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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

An Appeal to Promote Gender Health

COVID 19 Pandemic has forced the whole world to confront our broken system. COVID 19 Pandemic has largely affected women more than men. We must advance progress towards gender wellbeing, equality and empowerment.

Strong and standard gender specialist hospitals should be built in Enugu State Nigeria, for proper medical diagnoses, professional examinations, treatments, and professional care. Especially for all classes of women both the rich and the weak in the society. It is an opportunity for women and girls to have access to professional medical care on time. During the COVID 19 Pandemic lockdown, there is an increase of cases of gender violence cases (example Girl child rape, Girl maltreatment, Domestic violence etc).

Many Girls that fall victim to violence, such as rape, could not get good medical care because of the COVID 19 Pandemic Lock down. Some victims of violence did not go to hospital due to fear of lack of professional care and financial support. Some prefer self-medications or traditional herbs etc. Some were wrongly diagnosed, resulting in future damage to the body's reproductive organs.

Women and Girls are a fast-growing population. Their health should be put into consideration. Strong standard gender specialist hospitals shall serve as medical tourist centers where foreign experts shall off load their wealth of knowledge to indigenous experts, in West African countries, in gender medical professional care, and other related gender ailments. The gender specialist hospitals will encourage good health and wellbeing, gender equality and partnership. Many women lose their lives, some women lose their loved ones, some women lose their job, some women quit their job to care for their family. Women and Girls should be in the frontline for professional medical care on time. Many Nigeria men cannot afford to pay for good medical care outside Nigeria. It is important women and girls have professional medical care in Nigeria. It is an opportunity to support women in their effort in saving lives. COVID 19 Pandemic may not be the last pandemic; it is the collective responsibility to find lasting solutions on gender good health and wellbeing.

Reasons to promote gender good health and wellbeing in Nigeria are:

- To have access to good medical care on time through professional care.
- To support/encourage women in saving human lives.
- To ensure every woman receive standard medical care in Nigeria without travelling outside Nigeria.
- Employment opportunity, the specialist hospitals shall offer employment to women and young girls, to care for themselves and their family.
- The research institute shall be built in the hospitals for continuous education of specialized persons in medicine, oncology, Gynecology, Obstetrics, Nursing, Pediatrics, Pharmacology etc.
- Children that grow up in lovely environment have great return of achievements to the nation that show them love and care.
- It is an eye sore to see cancer patients especially women and girls under the heat of the sun begging.

- Women and girls are fast growing population, they are easily attack by diseases, and deserves good attention, love and care by the society in promoting their good health and wellbeing.
- To save a woman is to save a Nation.

We appeal to United Nations and other International health care delivery original equipment manufacturers and International health care delivery project financiers to partner with the gender advocacy organization, and Nigeria Government to participate in development, ownership and operation of gender specialist hospitals. We are resolved to build alongside in the proposed medical village, Power component, mini water works, specialized training institute for both basic advanced and continuing education of specialized persons in medicine, oncology, Gynecology, Obstetrics, Nursing, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Pharmacology etc as well as clinical laboratory Technology and various equipment/Technology repairs and services. Enugu State Nigeria is the mother of old eastern region. Presently, Enugu State is capital city of eastern zone Nigeria. Enugu State Nigeria is peaceful zone that attracts investment/development and for building strong standard gender specialist hospitals. It is possible for women and girls of all classes to have professional medical care in Nigeria without travelling outside Nigeria.

Together we join hands save women and Girls.
