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Project Launch - Joining Forces for Africa: Acting to End Child Labor

Lilongwe, 23rd August 2023 – In a collaborative effort that began in 2017, six prominent organizations dedicated to the rights and welfare of children – ChildFund Alliance, Plan International, Save the Children International, SOS Children's Villages International, Terre des Hommes International Federation, and World Vision International formed a global initiative called Joining Forces Alliance (JOFA) that jointly advocates for the promotion, respect, protection and fulfillment of child rights globally. Our collective mission is to expedite transformative action, safeguard children's rights, and put an end to the scourge of violence against them. Grounded in the voices and needs of children, this alliance pioneers innovative, globally-scalable approaches.

An exceptional milestone has been reached in Malawi as Save the Children Malawi and Plan International Malawi, in partnership with World Vision Germany through the Global Joining Forces Alliance, have secured funding from the European Union to implement a project entitled: "Joining Forces for Africa: Acting to End Child Labor" (JOFA-ACTE). This is a multi-county project, which will be implemented in four countries namely: Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Mali, over a period of three years (2023-2025).

The overall project goal is to contribute to the reduction of child labor targeting its worst forms in these four countries in line with the Sustainable Development Goals Target 8.7 by 2025.

In country (Malawi) where an alarming 38% of children aged 5 – 17, are currently engaged in hazardous or exploitative work, this collaborative effort signifies a pivotal milestone in the battle for children's rights and well-being.

In Malawi the project impact districts are Ntchisi and Lilongwe. The project is set to strengthen local and national child protection systems, while fostering collaboration with children, families, communities, and institutions. By deepening awareness, leveraging on existing institutional capacities to protect children, the project strives to make a lasting and sustainable impact in the targeted impact areas, and most importantly in the lives of children most affected by child labour.

In view of this, the JOFA-ACTE Project informs the general public of the open national launch that will take place as follows:

Date: 30 August 2023

Venue: Liwera Primary School, T/A Chimutu Lilongwe.

Guest of Honor:

Hon. Agnes Nyalonje - Minister of Labour

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