



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

SG letter to Dr. Paul Farmer  
Special Adviser to the SG  
on Community-based Medicine  
and Lessons from Haiti  
Re: Progress report on Haiti  
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Dear Dr. Farmer,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 21 May 2014 and for the informative and insightful update.

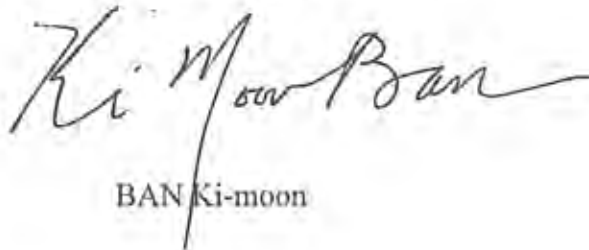
I share your views on the importance of the joint United Nations and Government of Haiti High-level Committee which had its inaugural meeting this week. My Special Representative, Ms. Sandra Honoré, has expressed to the Government the need for the Committee to be as inclusive as possible, so that other partners and donors can contribute to its work. In addition, the United Nations Country Team stands ready to support and strengthen the Government's capacity to effectively monitor the national cholera elimination plan, including the tracking of external contributions.

The United Nations is continuing to work on two fronts on cholera response: the immediate response to prevent and treat cholera cases, and the longer-term response to address the underlying water and sanitation issues. On vaccination, as you will know, the United Nations Country Team, with the United Nations Children's Fund in the lead, successfully supported in 2013 a cholera vaccination programme covering more than 100,000 people. For this year, work is under way to support the vaccination of 200,000 people. Further vaccination campaigns will, as you note, require both increased global stocks of vaccines and the financial resources to purchase the vaccines. My Senior Coordinator, Mr. Pedro Medrano, is actively working on resource mobilization efforts in this regard.

Your analytical work on aid effectiveness and the use of national systems is very timely. I am glad to note that you will be sharing these findings with those involved in discussions on the post-2015 agenda, as this will be very pertinent input.

I look forward to our meeting on Monday, 2 June 2014.

Yours sincerely,



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