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AAA's work is based on 3 programmes:

"JUST KNOW" Campaign emphasizes" MA YEM, MA BO":

- Knowledge of one's body
- Knowledge that leads to behavior change
- Knowledge that helps to visualize a future without AIDS

"Health before Wealth" Concept promotes:

- Testing for HIV
- Clean hands (hand washing stations)
- Clean water (drinking stations)
- Dignified toilets
- Fighting against Malaria (treated mosquito bed nets)
- Vaccination
- Anti worms medicin

"Women's economic autonomy" through our Scholarship Programme.

This scholarship enables each teenage orphan girl to complete at least a secondary, general or technical education that will lead to financial and economic autonomy, greatly reducing the risk of being infected with HIV through sexual abuse and violence.

The 60th Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations, New York was very well attended. A record breaking 4100 non-governmental representing 540 organizations, including African Action on AIDS were on hand. More than 80 Ministers were representing governments from around the world. Instead of passively listening to the usual well intended declarations from member states, we decided concurrently to visit www.unwomen.org/en/get-involved/step-it-up/commitments, and highlight ACTIONS able to lead to Sustainable Development in 2030.

We invite you to fetch more commitments and in so doing keep the pressure on decision makers. Please see some of our first choices below and stand for their implementation as your own contribution to a better future worldwide:

Algeria: *Adopts a Working Woman's Charter which aims to reconcile family and professional obligations.*

Cote d'Ivoire: *Launches the National Council for Women to guide efforts on women's rights.*

Cuba: *Cuban women have a life expectancy close to 81 years of age, and one of the lowest world maternal mortality rate.*

Kenya: *Accelerates universal access to reproductive health.*

Malawi: *Vows to end child marriage.*

Nigeria: *Pursues a policy of local manufacture of essential commodities including: antiretroviral drugs, HIV tests kits and condoms.*

Rwanda: *Commits to triple the number of girls enrolled in Technical and Vocational Training by 2020.*

Sierra Leone: *Commits to free education and health care to empower women and girls.*

South Africa: *Sets a five-year goal to concentrate efforts on achieving an HIV-free generation, with particular reference to girls and young women.*

As Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka said during her opening speech, countries gave gender inequality an expiration date: 2030. **Now it is time to get to work.**

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