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The Chairperson of Parliamentary Committee on Education  
Parliament of Zimbabwe  
Harare

**RE: Follow up on our Meeting on Every Child In School Campaign - ECIS.**

Dear Sir

We make a follow up on the meeting we had on the 17th of January 2018 regarding access to education by vulnerable children in Zimbabwe 'Every Child In School - ECIS' campaign and request an update.

At the meeting the members of parliament seconded you and a few others to meet with the Honourable Minister of Primary and Secondary Education to discuss the urgent need to release a circular for children who cannot afford enrolment fees to have access into government primary Schools. You requested us to work on a draft circular for your use in the conversations with the Honourable Minister which we provided you with. You suggested that you would make efforts to meet with the Honourable Minister on the same day or in the few days to follow.

We were hoping this would be done in the first 100 days of the new dispensation but as the days quickly approach we are afraid children may not be at the centre of our efforts as we know education is key to participation of any opportunity. They have missed another term since we have not advanced in this term alone.

We remain hopeful that your portfolio committee remains diligent in ensuring that we put children at the centre of our efforts for sustainable development of our country moving forward.

Yours faithfully

Ms Nyaradzo Mashayamombe on behalf of ECIS Platform.

CC:

Minister Prof Mavima

The President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Tag a life International (TaLI) , Zimbabwe National Council for the Welfare of Children (ZNCWC), Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe (WCoZ), Mambure Trust, Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ), UDACIZA, Justice for Children (JCT), PROWEB, Female Students Network (FSNT), Forum for African Women Educationalists Zimbabwe (FAWEZI), Research Advocacy Unit, Higher Life Foundation, Education Coalition of Zimbabwe (ECOZI), Zimbabwe Women In Politics Alliance, Rebuild Sakubva (RESA), World Vision, Issues Pane Nyaya, Katswe Sisterhood, Zimbabwe Alliance, Girls and Women Empowerment Network Trust (GWEN), Zimbabwe Women In Politics Alliance, Shamwari Ye Mwanasikana (SYS) Citizen Participation Trust, Shanduko, Jointed Hands Welfare Organisation, Zimbabwe Activists Alliance, Amalgamated Rural Teachers Union of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe Parents for Handicapped Children Association.