PLEDGE BY AFRICAN CIVIL SOCIETY

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ADVANCING AFRICAN SOLUTIONS

When humanitarian crises strike, we, African civil society organizations, are often the first to notice and to respond to the needs that emerge in communities for shelter, food, water, healthcare or education. When crises persist, as they too often do, we do not leave. We are committed to supporting communities from emergency, through recovery, and to ensuring that we also contribute to long term development, and to peace. We compliment the work of governments, regional economic communities, and the African Union, to assist disaster-affected populations.

OUR PLEDGE

1. We, African civil society, pledge to continue serving communities as frontline responders. We pledge to meet emergency needs without simply offering a temporary bandaid. We will contribute our knowledge of local and national contexts to ensure humanitarian responses help resolve root causes of need and vulnerability, build peaceful contexts where people can thrive, tackle inequality, and support development.

2. We pledge to advance African solutions by challenging the existing power imbalances within the humanitarian system. We will contribute to humanitarian planning and decision making and work alongside all humanitarian actors.

3. We pledge to help raise the alarm and communicate the urgency for more funding, because there must be additional, quicker and more reliable support to meet humanitarian needs in Africa. We pledge to help our countries, regions and continent identify and pursue new ways to finance humanitarian needs, and to make the most of existing resources.

4. We pledge accountability to people in need of humanitarian assistance:
   a. We will hold ourselves to the highest standards of transparency and quality.
   b. We will work with governments to fulfill their obligations under regional and international human rights and humanitarian law and remind them of the actions required by AU policies and frameworks, such as allocating 15% of national budgets to health care and 10% to agriculture.
   c. We will hold donors to account for their commitment to burden sharing under the Global Compact on Refugees; for their moral responsibility to compensate African states for loss and damage due to climate change; and for their Grand Bargain commitments to increase quality and multi-year funding to local and national actors.

5. We pledge to collaborate with each other, to coordinate our activities, and to contribute our voices and perspectives to advance the efforts of the African Union and the future AU Humanitarian Agency.

We therefore request to be involved in the operationalization of the African Union Humanitarian Agency and to be represented in its structures.
Angola:
1. African Movement for Sustainable Development and Culture of Peace (MADSCP)

Burkina Faso:
2. Actions Concertées pour un Développement Humain Durable
3. Alliance Technique d’Assistance au Développement
4. REFFOP-BF

Cameroon:
5. FOUNDATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND GOOD GOVERNANCE (FENDEGG)
6. Food and Rural Development Foundation (FORUDEF)

Democratic Republic of Congo:
7. Action des Volontaires pour la Solidarité et le Développement (AVSD)
8. ACTIONS PAYSANNES POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT ET LA CONSERVATION DE LA NATURE (APD CN)
9. Afrika Reconciled (AR)
10. AGIR POUR LA POPULATION DU KIVU (APK)
11. Aides aux Personnes Démunies (APED)
12. AMOUR ET Avenir DU CONGO (AACO)
13. Association de Développement pour la Paix et la Reconstruction en République Démocratique du Congo (ADPR-RDC)
14. ASSOCIATION DES VOLONTAIRES POUR LE RATTRAPAGE DU DÉVELOPPEMENT (AVORAD)
15. Association pour le Développement Social et la Sauvegarde de l’Environnement (AD SSE)
16. Bureau Oecuménique d’Appui au Développement (BOAD)
17. Centre de Recherche pour la Paix (CRP)
18. Children’s Voice
19. COMITE DE DEVELOPPEMENT LOCAL (CODEL UMOJA WETU)
20. CONGO CONSTRUCTION ET GENIE-CIVIL (COCO GEC ASBL)
21. DRC AID
22. Femmes Unies pour la Promotion des Droits et le Développement Intégral, en sigle : FUPRODI
23. GROUPE D’ACCOMPAGNEMENT DES MALADES (GRAM)
24. Laissez L’Afrique Vivre (LAV)
25. Management système
26. Mouvement International des droits de l’enfant de la femme de l’homme veuf et de leur promotion sociale (MIDEFEHOPS)
27. PANAFRICAN ALLIANCE FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
28. Programme d’assistance aux Populations Vulnérables en Afrique (PAPV-AFRIQUE)
29. Réseau de la charte pour le changement en RDC (C4C-RDC)
30. RÉSEAU DE MÉDIAS POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT (REMED)
31. Réseau des Association Congolais des Jeunes (RACOJ Nord-Kivu)
32. Union des groupes d’études et d’actions pour le développement de Fizi-Itombwe (UGEAFI)
33. UNION NEEMA POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT ET L’ASSURANCE DE LA VIE (UNDAV)
34. Union pour la Promotion/Protection, la Défense des Droits Humains et de l’Environnement (UPDDHE)
35. Unir pour la cohabitation, l’autopromotion et le développement intégré (UCADI)

