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Inviting to celebrate

The sentence "I invite you to celebrate" had not been so pertinent during the 2 years prior to this April 17, 2022. COVID-19 has kept us sad, worried, and busy. It is only now that we are beginning to see that we have almost defeated this enemy of health, which has kept us isolated and unable to carry out many of the activities that we have been accustomed to carrying out, as part of the lives of people with hemophilia or other coagulation disorders. So, as we have risen victorious and re-empowered, when after having suffered the dramatic impact of HIV and Hepatitis C, which had snuffed out the lives of many in our community in the 1980s and 1990s, we must now react with much greater courage, strength, experience, knowledge, and optimism. During these 2 years, our World Federation of Hemophilia has maintained contact with its 147 national member organizations, in most cases virtually, adapting to schedules that allow more than 100 webinars on various topics to keep us up-to-date on everything which the new innovative therapies and medicines are offering us. We have had to carry out evaluations of different NMOs, subcontracting local professionals in different countries that would allow us to interrupt our usual evaluation as little as possible. After involving all the stakeholders of our WFH and more than 200 volunteers on the topics of social leadership or health care, we were able to design a strategic plan for 5 years until 2025, which would allow us to modernize, adapt to new challenges, to have a greater presence throughout the world, to be able to educate and train, on expected and really necessary topics, that help us achieve the vision of "Treatment for All". We were able to launch the 3rd edition of the WFH treatment guides to the world, with the task of translating them into as many languages as possible in our community, with

the aim of reaching everyone. We were able to successfully continue our Humanitarian Aid program, covering more than 21,000 patients in 2021, in countries where it was almost impossible for these people to receive treatment. For this to happen, extra work was needed from our staff and especially from the Department of Humanitarian Aid, seeking to overcome the significant obstacles that caused, in terms of logistics and permits, the closure of borders in many recipient countries. Now that we have reached April 17, 2022, we can look to the future by focusing on rapidly reducing the inequity in appropriate treatment for our patients, when almost 70% of those diagnosed and registered do not have the appropriate treatment or they have no treatment at all. This year, our central theme in celebrating World Hemophilia Day is "ACCESS FOR ALL" and for this, we consider 3 key words in the strategy that will allow us to make it possible to achieve that deserved access for all. These words are Partnership, Policy, and Progress.

Only by working in an associated, organized, and continuous way, will our health professionals, hand in hand with the leaders of patient organizations, be able to influence health policies and involve decision makers, in each of the governments in our respective countries and thus we can have progress in the face of the enormous challenge of "ACCES FOR ALL"