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PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GHANA (PSGH) CALLS FOR PUBLIC VIGILANCE, COMMUNITY ACTION, AND HEALTH PRECAUTIONS FOLLOWING DEVASTATING FLOODS IN ACCRA

1. The Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana (PSGH) extends its deepest sympathies to all individuals, families, and communities affected by the devastating floods that struck parts of Greater Accra, Central and Volta Regions following yesterday's heavy rainfall. We are particularly saddened by the reported loss of lives and convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. We also empathise with all those who have suffered injuries, displacement, destruction of homes and businesses, and the loss of valuable property.
2. Natural disasters of this magnitude remind us of our shared vulnerability and the importance of collective responsibility in safeguarding lives and public health. The PSGH wishes to assure the public that pharmacists across the country remain committed to supporting affected communities and ensuring continued access to essential pharmaceutical care during this difficult period.
3. Floodwaters often create conditions that significantly increase the risk of disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies. Contaminated water, poor sanitation, overcrowding in temporary shelters, and disruptions in healthcare services can lead to increased cases of diarrhoeal diseases, cholera, typhoid fever, hepatitis A, skin infections, malaria, and other vector-borne diseases. These health risks require immediate preventive action by individuals, communities, healthcare providers, and public authorities.
4. The PSGH calls on all pharmacists, community pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, and other pharmaceutical service providers, particularly in affected areas, to continue serving as accessible frontline healthcare professionals. We encourage pharmacists to provide appropriate first aid and pharmaceutical care where needed, counsel the public on disease prevention, promote proper hand hygiene and safe water practices, ensure the continuous availability of essential medicines, oral rehydration salts, water purification products, disinfectants, insect repellents, and other essential health commodities, and promptly refer severely ill or injured individuals to the nearest health facility for further management.
5. We also encourage pharmacists to pay particular attention to vulnerable populations, including children, pregnant women, older persons, and individuals living with chronic conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and epilepsy, whose regular access to medicines may have been disrupted by the floods. Patients who have lost their medications or whose medicines have been damaged by floodwater should seek professional advice from the nearest pharmacy, pharmacist or healthcare provider before replacing or using any affected medicines.

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6. The Society further advises the general public to take the following health precautions in the aftermath of the floods:
 - Drink only safe water. Boil water thoroughly or use approved water purification methods if the safety of drinking water is uncertain.
 - Wash hands frequently with soap and clean water, especially before preparing food, before eating, and after using the toilet.
 - Consume freshly prepared food and avoid food that has been exposed to floodwater or has been improperly stored.
 - Discard medicines that have been submerged in floodwater, as their quality, safety, and effectiveness may have been compromised.
 - Avoid walking or allowing children to play in stagnant floodwaters, which may contain harmful microorganisms, sharp objects, or hazardous chemicals.
 - Sleep under insecticide-treated mosquito nets and eliminate stagnant water around homes to reduce mosquito breeding and the risk of malaria.
 - Seek immediate medical attention if symptoms such as severe diarrhoea, vomiting, fever, persistent abdominal pain, skin infections, or signs of dehydration develop.
7. Beyond the immediate response, the PSGH believes that preventing future flooding requires sustained commitment from all stakeholders. While government agencies and local authorities have critical responsibilities in improving drainage systems, enforcing planning regulations, and strengthening urban infrastructure, citizens also have an indispensable role to play.
8. We therefore urge every Ghanaian to refrain from indiscriminate disposal of refuse into drains and watercourses, participate actively in community sanitation exercises, keep gutters around homes and workplaces clean and free from obstruction, report blocked drainage systems to the appropriate authorities, and support environmental conservation efforts that reduce flooding and protect public health. Preventing flooding is not solely the responsibility of government; it is a shared civic duty that demands responsible environmental stewardship from every member of society.
9. The Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana commends all emergency responders, healthcare workers, pharmacists, security agencies, the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO), volunteers, and community leaders who continue to provide rescue, relief, and healthcare services to affected persons under challenging circumstances. Your dedication exemplifies the spirit of service and national solidarity.
10. As our nation recovers from this unfortunate event, let us remember that resilience is built through preparedness, compassion, and collective action. The PSGH calls on all Ghanaians to support affected families, observe recommended public health measures, and work together to build healthier, safer, and more resilient communities.
11. The Pharmaceutical Society of Ghana remains committed to working with the Ministry of Health, the Ghana Health Service, the Pharmacy Council, NADMO, and all relevant stakeholders to promote public

