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**Subject: Request for Technical Assistance – Support for Gold Miners Malaria Program**

Mr. Marco Nicola  
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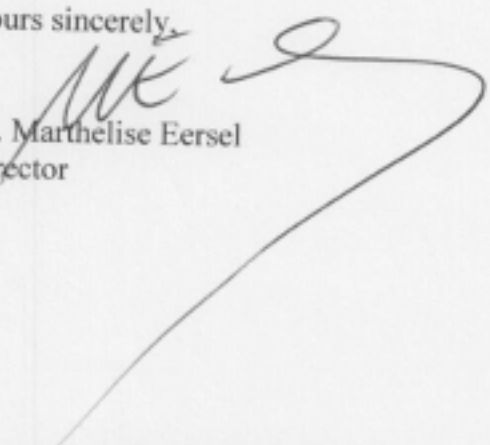
Dear Mr. Nicola:

The purpose of this letter is to request technical assistance from the IDB in the sum of USD\$400,000 to support the Government of the Republic of Suriname (GoS) in its efforts to eradicate malaria in the small gold mining areas of the Suriname Interior. Specifically, the technical assistance will fund: (i) the training of Malaria Service Deliverers (MSDs) (ii) Active Case Detection (ACD) of malaria in the gold-mining areas; (iii) distribution of long lasting impregnated nets (LLINs) and malaria medication to the high risk groups and (iv) updated surveys/research in the field.

Based on ongoing discussions between the Ministry of Health and the IDB which originated me during the Caribbean Regional Meeting on "Expansion and Sustainability of the HIV Response in the Caribbean" which was held in Paramaribo, 13 to 15 May, the Ministry of Health impressed upon the IDB the importance of providing bridge funding to maintain the momentum of its ongoing Gold Miners Malaria project which was originally funded from the Global Fund. In particular, several remote gold mining areas have no proper access to malaria diagnosis and treatment yet and can only be reached through the strategy of Active Case Detection (ACD) which seeks to identify and treat besides symptomatic cases also cases of asymptomatic malaria and gametocyte carriers, which, if untreated, continue to transmit the infection. Moreover, with the continuously expanding gold mining areas, more gold miners are left with the risk of acquiring malaria without proper access to malaria diagnosis and quality treatment.

Within this context, Government is also confident that the support from the IDB in conjunction with the Global Fund will provide positive results in which adequate and consistent diagnosis and treatment principally through the MSDs will lead to the control and decrease of transmission of malaria in these remote gold mining communities.

Yours sincerely,

  
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