

United Nations Development Programme

Regional Bureau for Africa



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12 December 2019

Dear Jennifer,

Subject: Release of Direct Costs funds for the Joint Programme "Joint Regional Programme to Support the Implementation of Cross-Border Cooperation Activities in the Liptako-Gourma Region".

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your support in establishing the « Programme conjoint d'Appui à la mise en œuvre des Activités de Coopération Transfrontalières dans la région du Liptako-Gourma » (Regional Liptako-Gourma JP).

The joint programme composed of eight UN agencies and a sub-regional institution was established in November 2019 and is planning to start its activities in early January 2020. The implementation phase requires the approval of the annual workplan by the Steering Committee which could not meet as yet due to the delay from government officials to nominate their representatives.

Meanwhile, the joint programme integrates the staffing of the UNISS Implementation Support Unit (UNISS/ISU). Therefore, it becomes urgent to release funds for this component, established as a separate direct costs project, to allow the setting up of the UNISS/ISU that will be overseeing all UN efforts in the Sahel, including the Liptako-Gourma Joint Programme.

To be able to build on the current momentum and deliver on the expected outcomes by establishing the Unit, we are exceptionally requesting your office to transfer the funds of the Direct Costs project "Appui à la Coordination de la Mise en Œuvre du Plan de Support de la SINUS pour le Sahel" amounting to US\$ 637,999, based on this explanatory letter.

Ms Jennifer Topping,
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I am sending you attached the signed project document as well as the signed Fund Transfer Request (FTR) form for the UNISS Support Unit.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping letters that appear to be 'AA' followed by a horizontal line and a flourish.

Ahunna Eziakonwa
Assistant Administrator and Regional Director

Cc:

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