

# my pledge of

# action

change begins with me!



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I pledge to do everything in my capacity to respond positively, proactively and practically to the unprecedented challenges presented by the global AIDS pandemic.

## IN MY OWN LIFE

- > I will continually challenge my beliefs, question my negative assumptions, and confront the seeds of discrimination, prejudice and stigma that perpetuate the spread of HIV
- > I will use thoughts and words which are inclusive and respectful of others, seeking to build on what unites us and not what divides us
- > I will reach out and make connections with those most disenfranchised and affected by HIV, always questioning motives for my actions and showing empathy

## IN MY HOME, WORKPLACE & FRIENDSHIPS

- > I will support others to overcome negative beliefs, attitudes and practices towards HIV and AIDS and people living with the virus
- > I will increase my awareness and that of others about the presence and relevance of HIV and AIDS in all of our communities
- > I will uphold the human rights of all women and girls
- > I will challenge all forms of gender inequality, racism and other forms of social, economic, political and legal injustice

- > I will confront individual behaviours and institutional strategies that place women and girls at risk of violence and HIV infection

## IN MY COUNTRY

- > I will create meaningful spaces for the issues and views of women and girls living with HIV and their carers to be heard and included
- > I will encourage service providers working on HIV and AIDS to prominently, openly and conscientiously promote equality in all that they do
- > I will commit my time and resources to organisations working toward a better future for women and girls, and especially those working to address the impact of HIV and AIDS on women and girls

By signing this pledge I commit myself to be an agent of the change I wish to see in the world through all I think, say and do.

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