Ethiopia:
36. Afar Community Initiative Sustainable Development Association (ACISDA)
37. Bethsaida Charity Organization
38. Coalition of Civil Societies for Ethiopians (CoCSE)
39. Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA)
40. Consortium of Ethiopian Human Rights Organizations (CEHRO)
41. Emela Association
42. Empathy for Life integrated Development Association (ELIDA)
43. ETHIOPIA WOMEN’S RIGHTS ADVOCATES (EWRA)
44. Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church Child and Family Affairs Organization (EOTC-CFAO)
45. Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church Development and Inter- Church Aid Commission (EOTC-DICAC)
46. Family Service Association
47. Fana Addis Tiwulid Ethiopia
48. FAWE Ethiopia chapter
49. Gambella Children and Community Development Organization
50. Gelgela Integrated Community Development Organization (GICDO)
51. Good Samaritan
52. Hadiya Youth Association (HYA)
53. Jerusalem Children and Community Development Organization (JeCCDO)
54. Know My Generation
55. Model Africa Union-Ethiopia
56. Mujeguwa Loka Women Development Association
57. Network of Ethiopian Women’s Associations
58. New Millennium Women Empowerment Organization /NMWEO/
59. New Vision in Development Association
60. ORGANIZATION FOR GIRLS’ ADULTS AND ADVOCACY
61. Oromia Rural Development Organization
62. Peace and Development Ethiopia
63. Quman Women Development Association
64. Saved To Save
65. SESEDA Social & Economic Development Association (SESEDA)
66. Strategies for Northern Development
67. Tarkanfi Sustainable Development
68. Women Can Do It
69. Women Empowerment-Action

Ghana:
70. Eden Spring of Hope
71. Social Education Development And Rural Volunteers Programme (SEDARVP)

Ivory Coast:

72. Cine connexion Promouvoir les droits de l’homme par le Cinéma et la culture

Kenya:

73. ARID LAND DEVELOPMENT FOCUS (ALDEF) KENYA
74. ASAL HUMANITARIAN NETWORK (AHN)
75. Caritas Meru-The Social Development arm of the Catholic Diocese of Meru
76. Child Fund International
77. Dignified Children International
78. Local Initiatives Development Agency (LIDA)
79. Pokot Women Empowerment Organisation (POWEO)
81. Relief Reconstruction and Development Organization
82. SAPCONE-Sustainable Approaches for community Empowerment
83. SIKOM Peace Network for Development (SIKOM)
84. TINADA Youth Organization (TIYO)
85. Womankind Kenya

Liberia:

86. National Commission for Justice Peace and Caritas
87. Community Healthcare Initiative (CHI)

Malawi:

88. Catholic Development Commission (Caritas Malawi)
89. Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP)

Mozambique:

90. Kukumbi
91. AJOAGO
92. Associacao Socio - Cultural Horizonte Azul
93. Conselho cristao de Mocambique- Delegacao de Inhambane
94. ADEL CABO DELGADO
95. KULIMA -Organismo para o Desenvolvimento socioeconómico integrado
96. ADEL CABO DELGADO
97. Associação para o Desenvolvimento das Comunidades Rurais - ADR
98. Hikone Mocambique
99. MAHAHEL-Associacao para a promocao e desenvolvimento da Mulher

Niger:

100. ON G AGIR PLUS

Nigeria:

