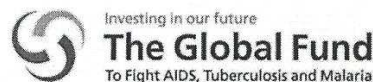




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Honorable Marcus Knuth,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we would like to invite the Danish Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs to appoint representatives to take part as distinguished guests in a visit to Uganda on 10-13 February 2020.

Equitable access to health services is critical in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3. Achieving this goal also promises to significantly accelerate progress on women's and children's health and advances socioeconomic development. With support from generous donors such as Denmark, partner countries are making faster progress than ever before towards the global health goals and reaching the unreached.

We are also inviting Members of Parliaments from Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden to take an active part in the attached draft programme. It is foreseen that the delegation will meet with major health stakeholders in Uganda before going out in the field to learn about efforts to strengthen health systems, witness how child immunisation programmes are carried out, learn more about the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria infections, and study maternal and child health programmes in different settings throughout the country. The challenges around the ebola outbreak in neighbouring DRC will also be addressed. The delegation will learn about the challenges and opportunities encountered while delivering these health services to those who need them the most. The site visits will also demonstrate how these programmes are changing the lives of millions of Ugandans and bringing great opportunities for a healthier and more prosperous future.

If this is requested, the organisers will be in a position to fund the travel and accommodation of up to two representatives. The organisers will provide local land transportation, meals and other practical arrangements during the official programme. We hope that honourable Members of the Danish Parliament will be in a position to take part in the visit and we would be grateful if you could confirm the names of the participants by email to tsimensen@gavi.org by 10 January 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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