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- **Accountable mechanisms include indicators that can be measured. If countries do not involve civil society in determining, measuring and evaluating these indicators, we do not believe MDG targets will be achieved.**
- **We call on African leaders to remember the commitments they made when signing onto the Abuja targets to put 15% of National budgets to Health. We request at the African Union Meeting taking place in Uganda in July where the theme will be health related. We will not achieve Universal Access to treatment by only looking at donor countries**
- **Donors should be aware that the recent shrinking of funds for treatments is reversing our steps towards realizing MDG 6.**
- **We can't demand for accountability when decisions for Resource allocation at country level are made without the people who are going to make the changes and we believe women organizations at all level will lead that change.**
- **Someone once said that in Africa and in many other developing countries, the face of the HIV/AIDS pandemic is the face of a woman. UNAIDS came up with an operational plan to address issues affecting women and girls. We call upon Member States to support the operationalization of this plan. This includes resource allocation to women's organizations at all levels and mainstreaming gender in all government departments  
This plan addresses prevention, treatment care and support for women and girls.**

- **We believe Access to sexual and reproductive Health for women should be top on the agenda of National Health Strategies because we are far from reaching MDG targets 4 and 5.**

**Governments working with civil society members should go back on the drawing board and see where we have gone wrong.**

**A rights based approach to sexual and reproductive health should be the mandate of all governments. In Most places in Africa, Health Centres are far from the people and not equipped with qualified staff and drugs and there is stigma and discrimination including lack of adolescent friendly reproductive health services in most countries.**

- **Harmful cultural barriers to access to services are not being addressed by governments.**

**Laws protecting women and girls are not enforced in countries and the International Community should rise up against any form of violence against women. Rape including marital rape is the order of the day. We believe in male involvement programs as one of the strategies. and these should be supported by government.**

- **Lastly, criminalization laws being adopted by many countries against groups of people like Men having Sex with Men are causing stigma and discrimination . We cannot achieve the MDG to prevention and treatment for HIV/AIDS by promoting these laws. This also includes the HIV prevention Bills that are being passed in many countries which make women and girls more vulnerable**