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Put Children's Health First to build a better Future

Civil society's call to turn the Paris Child Summit's ambition into concrete political commitments, priorities and investment

To President Emmanuel Macron, G7 leaders, and the organizers and partners of the Child Summit at the 9th edition of the Paris Peace Forum.

We, the undersigned, call on you to commit to ensuring children's survival and health.

The Summit's central proposition is compelling: investing in children is one of the smartest and most resilient investments governments and partners can make. The case for action is now urgent. In 2024, nearly 5 million children died before reaching their fifth birthday, nearly half of them newborns¹. If budget cuts continue, up to 16 million more children could die in the coming decades². At a time when domestic and global health funding is under severe pressure and multilateralism needs to deliver concrete results, the Paris Child Summit has the potential to put child survival back at the heart of the international agenda.

1. Invest in child health as a driver of future prosperity

Healthy childhoods are the foundation for learning, development, productivity and opportunity. Yet, 13.5 million children remain completely unvaccinated against preventable diseases³ such as malaria, while malnutrition is linked to nearly half of all under-five deaths⁴. The contraction of external assistance is not a fatality, especially since investment in interventions such as immunization and nutrition services generates an average return of 23 to 1⁵ or more⁶.

To protect healthy childhoods and lay the foundation for future prosperity, governments and partners must protect and increase external and domestic financing for strong primary health care systems, in alignment with country priorities. This includes scaling up immunization, preventing and treating infectious diseases, and ending malnutrition. Concerted action is needed to safeguard evidence-based, high-impact services and strengthen existing health systems.

2. Invest in women, maternal and adolescent health to build more resilient societies

Children do not thrive in isolation. Their survival, development and wellbeing are inseparable from the health, rights, autonomy and agency of women, and from the systems that support families

¹ <https://data.unicef.org/resources/levels-and-trends-in-child-mortality-2025/>

² <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center/press-releases/2025/12/goalkeepers-child-deaths-rising-high-impact-solutions>

³ <https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/global-childhood-immunization-coverage-inches-forward-despite-conflict-and-hesitancy>

⁴ <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/malnutrition>

⁵ <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/nutrition/publication/investment-framework-nutrition>

⁶ <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32744930/>

and communities. Maternal health must be understood as inseparable from child wellbeing: when women are supported before, during and after pregnancy, both physically and mentally, families and communities are stronger. G7 countries must protect essential health, nutrition, protection and sexual and reproductive health services and rights. Furthermore, investments must expand to strengthen mental health and psychosocial support, preventing violence and ensuring women and adolescents can make informed decisions about their health and futures.

3. Sustain services in conflict-affected settings to foster stability

Conflict and humanitarian crises can rapidly dismantle health, nutrition, education and protection systems, with women, children and adolescents bearing a higher burden. Governments, donors and partners should commit to protecting essential services, including in conflict-affected and humanitarian settings. This requires flexible and predictable financing that enables national and local actors to maintain such services, hence protecting the continuity of care for those most at risk. Sustaining these services is not only a humanitarian imperative: it helps preserve social cohesion, prevent further deterioration and lay the foundations for recovery and lasting peace.

Investing in child survival is investing in human health, security, resilience, social cohesion and peace, while every year of delay costs lives that can no longer be saved. **We urge G7 leaders and all partners of the Paris Child Summit to ensure these priorities move beyond speeches and translate into tangible and measurable financial outcomes.** This will require clear commitments, budget lines dedicated to immunization, nutrition, child, maternal and adolescent health, and accountability mechanisms to protect the promises made in Paris for the years to follow.

Civil society stands ready to work with governments to ensure investments reach those most at risk and deliver healthier and more resilient future generations.

