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Dear Member,

We are reaching out on behalf of Vaccines for Africa (V4A), a novel approach to vaccination developed and spearheaded by the Ghana-owned and operated company mPharma and an initiative of the West Africa Private Sector Coronavirus Platform (WAPSCON19).

V4A is seeking to further broaden the network of private employers who are willing to provide vaccinations to their employees and contribute to the mission to return Ghana to normal. This pandemic has become the most impactful crisis of a generation, with its effects on Ghana and Africa to last well beyond our lifetimes. We are asking everyone we can reach to do their part to ensure that an entire continent is not left behind.

The goal of V4A is to vaccinate upwards of 2.5 million people in Africa through a public-private partnership campaign. Starting in Ghana, V4A will work in partnership with governments and their relevant regulatory bodies to secure vaccines for employee use. A one-to-one matching program will also provide vaccines to governments, who can then distribute doses among the most vulnerable. Under the leadership of the Government of Ghana's existing vaccine distribution channels, this initiative seeks to increase vaccination capacity in Ghana while allowing business to resume operations and protect employee health.

The initiative will seek to establish Ghana as a leader in the deployment of vaccines, through a model that can be replicated in other parts of the continent. Our efforts are focused on:

- integrating Africa's private healthcare providers into the global supply chain for vaccines (including all internationally approved vaccines from major manufacturers)
- implementing a program that will allow private companies in the coalition to have their employees vaccinated and accelerate their return to normal
- establishing an avenue for private companies to create social impact and contribute to public sector efforts to vaccinate the most vulnerable (as for each vaccinated employee the employer will commit to sponsor a free vaccine for the government)

The initiative has received endorsement from the Government of Ghana through an MoU between the Ministry of Health and mPharma outlining the implementation framework signed on March 4th, 2021. WAPSCON19 has been active in Ghana since the start of the pandemic crisis and played an instrumental role in creating private sector capacity for COVID-19 testing in the country (currently nearly 60% of the overall testing volume). Vaccines for Africa is further supported by prominent Ghanaian private sector companies (such as Standard Chartered Bank and Airtel) and

international organizations (including(including CDC Group).

We are now looking to broaden our network of private sector employers. If you are interested in joining the program, you can sign up using <u>this form</u>. Our team is available to connect to answer any questions you may have, and further align our mutual goals of bolstering Ghana's private sector during this difficult time.

Best wishes,

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