101. IRIAD AFRICA
102. Against All Odds Foundation (AGAOF)
103. Aid Initiative to support Vulnerable and Idle people

104. Ambassadors of Dialogue Climate and Reintegration (DCR Ambassadors)
105. Begs House Foundation
106. Care for the Physically Challenged and Destruted Foundation (CAPCADF)
107. Catholic Caritas Foundation of Nigeria (Caritas Nigeria)
108. Centre for women studies and Interventions (CWSI)
110. Community Health, Justice and Peace Initiative for Development (JDPH)
111. Core-Aid and Community Resilience Initiative (CACRI)
112. Endam Home of Hope
113. ENTREPRENEURS HIP INITIATIVE FOR AFRICAN YOUTH (EIFAY)
114. Environmental Conflict Mediation and Women Development Initiative
115. E-Pearls of Africa
116. Gender And Community Empowerment Initiative (GECOME)
117. Gender and Environmental Risk Reduction Initiative (GERI)
118. Gender Equality Peace and Development Centre (GEPaDC)
119. Great Step Initiative
120. Hope for Future Generation Initiative Taraba
121. Initiative for Research, Innovation and Advocacy in Development
122. Jireh Doo Foundation (JDF)
123. Life Helpers Initiative
124. Local Communities Development Initiative (LOCDIN)
125. Marrietta Aids Relief Foundation
126. Network of Disabled women
127. Nkafamiya Rescue Mission
128. Oasis of Restoration Foundation
129. Ohaha Family Foundation
130. One Voice Initiative for Women and Children Emancipation (OVIWCE)
131. Precious Pride and Great Work Foundation (PPGW)
132. Roadmap for Women and Youth Development (RAWYOD)
133. Save the Future of Children Initiative (SAFIN)
134. SELU AFRIQUE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT - SACDIWE
135. WILLOW EMPOWERMENT FOR GRASSROOT DEVELOPMENT
136. Women Environment and Youth Development Initiative-WOYODE
137. Women in Humanitarian Response in Nigeria Initiative Network (WIHRINI)
138. Women’s Right to Education Programme

Rwanda:

139. Slum and Rural Health Initiative-Rwanda (SRHIN-RWANDA)

Senegal:

140. Réseau des associations pour la protection de l’environnement et la nature (RAPEN)
Somalia:
141. TAAKULO SOMALI COMMUNITY (TAAKULO)
142. Network Against FGM in Somaliland
143. Candlelight for Environment, Education and Health (Candlelight)

South Africa:
144. Whole World Women Association (WWWA)

South Sudan:
145. Child’s Destiny and Development Organization (CHIDDO)
146. Titi Foundation
147. Charity and Empowerment Foundation (CEF)
148. A Women Vision
149. Rural Initiative for Peace and Development Organization
150. Nile Hope
151. Rural Women for Development South Sudan
152. Pilgrims of Hope (POH)
153. Alternative Poverty Eradication Bureau For Africa (Apeba)

Central African Republic:
154. SOS CIVISME Central African Republic
155. URU

Chad:
156. ACTION POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT RURAL (ACD)
157. Action de Lutte Contre la Désertification et la Malnutrition dans le Kanem.
158. Association des Médiateurs pour la paix et le développement
159. ACTION POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL (ACDER)
160. Collectif culturel des jeunes pour le progrès social (CCJPS)
161. HOUSE OF AFRICA

Togo:
162. Caritas Africa
163. OCDI/CARITAS

Uganda:
164. Africa Refugee Led Network
165. African women and Youth Action for Development (AYWAD)
166. AFRI-YOUTH NETWORK
167. Agency For Accelerated Regional Development (AFARD)
168. Alternative Poverty Eradication Bureau for Africa (APEBA)
169. CAPAIDS Uganda
170. Care and Assistance for forced Migrants (CAFOMI)
171. Community Empowerment for Creative Innovation (CECI)
172. Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD)
173. Down Syndrome Foundation Uganda
174. ELOHiM Development Association
175. Girl Up Initiative Uganda
176. Human Rights Defenders Solidarity Network
177. Joint Effort to Save the Environment (JESE)
178. Mukisa Foundation
179. MWOKHO
180. One Youth One Heart Initiative
181. Partners in Community Transformation-ICOT
182. People Empowering People
183. Refugee Active Peace Building Initiative (RAPBI)
184. Refugee Entrepreneurship Association Limited (REAL)
185. Refugee-Led Organization Network (RELON-Uganda)
186. SHABAB PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP (SPEAK)
187. Somali Women Union in Uganda
188. SPECIAL CHILDREN’S TRUST
189. Support for Peace and Education Development Program (SPEDP)
190. Vision Teso Rural Development Organization (Vision TERUDO)
191. Western Uganda Humanitarian Platform
192. World Voices Uganda (WVU)

Zambia:
193. CARITAS ZAMBIA
194. Civil Society SDGs Campaign (GCAP)

Zimbabwe:
195. Africa AHEAD
196. Alliance
197. Community Water Alliance
198. Hope for a Child in Christ (HOCIC)
199. World Aid Foundation

Continental:
200. AFRICANS RISING

Regional/Multi-country:
201. African Youth Peer Review Committee (Liberia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Sudan, DRC, Ghana, Lesotho, Cameroon)
202. Amplify Girls, East Africa (Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda)
203. I CAN South Sudan (Uganda and South Sudan)
204. WASDA (Kenya and Somalia)
205. Youth Social Advocacy Team (YSAT) (Uganda and South Sudan)

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