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Dear Partners, Colleagues and Friends.

RE: DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT - SIR SAMUEL ZAN AKOLOGO

It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce the passing of Sir Samuel Zan Akologo, who left us on January 1, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. The burial date has been set for February 21, 2025, in Tamale, Ghana.

Sir Zan served as the National Director of Caritas Ghana until the end of his tenure in 2020. In 2021, he joined Caritas Africa as a Programme Manager for the *Africa Inclusive Economic Recovery* Campaign, which aims to raise awareness and strengthen advocacy initiatives regarding the reallocation of Special Drawing Rights by stronger economies. This project also addressed the challenges of sovereign debt faced by numerous countries in Africa.

A long-standing member of the Caritas Africa Advocacy Committee and the Caritas Internationalis Debt Task Force, Sir Zan made invaluable contributions to the Caritas Africa network, enhancing our advocacy efforts. Notably, we successfully hosted side events on the margins of the IMF and World Bank Spring and Annual Meetings and mobilized diverse leaders to rally around debt relief in Africa, inspired by the Jubilee Campaign. His loss is profoundly felt across the African region.

As we reflect on the many memories shared with Sir Samuel Zan Akologo, we are reminded of his deep Catholic faith, which inspired his service to Caritas. We recall his unique intelligence, leadership style, and ability to deliver compelling speeches on humanitarian, development, and peace issues in Africa at international conferences. He was a true son of the soil, exemplified by his passion for Ghanaian traditional attire (*kente*).

We will greatly miss Zan, not only as a colleague but also as a dear friend. Yet, we find comfort in scripture, knowing that if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord (Rm:14:8-9).

We remain steadfast in our thoughts and prayers for the family, friends, and all those who worked closely with Sir Samuel Zan Akologo.

Most Sincerely,



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