The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation (STBF) aims to help governments strengthen their health systems to expand access to reproductive and maternal health services with the ultimate goal of reducing maternal mortality. To do so, STBF partners with Ministries of Health and multilaterals such as the World Health Organization (WHO) to address the challenges remaining across the continent. Two-thirds of global maternal deaths still occur in Africa, so reducing maternal mortality in recent years, however, significant reproductive and maternal health challenges remain across the continent.

Governments across Africa have made great efforts to advance universal health coverage (UHC) and to strengthen their health systems. The WHO Regional Committee for Africa unanimously elected the Minister of Health of Botswana, Dr. Edwin Dikoloti, to be respectively elected as 1st and 2nd vice-presidents of RC73. Delegates also adopted the Special Procedures Subcommittee (PSC) recommendations for 2023. The PSC called for equitable investment and efficient healthcare-based security. The PSC recommended the standardization of the frameworks for sustaining resilient health systems from member states.

Delegates are invited to visit the various exhibitions in the tent outside the GICC. The WHO Regional Director for Africa reports on significant contributions to public health in Africa in Gaborone on 28th August, 2023. This honor is awarded the President to Dr. Moeti for Africa in the spheres of socioeconomic development.

Dr. Moeti received the award at the opening ceremony of the 73rd WHO Regional Committee session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa (RC73).

In his opening speech the President of Botswana, His Excellency Mokgweetsi Masisi emphasized that Africa must contribute substantively to ongoing discussions on global health architecture.

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