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PRESS RELEASE

Spotlight on Reproductive Health: IPPF Leader Visits Ghana

Accra, 08 February 2024 – The Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana (PPAG) is pleased to welcome Dr. Alvaro Bermejo, Director General of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), accompanied by Ms. Marie-Evelyne Pétrus-Barry, Regional Director for Africa, for a high-level mission in Ghana from the 10th to 13th of February, 2024.

IPPF is the leading global provider of sexual and reproductive health services worldwide and PPAG is a proud affiliate of IPPF. In Africa, IPPF supports national associations in their field actions for vulnerable populations and runs regional programmes to strengthen sexual and reproductive rights and health on the continent.

During his visit, the Director General will meet with the PPAG teams in Accra to discuss the Association's priorities and challenges regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights. He will also conduct a field visit to Cape Coast for first-hand experience with PPAG's frontline work.

In addition will be media engagements, high level courtesy calls and meetings with top Ghanaian authorities including relevant Cabinet Ministers and private organisations working in the Reproductive Health sector in Ghana. PPAG's vision is to see a Ghana where young people and vulnerable groups have unhindered access to sexual and reproductive health and rights and has been advocating for years in this regard. The Director General's visit will provide an opportunity to review progress made and challenges that are left to be surmounted.

This visit demonstrates IPPF's and PPAG's continued commitment to defend the rights and health of women, men, young people and vulnerable groups. PPAG and IPPF are determined to strengthen their collaboration to improve universal access to quality sexual and reproductive health services. For PPAG, it has been almost 60 fulfilling years of influencing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights policies, service delivery and shifting norms and looking forward to more years of impactful existence.

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