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Cleared by Manuel Vargas, Practice Manager (GGOAC)

Dear Jean-Christophe,

As per my SMO of June 07 – see below – I travelled to Kinshasa from June 10-21 to provide fiduciary support to the Bank and Government preparing a rapid response to the Ebola outbreak in the Equator region. In response to the 9th EBOLA outbreak in DRC, the World bank and the community of Donors have committed to support the Government to provide rapid response to EBOLA. Provisions have been made under the bank-financed Health project to support hazard pay to some health workers and community members..

The objective of the mission was to provide technical support to the Government of DRC to establish the list of beneficiaries of the Ebola hazard pay and agree on payment modes, internal control mechanisms, and oversight arrangements that would allow timely and transparency of the payment of the Hazard allowances.

The lack of formal procedures including clear definition of roles and responsibilities of key players, eligibility criteria, etc despite the country long experience in dealing with EBOLA, have made difficult the establishment of a reliable list of the eligible beneficiaries. Therefore, it has been decided to introduce some compensating controls during the payment phase.

Achievements and actions agreed upon

- Under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and the Health Inspector General, the first draft list was issued on June 19, 2019, reviewed and updated. The final list endorsed by the supervisors of the health zones and the Ministry of Health was issued June 21, 2018. It has been agreed that an independent payment agent will be used and that the list of beneficiaries to be available and displayed before payments
- External oversight will include independent external audit and review by the Inspection General of Finance
- Procedures will be developed to guide any actions in the future

Next steps:

- SOFICOM, an independent payment agent spread throughout the Country will be handling the payment of hazard allowances. SOFICOM has track record in performing such activity and has work with many donors including government. Payments are expected to start by June 29, 2018

- Prior to the payment, the list of beneficiaries will be displayed two days before, leaving opportunity to receive and handle complaints
- It has been agreed that an external audit firm will carry out the review of the whole process that led to payment within three months after payments are completed.
- The Inspection General of Finance will carry out an internal audit review of the process including the process over the government spending by end of the year.
- Finally, rules and procedures will be developed by end September 2018 to document process to respond to Ebola from the breakout to the closing.

The draft aide memoire is attached.

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SMO: Mission to Democratic Republic of Congo; June 10-21

Cleared by Manuel Vargas (Practice manager GGOAC)

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Dear Jean-Christophe and Manuel.

From June 10th to 21st, I will travel to Kinshasa (DRC) to provide fiduciary support to the Bank team preparing a rapid response to the Ebola outbreak in the Equator region. I will work with Saidou Diop and Francis Tasha Venayen (FM team), colleagues from the Health GP, as well as other technical experts both on the Government and the donor side.

A memo will be prepared prior to my return.

Thanks.

Hugues