

H.E Lytou Bouapao
Chair of the CCM
Ministry of Education and Sports
Vice Minister
Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Dear Excellency Professor Bouapao,

As Global Fund Board Vice-Chair I will come to Laos for a Global Fund mission from the 1st to the 6th of July. I hope that at this occasion I will have the opportunity to meet with you and learn more about the ongoing Global Fund programs for the three diseases and the CCM functioning. During the visit, I will join a team from Mériex Foundation on 1st and 2nd of July in meetings with their partners in Laos.

I will stay on beyond the Mériex Foundation visit and am considering meetings to be held from the 3-5th of July with the following stakeholders:

- Minister of Health, H.E Pr. Eksavang Vongvichitih
- Vice-Minister of Education and Sports and President of the CCM, Lytou Bouapao and the oversight committee
- CSO representatives on the CCM
- National HIV, Malaria and TB programs as well as possible site visits to TB/MDR TB ward and HIV clinic/VCT site
- Representatives for tuberculosis on the CCM
- Meeting with partners in country
- Regional director of Population Services International, Robert Gray – and site visit to Pharmacy and Private sector

Attached you will find a draft of the schedule of meeting agenda for my visit, that we would like the CCM secretariat to facilitate and support in setting up the requested meetings, including correct addresses and people we will meet at each one.

Annelise Hirschmann, the FPM will be contacting you to ensure that the logistics and support can be set up.

Best regards,

Mireille Guigaz, Global Fund Board Vice-Chair

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