DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

In his World AIDS Day speech, the President of the Republic of Uganda H. E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni called upon Ugandans especially the young people to avoid living recklessly. He urged them instead to focus on wealth creation and take advantage of the various livelihood programmes that the Government has put in place. As we head towards the finish line, HIV prevention is critical.

This is because it contributes greatly to closing the tap on new infections. I therefore call on all Ugandans to play their role in preventing HIV so that we can end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. Sustainability of the National HIV and AIDS Response has been one of the most debated issues in the HIV Response. I am glad to mention that we have made strides in developing a sustainability roadmap for our Response. We thank the key stakeholders that have contributed their expertise so far.

We are optimistic that the Roadmap will soon be finalized and approved for us to start on our way to sustainability. We are left with five years left to 2030-the year when the world promised to end AIDS as a public health threat. We are optimistic that this year will be one where we consolidate all our efforts to ensure we achieve this goal. This means focusing on closing the tap on new infections among adolescent girls and young women, eliminating mother to child transmission of HIV, accelerating test and treat, ensuring a well-coordinated Response and finally working towards a sustainable HIV and AIDS Response.

I conclude by inviting you to download a copy of our quarterly newsletter titled "The Intersection". In this publication you will read about the impactful interventions that have been implemented by our staff, implementing partners and Ministries, Departments and Agencies. If you would like to contribute to this publication, send an email to the Deputy Editor at joanita.kemigisha@uac.go.ug. Remember to share feedback with us so that we can make the subsequent issues better.

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