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MSF Association Members.

Dear members,

I am writing to express my interest in serving you as a Board Member and asking for your support as I stand for election during this year 2023 general Assembly. I believe in the work that MSF does from the time I was facing and serving patients as a Nutrition officer in 2007 to currently as one of the Chapter Presidents. I have served various portfolios from Emergency, FIN /Admin, Treasurer and most importantly as an effective association member. I believe in grassroots leadership together we have shaped our association through debate, motions, laughter, passion, deep reflections, and critical thoughts. I believe that at a time such as this our association now needs us to be more proactive and strategic in the decisions that we make and step forward to take up leadership of our movement.

MSF is evolving into becoming an organisation not based on nationality or the region where one is coming from but a place where talent and passion to save lives collide to provide medical and humanitarian assistance to various communities faced with distress. As I write this my community is faced with ravaging cholera emergency, yet there other numerous disasters and emergencies around the world such as the Sudan war, migration issues .climate change induced emergencies ,this means we all have a moral obligation to stand up and provide leadership to our organisation..

I believe I have not only the skills and qualifications to fill in the role of a board member. As indicated in my biography Cv I have experience serving in boards in roles from being board secretary to chairperson thus I understand the demands and commitments required for one to become an effective board member. Over the years I have gained various training in governance, humanitarian work, fundraising and MSF values and in the last five years building a venture that operates across several countries has given me insights on the challenges and opportunities in the world. I have experience in building teams not only for MSF where I helped to build some of the most amazing teams but if one also examined some of the businesses I have built despite all odds such as high inflation, high socio economic pressures such as HIV, COVID to over 50 direct team members and over 700 indirect down stream jobs .

As the leader of one of my companies, I led a team to develop and implement award winning innovative solutions for our clients. I have a deep understanding of data analytics and its application to influence business decisions. My experience has taught me to be creative to solve complex problems. I also have experience managing budgets and have an eye for cutting costs without compromising quality.

*Fellow members, MSFERs its time for us to be intentional and deliberate with our voice. I have served you in the grassroots , I have raised my voice from the bench, I understand collaborative leadership. I am respectful to broader reasoning and debate. Once I start something am committed to seeing its success. My recent psychometric test from **Gallup's** Clifton Strengths Assessment Test indicated that am futuristic, innovator ,strategic ,learner and empathetic.*

While I'm confident I'm the right candidate it is you who decide if it is the right time to serve you in the board and humble myself to your decision.

Sincerely,

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