Mr. Antoine Chevrier
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Mr. Chevrier:

Mozambique: Canadian Contribution to the Primary Health Care Strengthening Program

We were pleased to learn of the High Commission of Canada's confirmation of intent to co-finance the Mozambique Primary Health Care Strengthening Program-for-Results through a multi-donor trust fund (MDTF) in the amount of 75 million Canadian dollars. As you are aware, this Program is an exciting opportunity to make an impact in the health sector by helping operationalize the Government's Investment Case (IC) for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health and Nutrition.

In particular, we appreciate Canada's contribution in the preparation and broader health partner dialogue for ensuring the Program's meaningful contribution to gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Following the approval of the administrative arrangement between Canada and the World Bank for the establishment of the MDTF, an additional financing will be processed to capture Canada's contribution to the Program. This additional financing will be focused on increasing the Program's investments for promoting and supporting SRHR in Mozambique, and related health systems that are critical for its advancement. This will include increasing amounts and scope for SRHR-related Disbursement-Linked Indicators, including:

- Increasing institutional deliveries
- Supporting secondary schools offering sexual and reproductive health services (information and contraceptive methods)
- Increasing family planning services
- Increasing the number of health centres, including district/rural hospitals and rural health centres, carrying out semi-annual public social audits to assess quality of gender-sensitive and adolescent-appropriate SRH services
- Improving certification and coding of information on causes of death through strengthened CRVS systems

Canada's contribution will also support other elements of the Program critical to advancing SRHR in Mozambique, including the training of community health workers (APEs) for community outreach to address gender issues, family practices and cultural norms related to SRH, as well as the delivery of services at the community level, such as family planning.
We look forward to continuing our collaboration through the Program in support improve health and SRHR outcomes in Mozambique.

Sincerely,

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