

June 6, 2023

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**Subject: PEPFAR and Africa's Vales**

Dear American Congressional Leaders,

Since 2003, millions of African people have benefited from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). On behalf of those served, we want to first and foremost say thank you to former President Bush, President Obama, President Trump, the U.S. Congress, and the American people for over 20 years of funding that have allowed our countries to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS and reduce the scourge of this disease.

We were also grateful that the original strategy respected our values and focused PEPFAR on protecting and preserving life and emphasizing abstinence and responsible behavior and practices. As you now seek to reauthorize PEPFAR funding, we want to express our concerns and suspicions that this funding is supporting so-called family planning and reproductive health principles and practices, including abortion, that violate our core beliefs concerning life, family, and religion.

We ask that PEPFAR remain true to its original mission and respect our norms, traditions, and values. We ask that those partner organizations with whom the U.S. government partners to implement PEPFAR programs in ways that are cognizant and respectful of our beliefs and not cross over into promoting divisive ideas and practices that are not consistent with those of Africa.

Again, we thank the American people for their extraordinary generosity and solidarity with us and ask that our voices be heard and acknowledged and our beliefs safeguarded in future PEPFAR programming.

Sincerely,

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