

THE NEW GHANA SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM

Accra, 19th February, 2025

**PRESENTED TO: ALAN M. GARBER
PRESIDENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

SUBJECT: PETITION FOR MARIAM OUMAR'S WELFARE

DEAR PRESIDENT GARBER,

While Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia was delivering lectures on your esteemed platform, Mariam Oumar—a victim of his presidential convoy—is slowly dying in Kumasi.

We have noted widespread reports regarding the platform accorded to Dr. Bawumia at Harvard University. Among the concerns raised are the continued threats from his associates against my democratic rights for advocating for Mariam's justice and, most critically, the neglect of the victim.

Harvard's platforms have long been recognized as a space that upholds human rights, promotes the development of young girls, and sets global standards for human dignity. These values must be carefully considered when inviting individuals like Dr. Bawumia, who has failed to take responsibility for Mariam's suffering.

On Friday, 10th December 2021, at approximately 2:00 PM, Dr. Bawumia's convoy, speeding to the airport to catch a flight to Tamale, struck Mariam Oumar. Following public pressure, he met with Mariam before the 2024 election. However, no concrete action has been taken to secure her welfare or future. She remains in a dire condition—on the brink of death.



Harvard, dont encourage conference-laundering. Someone is dying from Bawumia's neglect.



Photo: Mariam Oumar, on 14th February, 2025

This renewed call for justice is further driven by Dr. Bawumia's pattern of high-profile charitable donations, including: A substantial contribution to Rev. Owusu Bempah. \$56,400 donated through Kumasi-based Islamic cleric Sheikh Anas Tawfik for the treatment of a congregant battling kidney issues. A GHS 300,000 cheque issued to media personality Kwame Sefa Kayi's Kokrokoo Foundation. In light of these generous contributions, we cannot comprehend why the Vice President has ignored the plight of Mariam Oumar, a victim of an accident caused by his own convoy.

Mariam's life has been permanently altered—her dreams shattered, her future stolen. This is a deeply troubling situation, and we urge the Vice President to take immediate action to restore his honour and fulfill his moral obligation.

WHAT CAN HARVARD UNIVERSITY DO FOR THIS GIRL-CHILD ADVOCACY?

Given Harvard's commitment to amplifying the voices of the vulnerable, and considering its relationship with former Ghanaian Vice President Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, we strongly urge the university to take a principled stand. As a matter of urgency, we request that Harvard University:

1. Call on Dr. Bawumia to take full responsibility for Mariam's welfare before it is too late.
2. Use its influence to advocate for justice, ensuring that no victim is left abandoned in the pursuit of political ambition.

We trust that Harvard will align its actions with its core values of justice and equality.

Yours Sincerely,



Yahaya Alhassan
President

CC: Human Rights Organisations , Diplomatic Missions