - CSGD
- Centre for Girls and Interaction (CEGI)
- Centre for Healthworks, Development and Research Initiative
- Centre for Sustainable Development and Education in Africa
- Centre for the Study of Adolescence
- Children's HeartLink
- Christoffel-Blindenmission (CBM)
- CICODEV Africa
- CIDEP-BURUNDI
- CILSIDA
- CNS (Citizen News Service)
- COMMAT HEALTH INITIATIVES
- Commonwealth Medical Trust (Commat)
- COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AID FOUNDATION
- Community Care Project Trust (CCP)
- Community Development Services (CDS)
- Concern Worldwide
- Consultant Compernelle Consulting Brussels
- Cooperation for Peace and Development (CPD)
- Council of International Neonatal Nurses, Inc.
- DSW (Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevoelkerung)
- Eakok Attomanobik Unnayan Sangstha
- Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS Service Organizations (EANNASO)
- ELIZKA RELIEF FOUNDATION
- Equilibres & Populations
- Es Arts&Culture Consulting Group
- Family Health Association of Iran
- Family Planning Association of India (FPA India)
- Family Planning Association of Nepal
- Fast Rural Development Program -FRDP
- FEDERACIÓN DE PLANIFICACIÓN FAMILIAR ESTATAL
- Federal Medical Center Yenagoa, Nigeria
- FEDERATION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ASSOCIATION MALAYSIA
- FGAE
- Fundación Era en Abril
- Fundacion PLENITUD
- Gateway Health Institute
- GBCHealth
- Gender and Development for Cambodia (GADC)
- Girls Globe
- GLAPD_Africa,asbl-DRC
- Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth, an initiative of Seattle Children's
- Global Development Impact
- Global Health Council
- Global Health International Advisors GHIA
- Global Health Visions
- Global Poverty Project
- Global Voluntary Development Association

- Gram Bharati Samiti (GBS)
- Grameen Development Society
- Handicap International Federation
- Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria (HELin0)
- Health Access and Integrated Development Initiative.
- Health and Development Service (HANDS)
- Health Systems and Development Initiative
- HORIZON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
- INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NIGERIA
- Insaf Doctors Forum
- International Child Health Group, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- International Committee for Rehabilitation Aid to Afghanistan (ICRAA)
- International Confederation of Midwives
- International Diabetes Federation
- International Pediatric Association
- International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF)
- International Planned Parenthood Federation
- IPPF-ESEAOR
- Irish Centre for Fetal and Neonatal Translational Research -INFANT
- JAGO NARI (Fighting For Women Empowerment)
- Japan Family Planning Association (JFPA)
- Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environment Nepal (JVE-NEPAL)
- Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e. V.
- John Snow, Inc. (JSI)
- JOICFP(Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning)
- KANCO
- Kidney Foundation of Bangladesh
- Le Planning Familial (MFPPF)
- Len Deacon and Associates (Pty) Ltd
- Literate Pakistan Programme. A project of Combine partner of BEFA, NCLSW Pakistan
- MAKE CHILDREN FOUNDATION (MACFO UGANDA)
- MAMTA Health Institute for Mother & Child
- Management Sciences for Health
- Marie Stopes International
- McCann Health
- MEDICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF RWANDA(MEDSAR)
- Medicus Mundi
- Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation
- Midwifery Academy Bhakti Asih Purwakarta
- Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association
- NCD Alliance
- Neonatal Nurses Association of Southern Africa
- NETWORK OF AFRICAN WOMEN MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS -UGANDA CHAPTER (NAWMP)
- Newborn Foundation | Coalition
- ONE (SINGAPORE)
- Operation ASHA
- Operation Hope Community Based Organization
- Osservatorio Italiano sull'Azione Globale contro l'AIDS

- Pakistan NGOs Forum
- Participatory Research Action Network- PRAN
- PATH
- Pathfinder International
- Peoples Development Community (PDC)
- Philips
- Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG)
- PLENITUD Foundation
- Population Council
- Population Foundation of India
- Population Matters
- POSITIVE CHANGE FOR CAMBODIA
- POSITIVE-GENERATION
- Premier Medical Systems
- Project PINK BLUE - Health & Psychological Trust Centre
- Rahnuma Family Planning Association of Pakistan
- REAP (Rwanda Health, Environment and Agriculture Partnership)
- REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ASSOCIATION MELAKA
- Reproductive Health Association of Kelantan (ReHAK)
- Reproductive Health Association of South Sudan (RHASS)
- Reproductive Health Uganda(RHU)
- RESULTS UK
- Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development (RFPD)
- Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- Rutgers
- Sabah Family Planning Association
- Safe Motherhood Network Federation Nepal
- Save the Children
- SECONAF (Forum pour La Sécurité Contraceptive en Afrique Francophone)
- SOCIETY for DEVELOPMENT of EDUCATION & HEALTH of COASTAL AREA POPULATION: (UPAKUL),
- Solidarité des Femmes Burundaises pour la Lutte contre le Sida et le Paludisme « SFBLSP»
- SOS Children's Village Indonesia
- SOS MATERNAL HEALTH
- Space Allies
- Swedish Organization for Global Health
- TERREWODE
- The Association of Parents of Disabled-Children” (APDC) "ARDI"
- The Children’s Project International
- The Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka
- The Hunger Project
- The Leprosy Mission International
- The Mother and Child Health and Education Trust
- The World Foundation for Medical Research and Prevention
- Treasureland Health Builders Initiative
- Tunisian Association of Positive Prévention
- Uganda Youth and Adolescents Health Forum
- United Development Foundation (UDF)
- United Nations Foundation



- United Vision
- Universal Versatile Society
- University of Leeds
- Väestöliitto
- Vision for Mission Initiative
- WaterAid
- Wellbeing World Wide
- White Ribbon Alliance
- Women Deliver
- Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR)
- Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC)
- Women's Initiative for Self-Actualization
- World Young Women Christian Association
- Wote Youth Development Projects
- Youth Action Foundation Uganda
- Youth Engage
- Youth for life Zimbabwe Trust
- YOUTH INITIATIVES FOR YOUTH ACTION (YIYA) FOUNDATION
- Zambia Asthma Association
- ZAMBIA HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION
- World Vision Japan