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SEVILLA PLATFORM FOR ACTION

Title: Financing Holistic Development: A Community-Centered Framework for Health Equity, Climate Resilience, and Social Justice

Introduction

As the world anticipates the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4), **the Stevenson Holistic Care Foundation (SHCF)** acknowledges the necessity of realigning global financing frameworks with the needs and aspirations of vulnerable communities. Embracing the principles of equity, sustainability, and human dignity, SHCF is honoured to present the Sevilla Platform for Action, a call to galvanize inclusive and accountable financing to achieve substantive advancements on the Sustainable Development Goals - SDGs.

Our initiative underscores **holistic financing**—focusing on people, powered by partnerships, and sustained through innovation.

Pillars of the Sevilla Platform for Action

1. Reimagine Health Financing for Equity and Access

Advocate for at least **15% of national budgets** to be allocated to health, in line with the Abuja Declaration, with an emphasis on **primary health care**, **mental health**, and **community-based services**.

Support **innovative financing models** such as health impact bonds and community health insurance schemes to reach underserved populations.

Mobilize multilateral and private sector investment in **digital health infrastructure**, including telemedicine and health data systems.

2. Mobilize Climate-Responsive Financing

Ensure **climate adaptation and mitigation** funds are accessible to community-based organizations (CBOs) engaged in health, agriculture, water, and disaster preparedness.

Promote the creation of **Green Social Protection Funds** to safeguard poor and climate-vulnerable households from economic shocks.

Support the **loss and damage finance facility** under the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change** - UNFCCC, with targeted financial flows to frontline communities.

3. Empower Local Actors through Direct Financing

Advocate for **at least 30% of international development financing** to be directly accessible to local and grassroots organizations.

Establish national Community Resilience Investment Platforms (CRIPs) to coordinate donor, government, and private resources for SDG-aligned community projects.

Encourage **gender-responsive budgeting** and youth-led grantmaking models that enhance participation and accountability.

4. Bridge the Digital and Financial Divide

Expand **digital financial inclusion** tools for women, youth, and rural entrepreneurs through mobile platforms, micro-loans, and cooperative savings.

Promote public-private partnerships (PPPs) that build **rural connectivity and ICT literacy**.

Leverage fintech innovations to improve **transparency in aid flows** and reduce leakages in development financing.

5. Strengthen Global Tax Justice and Debt Relief Mechanisms

Call for binding commitments to **curb illicit financial flows**, end harmful tax incentives, and ensure corporations pay equitable taxes in the countries where they operate.

Support the establishment of a **UN-led Global Tax Body** to promote fair tax governance.

Advocate for a **comprehensive sovereign debt workout mechanism** that prioritizes health and education spending during restructuring.

SHCF Commitments Under the Sevilla Platform

As a leading development actor, the **Stevenson Holistic Care Foundation** commits to:

Implementing a **Community Finance and Accountability Lab** in three Nigerian states to test scalable models of participatory budgeting and financial tracking.

Convening an **Annual Health and Development Financing Forum** for civil society, government, and private sector stakeholders in West Africa.

Partnering with international networks to **mobilize \$5 million by 2030** for grassroots initiatives focused on health equity, youth skills, and climate adaptation.

Publishing an **Open Finance Report** annually to track domestic resource use and external funding impact in our intervention areas.

Conclusion and Call to Action

The Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development must deliver more than promises—it must catalyze a transformative financing architecture that empowers those furthest behind. The Sevilla Platform for Action offers a practical and inclusive roadmap for achieving this goal.

Stevenson Holistic Care Foundation stands ready to work with governments, development partners, and communities to turn these principles into progress.

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