211 SIGNATORIES FROM 50 COUNTRIES

1. 237 paroles, Cameroun
2. Action contre la Faim, France
3. Action de Lutte contre la Malaria et la Promotion de la Santé Mentale, Burundi
4. ACTION Global Health Advocacy Partnership, United States
5. Action Health Incorporated, Nigeria
6. Action pour le Développement (ACDEV-Cameroun), Cameroun
7. Action Pour La Restauration De La Paix Et La Justice, République Démocratique du Congo
8. Action Santé, République Démocratique du Congo
9. Action Santé Mondiale, France
10. Actions Contre les Souffrances des Orphelines et des Veuves (ACSOV-RDC), République Démocratique du Congo

11. Actions Globales Pour L'inclusion Sociale Et Le Relèvement Communautaire, République Démocratique Du Congo
12. ADNS+, Tchad
13. Aequitas Diaqure, India
14. Aide Internationale pour le Développement Durable (AIDD), Côte d'Ivoire
15. Aid Organization, Bangladesh
16. AIDS-Fondet, Denmark
17. AIIMS Gorakhpur, India
18. AJADIG, Guinée
19. AJECEE, Congo
20. AJEDEB, Bénin
21. Alfasaned, Cameroun
22. Alliance congolaise pour les droits humains projet travail du sexe, ACODHU-TS, République Démocratique du Congo
23. Alliance de la société civile du Mouvement pour le renforcement de la nutrition, République centrafricaine
24. Alliance des Femmes pour le Développement, République Démocratique du Congo
25. Amref Health Africa, Senegal
26. Amref Health Africa, France
27. Amref Health Africa, Zambia
28. APAPE, Cameroun
29. APRODSEN, Cameroun
30. ASAPSU, Côte d'Ivoire
31. ASOS, Madagascar
32. Association Action Contre la Pauvreté, Cameroon
33. Association Camerounaise pour l'Épanouissement et l'Autonomisation des

Personnes Vulnérables, Cameroun

34. Association d'Aide à l'Éducation de l'Enfant Handicapé (AAEEH), France
35. Association des Femmes de l'Europe Méridionale AFEM, France
36. Association des Jeunes Engagés pour le Développement Émergent de Banikoara (AJEDEB), Bénin
37. Association des Jeunes Solidaires de Pitoaré Extrême-Nord (AJESPI-EN), Cameroun
38. Association des Volontaires Unis pour le Développement du Cameroun, Cameroun
39. Association Féminine Vision Positive "AFVIPO ", Cameroun
40. Association For Promotion Sustainable development, India
41. Association IZARA, Madagascar
42. Association Mains Unies Pour l'Espoir (AMUPES), Cameroun
43. Association Pour l'Education à la sexualité et à la Santé en Afrique, Bénin
44. Association pour la Promotion de la Santé de la Femme de la Mère de l'Enfant et de la Famille, Cote d'Ivoire
45. Association pour la Promotion et l'Intégration de la Jeunesse de Koulsé, Burkina Faso
46. Association pour la santé communautaire, Cameroun
47. Association pour l'Amélioration de l'Alimentation de la Mère et de l'enfant au sud Kivu/Ameki-RDC, République Démocratique du Congo
48. Association TED, Cameroun
49. Association YEMINI SANTE, Congo
50. Association YERELON+, Burkina Faso
51. Bakgoro ba Moshate, South Africa
52. Balanced Stewardship Development Association (BALSTDA), Nigeria
53. Barwaqa Relief Organization, Kenya
54. BasicNeeds, Ghana

55. Black Youth Foundation, South Africa
56. Brazilian Parents of Preemies' Association, Brazil
57. Cameroon Green Land Network, Cameroun
58. Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases, Canada
59. Caritas et communauté Arbre et Vie (CARICAV), Congo Brazzaville
60. Cenadefruc, République démocratique du Congo
61. Centre d'Appui pour le Développement Local et Communautaire (CADELCO), Cameroon
62. Centre for Healthworks, development and research initiative (Chedres), Nigeria
63. Centre for Women Justice Uganda, Uganda
64. CHEN - patient fertility association, Israel
65. Child/Women Welfare Foundation (CWWF), Cameroon
66. Clinton Health Access Initiative, Ethiopia
67. Club des Amis Damien, République Démocratique du Congo
68. Coalition des OSC pour le Financement de la Santé et la CSU (COFIS-CSU), Cameroun
69. Coalition for Women's Health in Africa (COWHA), Kenya
70. COLTMR CI, Côte d'Ivoire
71. Collectif Tous Unis en faveur de la Nutrition (TUN), Niger
72. Commonwealth Foundation, Malaysia
73. Community Initiative for Tuberculosis Aids and Malaria (CITAMPLUS), Zambia
74. Community Sustainable Health Solutions, Cameroon
75. Conscience et Dynamisme des Jeunes CDJ-ONG/ASBL, République démocratique du Congo
76. Convention pour la défense des droits de la femme, République démocratique du Congo

