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Dear Mr. Iain Bald,

Subject: Multi-sectoral pandemic planning for Lao PDR - Phase II - Business/ operational continuity for key Ministries

Thanks to initial funding from Central Fund for Influenza Action (CFIA) tune of USD 88,000 in 2009, the UN Resident Coordinator (UNRCO) was able to support the National Emerging Infectious Disease Coordination Unit (NEIDCO) to begin the process of multisectoral planning for pandemics. In order to continue the activities and consolidate the achievements so far, the UNRCO of Lao PDR is hereby submitting application for Phase II of CFIA in the amount of USD 126,260 to implement activities supporting NEIDCO for the next 16 months.

With the previous CFIA funds, NEIDCO with support from the UNRCO carried out an advocacy workshop and a simulation exercise in August 2009; a business continuity planning (BCP) workshop in January 2010 for 12 ministries; and supported H1N1 communication material for the international border points. The allocation of this CFIA fund will allow continuation of UNRCO's support to BCP preparation in Lao PDR, which has strong national ownership by the Prime Minister's Office.

In light of this, the CFIA funds will enable us to continue supporting the BCP activities which will include: following up with the selected ministries to ensure that they produce draft BCPs; and commence a similar process at the provincial level.

Thank you very much for your consideration. We look forward to your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sonam Yangchen Rana'.

Sonam Yangchen Rana
UN Resident Coordinator for
Lao PDR