



CHAK ANNUAL HEALTH CONFERENCE & GENERAL MEETING 2018

DATES: 24TH – 26TH APRIL 2018

RELIGIOUS LEADERS STATEMNET ON SUPPORT FOR FAMILY PLANNING: GATES FP PROJECT

CONFERENCE THEME: "Universal Health Coverage goal by Kenya Government; FBO strategic engagement"

The hard truth is that unplanned pregnancy is for many a matter of life and death. Every two minutes a woman dies due to pregnancy-related complications a grim transformation of what should be one of the happiest times into one of the most dangerous. For other women, unplanned pregnancy stands in the way of the future they want for themselves and their families. And because we know the health of mothers, new-borns and children go hand in hand, unplanned pregnancy can have devastating long-term consequences for families, too. Today a great proportion of women around the world gaining access to contraceptives are a matter of urgency. This is the magnitude of our challenge. As religious leaders from various denominations, we commit to a big step toward addressing unmet need for family planning services by advocating for resource allocation and specifically budget line allocation for family planning in the counties budgets. This is in line with FP 2020 commitment to ensure that, by 2020, 120 million more women and girls in the poorest countries have access to the education, services and the method of contraception they want and choose to use. It is an ambitious yet achievable goal and an important stepping stone to the ultimate vision of universal access to contraception.

We therefore recognize the benefits for women who are able to control their fertility. They should be helped to make such choices themselves, as well as in discussion with their partners. The ability to do so by choice and not chance is a principal component of women's physical and mental health and social well-being. Which we endeavour to promote for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you all.

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