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MP KRAMP APPLAUDS GOVERNMENT OF CANADA'S SUPPORT FOR MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH INITIATIVES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Belleville, ON— Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, applauds the recent announcement by Prime Minister Stephen Harper that the Canadian Government will support new projects which will save lives of mothers and children in Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Mozambique.

“Women and their children are in urgent need of health care in these nations”, said Mr. Kramp. “These initiatives will literally save the lives of many of the most vulnerable in their communities”.

In Ethiopia, Canada will provide support to improve nutrition and health of three million pregnant and nursing women and their babies. Canada will strengthen the health system of Mozambique to deliver health care to mothers and children which will include HIV treatment to 38,000 children and treating 94,000 pregnant women to prevent new HIV infections. Also, in Mozambique, 2.8 million children under 5 years of age will be immunized against measles. In Bangladesh, maternal and neonatal health services will be strengthened by the Canadian Government by its purchase of drugs and equipment and recruiting and training health care professionals. This will include 2,700 birth attendants. Bangladesh will also see enough oral polio vaccine purchased for 250,000 children annually.

These measures are part of Canada's commitments made at the 2010 G-8 summit under the Muskoka initiative.