

RECKITT DIALS UP SUPPORT FOR UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AT CLIMATE WEEK, HELPING TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND CLIMATE FINANCE

Moves underscore Reckitt's commitment to harness entrepreneurship to tackle global issues

NEW YORK, (21 September): Reckitt dialled up its support for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) this week at UN Climate Week 2023, with commitments that help to increase access to healthcare and climate finance. As part of its mission to help build a cleaner and healthier world, the global health and hygiene company became a founding member of the Climate Gender Equity Fund (CGEF) and announced the six African healthcare start-ups to get support from the non-profit WiNFUND.

Fabrice Beaulieu, Chief Marketing, Sustainability and Corporate Affairs Officer said:

"Reckitt strives to increase access to high-quality hygiene, health, and nutrition. We believe in the tremendous power of entrepreneurship to help tackle some of the world's biggest hurdles to that access. We are supporting local innovators, to help them scale and bring lasting, sustainable change and value to communities where it's needed most."

- **Founding member of Climate Gender Equity Fund (CGEF) with \$3 million commitment over two years**

Reckitt is a founding member of the Climate Gender Equity Fund (CGEF), launched by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), with the support of Amazon. CGEF is a public-private partnership to leverage funding to scale climate finance that advances gender-equitable climate action.

CGEF will increase access to climate finance for gender-responsive, women-led, and women-benefiting organizations that address climate change. It aims to reach a goal of \$60 million in capital from corporations, foundations, bi/multilaterals, and other funders. Reckitt has committed to invest \$3 million over two years.

- **Six finalists for WiNFUND announced**

Reckitt also announced the six finalists for its WiNFUND initiative, a 100% nonprofit supporting women-led health innovations with real-world impact. WiNFUND, co-founded by Reckitt and the Health Innovation Exchange (HEIX), seeks to address healthcare and gender inequalities by investing in women healthcare entrepreneurs.

Launched in Africa, WINFUND attracted 300 applicants from seven countries across the continent. The six winners, announced at Climate Week, will receive investment and mentorship over a 12-month acceleration period. They are:

- **Dr. Shamim Nabuuma Kaliisa**, co-founder of **Community Healthcare Innovation Lab (CHIL)** - which screens women in remote locations of Uganda for cervical and breast cancer using Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- **Adeola Ayoola**, co-founder and CEO of **Famasi Africa** – A Nigerian online pharmacy platform that connects individuals and businesses to pharmacies.
- **Dr Mercy Ashaba**, co-founder and CEO of **Peleyta Health** – A fintech start-up in Uganda whose micro savings and lending platform helps Ugandans on low incomes afford the costs of healthcare.
- **Judith Oketch**, founder and CEO of **Ambulex Solutions** – which provides emergency healthcare solutions for low-income communities in Kenya.
- **Olivia Koburongo**, founder of **Mama Ope Medicals** – A device and software company in Uganda that develops innovative solutions to improve access to quality healthcare in low resource settings.
- **Belinda Shaw**, founder of **Cape Bio Pharms** – A South African biotech firm that does plant-molecular pharming of recombinant proteins that can be used as research or diagnostic reagents.

These announcements build on Reckitt's existing efforts to help deliver the SDGs. Our sustainability ambitions comprise Purpose-led brands, Healthier Planet and Fairer Society, and we are making tangible progress on all fronts.

For example, we were very proud to see during Climate Week the final closing of asset manager WaterEquity's latest \$150 million impact investment fund, in which Reckitt was an investor, and the launch of the final framework and guidance of The Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD), as a Taskforce member. See more about our efforts in our [Social Impact Investment Report 2022](#) and our [Sustainability Insights 2022](#).

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Reckitt is the company behind some of the world's most recognisable and trusted consumer brands in hygiene, health and nutrition, including Air Wick, Calgon, Cillit Bang, Clearasil, Dettol, Durex, Enfamil, Finish, Gaviscon, Harpic, Lysol, Mortein, Mucinex, Nurofen, Nutramigen, Strepsils, Vanish, Veet, Woolite and more.

Every day, more than 30 million Reckitt products are bought globally. We always put consumers and people first, seek out new opportunities, strive for excellence in all that we do and build shared success with all our partners. We aim to do the right thing, always.

We are a diverse global team of c. 40,000 colleagues. We draw on our collective energy to meet our ambitions of purpose-led brands, a healthier planet and a fairer society. Find out more, or get in touch with us at www.reckitt.com

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