



## WHO Foundation Press Release

### Her Excellency Toyin Ojora Saraki appointed WHO Foundation Ambassador for Global Health

**12 Jan 2022, Geneva:** The WHO Foundation announced today the appointment of Her Excellency Toyin Ojora Saraki as WHO Foundation Ambassador for Global Health. Mrs Toyin Ojora Saraki is a highly esteemed global advocate with decades of work dedicated to women's and children's health and empowerment, ending gender-based violence, and improving lives in sub-Saharan Africa.

Anil Soni, Chief Executive Officer, WHO Foundation, applauded Mrs Saraki's tireless commitment to improving global health through her advocacy work.

Anil Soni said: "I am deeply honoured to have Toyin serve the WHO Foundation as our first Ambassador for Global Health. Her energy and deep commitment to educating, advocating and fundraising on behalf of WHO Foundation's mission will make a critical difference to global health initiatives. Her Ambassadorship will enable us to power the vital work of WHO through the Triple Billion goals for a fairer and more equitable world".

Her Excellency Toyin Ojora Saraki commented: "I am delighted to become the inaugural WHO Foundation Ambassador for Global Health. The WHO Foundation is a force for good in the global health ecosystem and is driving catalytic change to overcome today's most pressing global health challenges. I look forward to working with the Foundation to propel one of the world's most influential global health initiatives forward".

#### **About Her Excellency Toyin Ojora Saraki**

As Founder-President of The Wellbeing Foundation Africa (WBFA), Mrs Toyin Saraki is a Nigerian advocate for women's and children's health and empowerment, with two decades of advocacy covering reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health; ending gender-based discrimination and violence; and improving education, socio-economic empowerment, and community livelihoods in sub-Saharan Africa.



Mrs Saraki leads Nigeria CSO's Primary Health Care Revitalisation Support Coalition, served as the Inaugural Global Goodwill Ambassador for the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) 2014-2020, is a Johns Hopkins Women Advocates For Vaccine Access Champion, and is Special Adviser to the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Regional Office for Africa (AFRO). She was named by Devex as Universal Health Coverage Global Champion, Save the Children Newborn Health Champion for Nigeria; and is a Global Champion for the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood.

### **WHO Triple Billions**

The Triple Billion targets are an ambitious initiative to improve the health of billions of people by 2023. They are the foundation of WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 13) and focus on the execution and delivery of significant improvements in the health of the world's population through evidence-based interventions, strengthened health information systems, and support for transformational public health policy. By 2023, WHO proposes to achieve:

- **1 billion** more people benefitting from universal health coverage
- **1 billion** more people better protected from health emergencies
- **1 billion** more people enjoying better health and well-being.

### **WHO Foundation**

Established in 2020 as an independent entity, the WHO Foundation complements and strengthens the work of WHO and its global network of partners by mobilizing new funding from diverse sources—including philanthropists, corporate entities, and the public—to drive innovation and transform the global health ecosystem. By addressing the world's most urgent health issues in a new, transformative, catalytic way, the WHO Foundation aims to provide everyone, everywhere, a healthier, more equitable future. Together, we have so much to achieve.

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