



World March of Women –Kenyan Chapter

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PRESS RELEASE

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL 5 : IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH IN KENYA.

ACTION BY PETITIONING PARLIAMENT TO INCREASE THE BUDGET ALLOCATION TO MATERNAL HEALTH CARE & PREVENTION OF DEATHS OF KENYAN MOTHERS AND CHILDREN FROM PREVENTABLE DISEASES.

We the world March of women Kenyan chapter;

Undertaking the role of motherhood with pride that it deserves,;

Honouring our mother country with our God given productive role

Acknowledging that;

1. Kenya has just passed a new constitution that recognises reproduction health as a basic right for every Kenyan,
2. That Kenya is a signatory to the 5th millennium goal ‘to improve maternal health’
3. Kenya pledged to increase health sector allocations to at least 15% of government expenditure in 2001 in Abuja and President Kibaki reconfirmed this commitment at the Africa Union Heads of State Summit in Kampala in July 2010
4. Kenya committed itself to invest more in community health workers

Respecting the fact that even though complication of pregnancy cannot always be prevented, deaths can be averted if women receive proper medical care

Recognising that the government is the custodian of our consolidated fund and parliament is responsible for proper budgetary allocations

Believing that the women of Kenya are the backbone of this nation call upon;

- Kenyan government to honour its pledge to the women of Kenya.



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- Parliament to increase allocations to the health sector and more specifically to maternal health care and preventable diseases.
- Parliament to establish a select committee to look into maternal and child deaths.
- Parliament to identify funds within the National budget which can be re-allocated to immediate needs for maternal health.
- Parliament to celebrate international women's day and international Children's day as official parliamentary occasions in solidarity with all women and children of Kenya.

Tomorrow, Thursday, 19th August 2010, World march of Women Kenya Chapter together with our partners and networks will commence action towards advocating for improved maternal health and prevention of deaths of Kenyan women and children from preventable diseases.

We will present the petition to parliament at 10.00 a.m on Thursday 19th August 2010 and thereafter announce the launch of our online international campaign to collect ten million signatures worldwide in solidarity with all the countries that are committed to achieving millennium development goal No.5

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