MAYORS AND TOWN CLERKS OF KAMPALA CAPITAL CITY AUTHORITY AND THE NEWLY CREATED CITIES IN UGADNA OF MASAKA, FORT PORTAL, MBARARA, HOIMA, JINJA, MBALE, LIRA, GULU AND STAKEHOLDERS' DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT ON INTEGRATING NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND MENTAL HEALTH IN ALL SECTORS OF THE CITY TO PREVENT AND MANAGE THEM.

Preamble;

We, the Leaders and stakeholders of Kampala Capital City Authority, newly created cities of Masaka, Fort Portal, Mbarara, Hoima, Jinja, Mbale, Lira, Gulu, represented by the Mayors and Town Clerks of the Cities together with the Alliance of Mayors and other urban Leaders on Health and HIV/AIDS in Africa (AMICAALL) attending the National stakeholders/sectors meeting on promoting healthy Cities, today, the 25th of November 2021 at Eureka Place Hotel, Ntinda -Kampala, focusing on: Strengthening governance for healthy cities initiative, make a statement as follows:

1. We note with concern;

   a) The increasing number of people affected and dying of Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health conditions
   b) The need for the urban local government political leadership to work with technical people to have proper urban specific data on NCDs and mental health
   c) The role of all sectors in the urban local government in the NCDs and Mental Health fight
   d) Lack of supportive infrastructure in many sectors like walkways, playing fields
   e) Lack of provision to capture variables in the information system on NCDs and mental health specific data
   f) Need to create and enact bye - laws which create a conducive environment for prevention and control of NCDs for example on alcohol, drug abuse and promotion of physical activity
   g) Involvement of private sector and business community in the NCD response through coordination and collaboration need to target interventions to urban communities in a holistic manner

2. We appreciate;

   a) The support of Government, in particular Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and sports, Ministry of Works and Transport, towards healthy cities initiative
   b) The support of Development Partners like UNDP, WHO, in funding integration of NCDs and mental health response globally especially the support to AMICAALL and Ministry of Health
   c) The support to AMICAALL and Ministry of Health for organizing this National Stakeholders/sectors meeting to promote healthy cities and to update leaders on the magnitude of NCDs and mental health as well as the strategic priorities

3. We fully support;

   a) Government in its efforts to integrate NCDs and mental health in all sectors of the urban local governments in the entire Country

4. We emphasize;
a) The need for all sectors to strengthen NCDs and mental health preventive and control measures.

5. We resolve to support;
   a) Creation of smoke-free cities,
   b) The ban of tobacco advertising,
   c) The rise in tobacco taxes or fees,
   d) Taxation of sugary and alcoholic drinks,
   e) Enact bye - laws and ordinances to regulate nutrition standards for foods served and sold in public institutions,
   f) Regulation of unhealthy food and drinks marketing,
   g) Creation healthier environments,
   h) Reduction in speeding,
   i) Increment in motorcycle helmet use,
   j) Reduction in drink driving,
   k) Increment of seat-belt use,
   l) Promotion of active mobility and champion physical activity,
   m) Prevention associated with overdose deaths,
   n) Public health data and monitoring system on NCDs and mental health.

6. We recommend that;
   a) The ongoing AMICAALL and Ministry of Health partnership continues to be supported by UNDP and also be expanded to other Cities, Municipalities and Town Councils in Uganda
   b) All urban local government sectors should be part and parcel of the planning and implementing interventions/ measures for prevention and control of NCDs and mental health.
   c) Government should allocate a conditional grant for NCDs and mental health to the urban local governments
   d) All urban local governments should plan, budget and allocate own resources for NCDs and mental health respectively
   e) Government and development partners should support community initiatives and systems strengthening for local level NCDs and mental health response

7. We thank;
   a) The government of Uganda for focusing on this silent epidemic of NCDs and mental health
   b) AMICAALL and Ministry of Health for organizing this national Stakeholders/Sectors platform to discuss health Cities.
   c) UNDP and WHO for spearheading the integration of NCDs and mental health globally.

Mayors
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Lord Mayor, Kampala Capital City Authority

Town Clerks
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Executive Director Kampala Capital City Authority

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Mayor Mbarara City

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