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HOYMAS WELCOMES MR. SIDIBE TO KENYA AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A STRENGTHENED UNAIDS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP.

HOYMAS Kenya Is excited to welcome Mr. Sidibe to Kenya as he begins his tour of the country in May 2018. We take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to working with UNAIDS under the leadership of Mr. Sidibe.

HOYMAS Kenya has followed with great concern the calls for the resignation of Mr. Sidibe from UNAIDS in the ongoing discussions regarding allegations of sexual harassment at UNAIDS.

We are not attacking the women who have come forward to speak about the alleged sexual harassment as we believe everyone who faces any form of violation should come forward, speak up and be heard. We believe the processes within the UN systems are doing their best to complete the investigation that hopefully will put this issue to rest.

Today however, HOYMAS would like to focus our support for Mr. Sidibe who remains one of the biggest influences for the growth of the Key populations voice, presence and participation in the Global HIV and health responses globally and at country levels.

To date HOYMAS Kenya remains one of main CSO partners with NASCOP focused on health and human rights for MSM in Nairobi. Our primary focus being HIV and STI prevention and treatment for male sex workers in Nairobi and since April 2018, in Nyeri county. Since inception, HOYMAS has enrolled over 3000 MSW in our fully functional community led clinic, and continues to work with among others, the county and subcounty governments to continuously provide preventive commodities as well as HIV drugs, e.g. PrEP, PEP and ART.

We have been in the limelight for the massive media advocacy we have been on the front of, especially in line with efforts to legalize sex work and same sex relations which would see our community able to live and access all services possible.

Today What we would like to talk to is Mr. Sidibe's leadership which is currently being put in question by the calls by the various Civil Society Organizations demanding his resignation.

Mr. Sidibe has been champion of a people-centred approach to health and a strong advocate for social justice. Under his leadership, the goal of having 15 million people living with HIV on antiretroviral therapy by the end of 2015 was achieved nine months ahead of schedule and Global efforts to strengthen HIV prevention and treatment programmes are also reducing the transmission of HIV. He continues to be a key ally for Key populations and hard to reach populations including Men who have sex with Men, Gay Men and women, Lesbian, Transgender people and sex workers. Under his unwavering belief in a just society peer led networks like ours have grown and reaped immensely from opportunities to build our capacity as well as our engagement with stakeholders at all levels in ensuring policies and interventions that impact on our lives are responsive to our realities and needs.

At a time when Global data reports by countries shows HIV prevalence among key populations often is substantially higher than it is among the general population; gay men and other men who have sex with men accounted for 12% of new infections in 2015; sex workers and people who inject drugs accounted for 5% and 8% of new infections, respectively HOYMAS remains optimistic that the realization of HIV prevention and treatment targets that remain focused on 'Leaving no one behind' to enable access for hard to reach populations will be achieved under the robust and focussed leadership of Mr. Sidibe.

HOYMAS Kenya reaffirms our support for Mr. Sidibe, we believe in his leadership to get us to the vision of an end to AIDS by 2030. We know that his commitment to social justice is what Key population networks like ours need to realize a favorable environment in which we can access HIV prevention and treatment services and achieve universal health coverage.

We look forward to engaging with him during his visit to Kenya and to a more strengthened partnership between Key populations networks in Kenya and UNAIDS.

Thank you.

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