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A reflection on the year 2020 is one that is filled with the unlikely surprise that the world found itself grappling with COVID-19. A pandemic that has had a global impact on individuals, communities, countries and economies. We have had to deal with grief on a daily basis and yet through it we have also found it in our hearts to also experience the humanity amongst us. Governments, Organizations and communities have made efforts to support each other especially the vulnerable who have been hard touched as a result of the consequences of COVID-19.

On behalf of my fellow sister First Ladies, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to OAFSLAD partners who have collaborated with our secretariat to support African First Ladies COVID -19 interventions in their respective countries.

As we usher in 2021, I pray that good health be upon each and every one. While we are still adjusting to the new normal, I am encouraged that we will still find the courage to continue to find new ways to continuing our commitment to bringing solutions to the women and children of Africa who remain the bedrock in the development of our nations.

I look forward to working closely with our partners to ensure the success of OAFSLAD's mission to make a significant contribution to the health and well-being of children, youth and women in Africa.