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The ACT-Accelerator Partnership Secretariat

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Recommendation for Ms. Tumuheirwe Florence for the Civil Society Representation ACT-Accelerator Health System Connector

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Ms. Tumuheirwe Florence for the Civil Society Representation ACT-Accelerator Health System Connector. Florence has been a community reproductive health worker for 27 years and currently serves as the Executive Director for Kigezi Women in Development. As a seasoned civil society leader in Africa, she has extensively mobilized communities to engage with decision-makers at community, national, regional and global levels.

Ms. Florence has a very successful track record for health advocacy. She has been instrumental in pushing for streamlining of country level interventions to improve Uganda's healthcare systems. For example, she led the collection of over 2,306 signatures to petition Kabale district local government to renovate a dilapidated health facility in Kabale. From this petition, the government committed \$86,589 to renovate the theatre and construct staff houses for health workers.

Likewise, she has served in various capacities within the health sector including on the COVID-19 District Task Force, District HIV/AIDS committee, Advocacy working group for Family Planning and she is a Universal Health Coverage Champion in Uganda. Under her leadership, Kigezi Women in Development has chaired the Kabale District Health Advocacy Working Group since 2017. Through this, she has pioneered a number of campaigns in collaboration with other like-minded civil society organizations in the region

Furthermore, Ms. Florence has presented at Ugandan and international conferences. At international level, she presented at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) 25 and Africa Health Agenda International Conference in Nairobi and Kigali respectively. She is a very passionate and hardworking development professional who has among others trained grassroots community cadres and championed numerous campaigns to contribute to global health.

With ACT-Accelerator Health System Connector's goal of ending the COVID-19 pandemic as quickly as possible by reducing COVID-19 mortality and severe disease, I wholeheartedly recommend Ms. Florence because I firmly believe that she will be a valuable asset to the framework

I can provide more information if you call me at +256781520555 or email me at habomugishaesau@gmail.com

Yours Sincerely,

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