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Yours Sincerely,
Omokhudu Idogho
Managing Director, SFH

MD STATEMENT

Since our inception in 1983, Society for Family Health (SFH) has been driven by the mission to improve the health outcomes of vulnerable populations across Nigeria and beyond. As a leading pan-African NGO, we remain committed to delivering impactful healthcare interventions, building sustainable health systems, and advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In line with our commitment to the UN Global Compact, SFH continues to align its strategies with the 10 UNGC principles, focusing on human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption. With the launch of our 2024-2030 Strategy, SFH will continue to work towards universal health coverage, strengthen our workforce, and build resilient healthcare systems. Additionally, SFH has adopted a new robust environmental policy in 2024 to address critical issues such as carbon emission reduction, energy efficiency, and waste management, further supporting SDG 13 (Climate Action).

We reaffirm our dedication to these principles and to fostering sustainable development in the communities we serve. Our progress over the last two years, outlined in this report, reflects our commitment to a healthier, more equitable world for all.





ABOUT SFH

Society for Family Health (SFH) is a leading non-governmental organisation based in Nigeria, committed to achieving universal health coverage and social justice across Africa. Our mission is to improve health outcomes by ensuring affordable, high-quality, and gender-sensitive health services and commodities for all. With operations spanning multiple countries, we collaborate with governments, donors, and communities to deliver inclusive, people-centred healthcare solutions.



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The UN Global Compact (UNGC) encourages businesses and organisations to adopt sustainable, socially responsible practices. SFH proudly supports and adheres to the UNGC's 10 principles, ensuring that our policies and actions align with human rights, labour standards, environmental sustainability, and anti-corruption efforts. We are also committed to advancing the SDGs, particularly SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), and SDG 13 (Climate Action).



DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS & MEASUREMENT OF OUTCOMES

SFH's 2024-2030 Strategy reflects our commitment to making substantial contributions to global health and development goals. Our strategic directions are as follows:

1 


Universal Healthcare Access:

We continue to engage governments and partners to accelerate universal healthcare coverage, aligning with SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality).

2 


Developing Human Resources for Health:

SFH will prioritise capacity building in the health sector, contributing to SDG 4 (Quality Education) and ensuring that healthcare workers have the skills needed to deliver quality services.

3 

Strengthening Healthcare Supply Chains:

We are committed to building efficient and sustainable healthcare product supply chains, in support of SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production).

4 

Leveraging Technology:

SFH is embracing technology to optimise healthcare processes, expanding digital health solutions that increase accessibility and affordability.

5 

Environmental Sustainability:

In 2024, SFH launched a new environmental policy focusing on carbon emission reduction, energy efficiency, water stewardship, waste management, and pollution control. This initiative aligns with SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation).

6 

Thought Leadership:

SFH is positioning itself as a thought leader in the global health space, promoting knowledge sharing and innovation, aligned with SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).



ENVIRONMENT

SFH new environmental policy, implemented in 2024, demonstrates our commitment to SDG 13 (Climate Action). Our approach focuses on:

- **Carbon Emission Reduction:** SFH is reducing its carbon footprint through energy-efficient practices and promoting the use of renewable energy in its operations.
- **Water Stewardship and Pollution Control:** Our WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) projects, in partnership with Procter & Gamble, have expanded to rural communities, increasing access to clean water and sanitation while reducing waterborne diseases.
- **Waste Management:** SFH has implemented new protocols for managing waste, including recycling initiatives and reducing paper use by transitioning to digital platforms.



HUMAN RIGHTS

SFH's programmes remain centered on promoting human rights, particularly through inclusive healthcare services. Our KPCARE 2 and Global Fund projects continue to provide comprehensive HIV/STI care for key populations, ensuring their rights are protected and healthcare access is equitable. We also provide legal support to those facing human rights violations, aligning with SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality).

LABOUR

SFH continues to promote an inclusive, non-discriminatory workplace, emphasising gender equality and diversity in alignment with SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). Our equal opportunity and anti-harassment policies ensure that all employees are treated with dignity and respect.

ANTI-CORRUPTION

SFH remains committed to SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by embedding strong anti-corruption measures across all levels of our operations. We provide annual training on anti-corruption practices and have implemented a whistleblower policy, encouraging employees and stakeholders to report unethical behavior.

LOCAL NETWORK ACTIVITIES

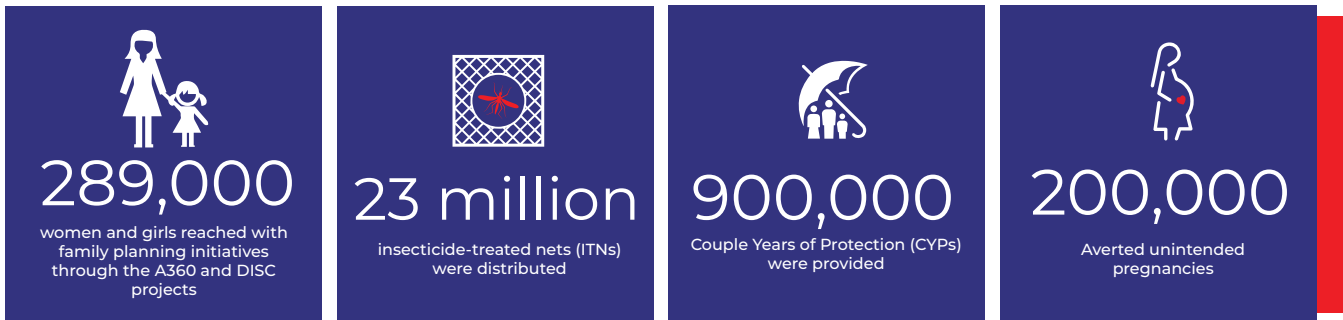
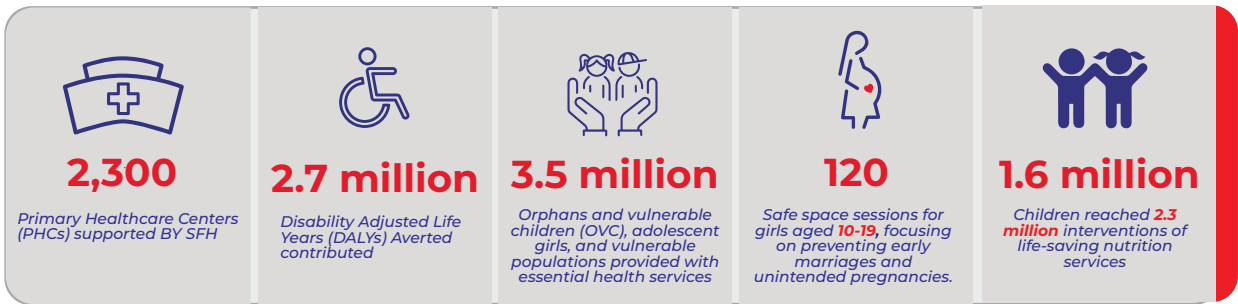
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KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

SFH made significant strides in healthcare delivery across Africa. Our activities span improving health outcomes through family planning, reproductive health, nutrition, HIV/AIDS prevention, and health systems strengthening.



SFH social protection and livelihood programs created **7,654** self-employment opportunities, empowering women and improving community resilience.

This Communication on Engagement outlines SFH key activities and achievements between 2022 and 2024, reaffirming our commitment to the United Nations Global Compact and its principles. We will continue to strengthen our impact in line with our 2024-2030 Strategy and the SDGs, creating healthier communities across Africa.



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