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**“Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.”**

## **Introduction**

The devastating disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has set back progress made towards implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Covid-19 has created a global economic meltdown in all spheres of life, every sector was impacted negatively. The impact of the COVID-19 crisis has already been estimated to be five times that of the Global Financial Crisis of 2008 (OECD, 2020).

## **Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)**

One size fit approach may not work for all. There were some economic challenges faced by many African countries and the hard-hit populations are women and children. Africa as a continent is lagging behind the agenda 2030 achievement. The road is still far. However, a deliberate policy approach, debt forgiveness, social inclusiveness, women’s economic empowerment, education for all, and agriculture insurance especially for those experiencing the negative impact of climate change.

## **Triumphant Hand of Mercy Initiative NPC’s approach**

We have made notable progress in empowering women and girls, we run a number of projects that engage with national and international human rights mechanisms to enhance quality education for all. We plan to improve education, research and advocacy programs in order to raise awareness on women’s and girls’ issues, as a part of our efforts to achieve 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Women and girls have been disproportionately affected by the socioeconomic fallout of the pandemic, struggling with gender bias, harmful practices, economic inequality, and access to equal opportunity. and disruptions in access to essential services among other challenges.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

African Leaders, under the “new normal” must think through the Post-COVID-19 African economic development policy needs, every approach must be centred around both improving resiliency and

accelerating transformation to realize sustained economic welfare gains. Strategies for resiliency should build on the COVID-19 experience, helping households, communities, and vulnerable populations.