77. Coopérative Agro-Pastorale Don Emard (CADE), Congo
78. Corps des jeunes contre le paludisme, République Démocratique du Congo
79. Disability Peoples Forum, Uganda
80. Education For All, Cameroon
81. Educating Girls and Young Women for Development-EGYD, Zambia
82. eannaso, Tanzania
83. ENDA Santé, Guinée-Bissau
84. ESCAVI, Niger
85. Every Breath Counts Coalition, United States of America
86. Feminist Sphere, Nigeria
87. Focus Equality, Italy
88. For Impacts In Social Health (FIS), Cameroun
89. Forum for the Promotion of Gender Equity and Moral Values, Nigeria
90. Fondation femme plus, Democratic Republic of Congo
91. Fundación Huésped, Argentina
92. Fundación HCV Sin Fronteras, Argentina
93. Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice, USA
94. Global Citizen, France
95. Global Enviro-Action, Democratic Republic of Congo
96. Global Health Italian Network, Italy
97. Global Public Health University GPHU, Nigeria
98. GRET, France
99. Growing together 2.0, Cameroon
100. Health and Global Policy Institute (HGPI), Japan

101. Health Promotion Tanzania, Tanzania
102. Health NGOs Network, Kenya
103. Help The Children International, Cameroon
104. Homme pour les droits et la santé sexuelle, HODSAS, République Démocratique du Congo
105. Hope for Future Generations, Ghana
106. HRC Right To Information Trust, India
107. HUMANEES, Cameroun
108. Impande ka Nyoni, South Africa
109. Impact Santé Afrique (ISA), Cameroon
110. InterFaith Vision Foundation - IVFCam, Cameroon
111. International Medical Education Academy, Myanmar
112. International Rescue Committee, United States
113. International Youth Alliance For Family planning, Democratic Republic of Congo
114. Iphehlo laMabhele naMampinga, South Africa
115. ISDE, Bangladesh
116. ITPC WA, Sénégal
117. Jeunesse congolaise vers la voie du savoir, République Démocratique du Congo
118. Jeunesse du Monde en Action, France
119. jeune engage, Congo
120. JustActions, United States of America
121. Korean Advocates for Global Health, Republic of Korea (South Korea)
122. La Plateforme des Réseaux et Faïtières de lutte contre le Sida et les Autres Pandémies, Côte d'Ivoire

123. La Solidarité contre le Paludisme Centrafrique (SPALCA), La République Centrafricaine (RCA)
124. Laerdal Global Health, Norway
125. Lanka Fundamental Rights Organization, Sri Lanka
126. Lata Medical Research Foundation, Nagpur, India
127. LiveWell Initiative LWI, Nigeria
128. LOSEV - Foundation for Children with Leukemia, Turkey
129. Lumière Du Jour - Espoir Éternel, Côte-d'Ivoire
130. Main d'Alliance pour le Développement ONG, République Démocratique du Congo
131. Maké Fofana, Guinée
132. Maison de la démocratie et des droits de l'homme, Guinée
133. Medical Doctors For Choice, Rwanda
134. Mothers First, Kenya
135. National Forum of People Living with HIV/AIDS Networks (NAFOPHANU), Uganda
136. Network of persons living with HIV, Ghana
137. Nexus Hope, République démocratique du Congo
138. Nutrition International, Canada
139. ONE, France
140. ONG ASSED, Tchad
141. ONG BLETY, Côte d'Ivoire
142. ONG Centre Cité de l'Espoir, Côte d'Ivoire
143. ONG CEDECO (Centre De Développement Communautaire), CÔTE D'IVOIRE
144. ONG Conscience et Vie (COVIE), Côte d'Ivoire

