



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.



22 June 2015

Dear Susana,

Thank you for your letter of 8 June on the issue of the UNMEER transition.

Following consultations within UNDP, including with the UN Resident Co-ordinators/ UNDP Resident Representatives in the affected countries, we believe that the Ebola Crisis Managers (ECMs) should stay in place until we achieve zero Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) cases. The recent flare-up in cases in both Guinea and Sierra Leone, with some of the cases apparently untraceable, suggests to us that the ECMs should be maintained in-country until zero cases are reached.

We believe that the ECMs, supported by the Resident Co-ordinators and the UNCTs, can help to articulate some of the still pressing resource requirements to partners and also contribute to reducing the risk of further new cases.

During the consultations you referred to in Dakar on 6 May 2015 involving regional directors and the UNMEER SRSG, I understand that it was agreed that the ECMs would stay on board until zero cases are achieved. It was also agreed that the UNMEER transition should be seamless and collectively managed in a way which secures the progress made thus far, particularly through co-ordination and field support activities. That would ensure that the technical capacities and political capital accumulated by the ECMs can be harnessed to support governments in affected countries establishing a tight and targeted field-based operation to end the outbreak.

Given the investment already made in UNMEER and the significant support it has provided so far, UNDP believes that a premature withdrawal would send the wrong signals to the affected countries and the international community regarding the UN's commitment at this critical stage.

Ms. Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations



Handwritten note: 15-05414



*Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.*

- 2 -

The recent upsurge in cases in both Guinea and Sierra Leone has stretched out the date by which zero cases could be reached. The case of Guinea is especially compelling, given the current complicated political situation and the national elections due to be held in October 2015.

Therefore, I reiterate that given the continued EVD prevalence in Guinea and Sierra Leone, UNDP believes that the continued role of the ECMs in supporting the Governments' drive to get to zero is important. Their presence will help ensure that momentum towards zero cases is maintained, while efforts also continue on early recovery on which UNDP has been mandated to lead.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Clark

cc: Mr. Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General
Mr. Al Hussein, UNHCHR
Dr. Chan, WHO
Ms. Cousin, WFP
Mr. Graaff, Acting UNMEER SRSG
Mr. Lake, UNICEF
Dr. Nabarro, Special Envoy on Ebola
Mr. O'Brien, OCHA
Dr. Osotimehin, UNFPA



Fw: UNMEER: Letter from the Chef de Cabinet

SGCentral to: Hazel Foster
Sent by: Jill Annitto

22/06/2015 02:05 PM

For CdC only

----- Forwarded by Sophia Williamson/NY/UNO on 22/06/2015 01:57 PM -----

From: Annette Edra <annette.edra@undp.org>
To: "williamsons@un.org" <williamsons@un.org>, "malcorra@un.org" <malcorra@un.org>
Cc: "eliasson@un.org" <eliasson@un.org>, "Zraad@ohchr.org" <Zraad@ohchr.org>, "chanm@who.int" <chanm@who.int>, "ertharin.cousin@wfp.org" <ertharin.cousin@wfp.org>, "graaff@un.org" <graaff@un.org>, "alake@unicef.org" <alake@unicef.org>, David Nabarro <david.nabarro@undp.org>, "obriens@un.org" <obriens@un.org>, "osotimehin@unfpa.org" <osotimehin@unfpa.org>, Helen Clark <helen.clark@undp.org>
Date: 22/06/2015 01:49 PM
Subject: RE: UNMEER: Letter from the Chef de Cabinet

Dear Sophia,

Please find the attached letter from the UNDP Administrator in response to the Chef de Cabinet's letter of 8 June 2015 regarding the post-UNMEER transition.

Would you kindly bring the aforementioned letter to the Chef de Cabinet's kind attention?

Best regards,



Annette Edra
UNDP/Executive Office
1 United Nations Plaza, Room DC1-21st Floor
New York, NY 10017
Tel: (212) 906-5770
Fax: (212) 906-5778
<http://www.undp.org>

From: Sophia Williamson <williamsons@un.org>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 6:38 PM
To: Zraad@ohchr.org; chanm@who.int; Helen Clark; ertharin.cousin@wfp.org; graaff@un.org; alake@unicef.org; David Nabarro; Stephen O'Brien; osotimehin@unfpa.org
Cc: Jan Eliasson
Subject: UNMEER: Letter from the Chef de Cabinet

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Ms. Susana Malcorra, please find attached, for your attention, a letter of today's date regarding the post-UNMEER transition.

Regards,

Sophia Williamson
Office of the Chef de Cabinet
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations Secretariat
Room S-3805-EC
New York, NY 10017
Tel: (212) 963-5669
Fax: (212) 963-2155



E-mail: williamsons@un.org 20150622.pdf