



6 June 2019

Dear Ms. DeSouza,

It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Andaiye. On behalf of my colleagues at UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, we send our deepest condolences to the Williams' family and the people of Guyana. The entire Caribbean region and the wider international community mourn with you as we celebrate the extraordinary life of this remarkable woman who devoted her life to social justice, women and children's rights and ethnic and racial equality.

A recognized champion for civil rights and women's empowerment, Andaiye was a pioneer in articulating the links between human rights, civil rights and women's rights—for which she was awarded the Golden Arrow of Achievement, the fourth highest award in the Order of Service of Guyana.

Her compelling interview on "Counting Women's Caring Work" published in the Small Axe Caribbean Journal, gave insight into her transformative and revolutionary impact.

Andaiye contributed over many decades to furthering the ideals and objectives of the United Nations Population Fund, eagerly embracing our commitment to achieving gender equality. As a close friend of UNFPA and a sincere advocate of its equality agenda, she was known throughout the development and human rights community not just for her inspirational eloquence, but for her human warmth and indomitable spirit.

May her soul rest in peace.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Nkanem', is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

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