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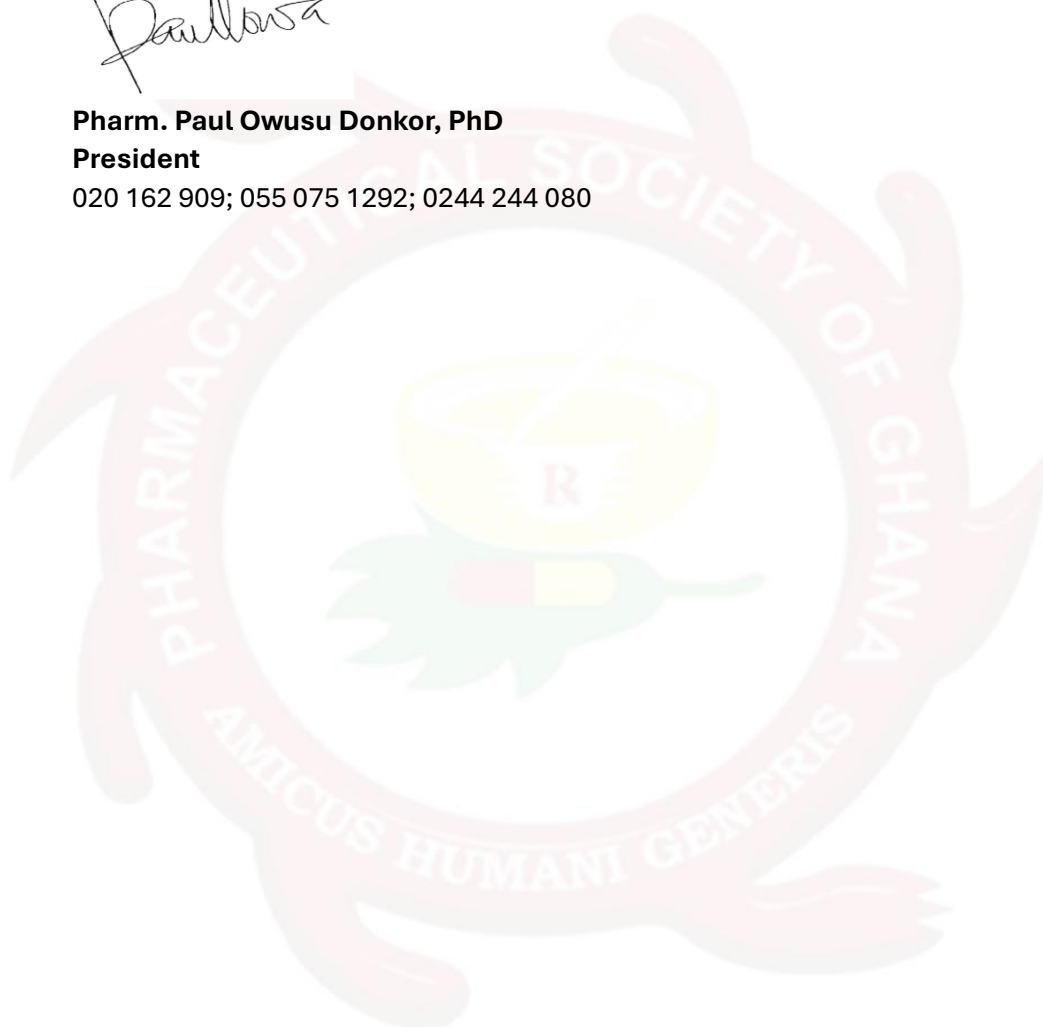
health, ensure access to quality pharmaceutical care, and protect the health and well-being of every Ghanaian.

Thank you.

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