



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1 October 2014

Dear Dr. Kim,


I would like to thank you for your letter dated 15 September 2014 and for the steadfast support of the World Bank to the international efforts to stem the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak. Under your leadership, the prompt reaction of the World Bank has already made an important contribution to our collective efforts to arrest the spread of the disease. It has sent a strong signal to other partners on the urgency of action for substantial assistance.

The multifaceted response of the World Bank has played a critical part in our collective effort, including the swift approval of US\$230 million in grants to support the health systems of the affected countries, the expedited disbursement of funds, the technical work on estimating the economic impact of the crisis, as well as the secondment of team members to the Global Ebola Response Coalition who have established a dashboard to measure our progress.

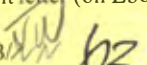
Your participation in the High-level Meeting on Response to the Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak, on 25 September 2014, greatly contributed to its success in further mobilizing international action for the huge challenge ahead, both through your personal insights as an infectious disease doctor as well as the additional financing by the World Bank that you announced on that occasion.

I was pleased to hear that you have been in close contact with Dr. David Nabarro, my Special Envoy on Ebola, and welcome the progress being made on strengthened cooperation. The international response to the needs of the affected communities has accelerated, but time remains our enemy and much more needs to be done before the spread can be curbed.

Yours sincerely,


BAN Ki-moon

Dr. Jim Yong Kim
President
The World Bank Group
Washington, D.C.

SG letter to Dr. Jim Y. Kim
President of the World Bank Group
Re: Acknowledgement letter (on Ebola)
Drafter: Aniket Ghai
Proofread by: LM/AB/ 

Authorized: _____
30 September 2014