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**STATEMENT BY WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL**

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World Vision is an international Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice, with over 2,400 long-term Area Development Programs in 97 countries world-wide.

World Vision is committed to improving the health and nutrition of women and children in the areas in which it works, contributing to the global reduction of under-five and maternal mortality by focusing on three essential outcomes:

- (1) Mothers and children are well nourished.
- (2) Mothers and children are protected from infection and disease.
- (3) Mothers and children access essential health services.

World Vision's core emphasis is on the first 1000 days, viz. pregnant women, newborns and under-2 children because they bear the greatest burden of mortality, illness and under-nutrition. Our key interventions incorporate the Lancet Series' evidence-based, cost-effective preventive practices addressing the root causes of maternal and child mortality and morbidity.

World Vision works in partnerships with government, civil society, private sector, and multi-lateral and UN partners to improve child well-being in sustainable ways.

Since 2007, World Vision (Australia) has partnered with the WHO WPR office to support countries in the region and to date this partnership has resulted in collaboration with Ministries of Health of Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Vietnam.

WV responded to requests from MoH to support multi-year national plans for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), anemia and infectious diseases by filling the resource gaps through donations of pharmaceuticals and supplements and building capacity in procurement/supply chain management.

Currently, WV in partnership with WPRO is exploring the scale up of intermittent Iron and folic acid supplementation and regular deworming in Vietnam to reduce anemia, iron deficiency, iron deficiency anemia and soil transmitted helminth infections in women of reproductive age. World

Vision is willing to procure the supplements needed for the expansion of the project on anemia prevention in Vietnam.

We are also willing to explore partnerships with WHO and other Ministries of Health in the WPR towards the elimination of anemia in women of reproductive age.

Thank you.