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RIATT-ESA to Provide Vital Support to the Global Alliance's Regional Hub for Eastern and Southern Africa

The Regional Inter-Agency Task Team on Children and AIDS in Eastern and Southern Africa (RIATT-ESA) is honoured to announce its appointment by UNICEF to support the Global Alliance to End AIDS in Children by 2030 Regional Hub for Eastern and Southern Africa.

The Global Alliance, comprised of global, regional and national partners, aims to mobilize leadership, funding, and action to end AIDS in children by 2030. The Regional Hub brings together a wide range of stakeholders working in Eastern and Southern Africa to advocate for scale up of evidence-based interventions, provide technical assistance to countries, and support monitoring and reporting for the effective implementation of country plans.

As Secretariat, RIATT-ESA will support communications, oversee knowledge management, and facilitate partner relations to enhance the impact of the Regional Hub and the Global Alliance. This collaboration underscores the commitment of both organizations to nurturing regional partnerships that drive change. RIATT-ESA's rich background in HIV facilitation, advocacy, and knowledge dissemination uniquely positions it to contribute to the Global Alliance's priority actions for children and adolescents.

"UNICEF is delighted to partner with RIATT-ESA on the newly established Regional Hub," stated Laurie Gulaid, UNICEF's Regional Advisor for Eastern and Southern Africa. "The combination of the exciting Global Alliance to end AIDS in Children by 2030 and RIATT-ESA's long and deep experience in this highly affected region will help to ensure that we reach our collective goals with and for children, adolescents and women."

RIATT-ESA, a regional knowledge management, advocacy, and partnering network, has been at the forefront of advocating for comprehensive care and support services for children and their families affected by HIV & AIDS. Founded in 2006, RIATT-ESA strives to shape global, regional, and national policies to meet the unique needs of children, adolescents, and women impacted by HIV and AIDS.

RIATT-ESA is excited to embark on this new journey as a key player in the Global Alliance's Regional Hub for Eastern and Southern Africa. The network remains dedicated to its vision of universal access to prevention, treatment, care, and support for children, adolescents and families affected by AIDS in the region, and is poised to make a significant impact in the years to come.

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