145. ONG Les Amis du Japon, Côte d'Ivoire
146. ONG Dimension Humaine, TOGO
147. ONG ADET, Togo
148. Organisation Congo Prévention Secours OCPS, Congo
149. Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, Global
150. Pastoralist Initiative development Aid (PIDA), Ethiopia
151. People's Health Movement (PHM), Tanzania
152. Plateforme des ONGs et Associations de lutte contre le Paludisme au Congo (POALP), Congo
153. Plateforme de la société civile HINA, Madagascar
154. Preparing For Life, the Netherlands
155. Première Urgence Internationale, France
156. Preethi Hospitals, India
157. Princess of Africa Foundation, South Africa
158. Public Health International consulting center, USA
159. Racines, Bénin
160. Rainbo Initiative, Sierra Leone
161. RCMISSU, RDC
162. Réseau des Associations Congolaise des jeunes (RACoj), République Démocratique du Congo
163. Réseau des Femmes Oeuvrant pour le Developpement Rural, Rwanda
164. Resilience Action Network Africa (RANA), African continent
165. Resilience Action Network International (RANI), Global
166. Restore Hope For Hopeless (Rhh), Democratic Republic Of Congo
167. Results, Australia

168. Results Canada, Canada
169. RESULTS, United States of America (USA)
170. Results, United Kingdom
171. Réseau des Jeunes pour la Promotion de l'Abandon des Mutilations Génitales Féminines et des Mariages d'Enfants, Sénégal
172. Réseau Ivoirien des Organisations Féminines (RIOF), Côte d'Ivoire
173. RIP+, Côte D'ivoire
174. Rotanganedza Community Care, South Africa
175. Rural Infrastructure and Human resources Development Organization (RIHRDO), Pakistan
176. Santé Espoir Vie, Guinée
177. Santé Sud, France
178. Sans Frontière, Cameroun
179. Scaling Up Nutrition Civil Society Network (SUN CSN), Global
180. Siddhi Memorial Foundation, Nepal
181. Sinatsisa Lubombo Women and girls Empowerment organization, Eswatini
182. SOLFEV, Côte d'Ivoire
183. Son Empreinte, Cameroun
184. Speak Up Africa, Senegal
185. Sustainable Impact for the Development of Africa (SIDAF), Cameroon
186. TB Alert India, India
187. Technical Advice Connect, Nigeria
188. The Ehlers-Danlos Society, UK
189. Thriving Youth Leaders Initiative, Lesotho
190. Trois Fois Sains (Trofos Ongd), République Démocratique du Congo

191. UCAAM, Uganda
192. Uganda Civil Society Alliance Against Malaria (UCAAM), Uganda
193. Umzanyana birth services, South Africa
194. UNASCAD (Union des Amis Socioculturels d'Action en Développement), Haïti
195. Union Pour Le Développement , Le Changement Des Mentalités Et L'épanouissement De L'humanité, Burundi
196. Unis pour Sauver des Vies (USV), Côte d'Ivoire
197. Universal Maidens Association Cameroon (UNIMAC), Cameroon
198. Universal Versatile Society, India
199. UTTHAN, Bangladesh
200. UYAHF, Uganda
201. Visanté, Cameroun
202. WACI Health, Kenya
203. WESDE (Water Energy and Sanitation for Development), Cameroun
204. Women and Children Agenda, Uganda
205. Women in Hepatitis Africa WIHA, Nigeria
206. Women Relief Aid, South Sudan
207. World Vision, France
208. World Vision International, UK
209. YMCA, Cameroun
210. Young Women's Knowledge and Leadership Institute Burundi (YOWLI), Burundi
211. Zicabangeleni Project, South Africa