



Abidjan, 20 January 2011

Dear Valerie,

Let me first of all thank you very much for your support during this challenging time and also in launching the EHAP to meet life-saving needs and reinforce our preparedness here in Côte d'Ivoire and its neighbouring countries.

I would like to bring to your attention that a principled and well coordinated response is now underway with clusters and cluster leads identified by the members of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) in Côte d'Ivoire. The proposed activation of clusters includes:

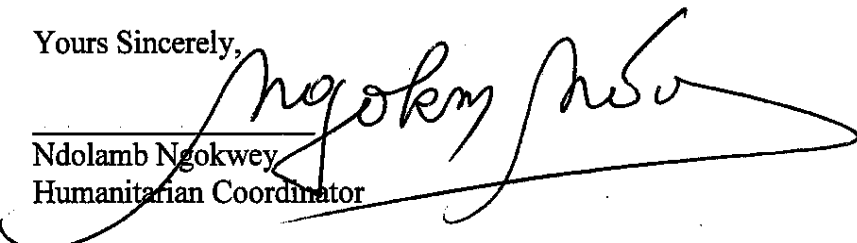
- Food Security (WFP);
- Water and Sanitation - WASH (UNICEF)
- Shelter (UNHCR)
- Education (UNICEF)
- Health (WHO)
- Nutrition (UNICEF)
- Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications (WFP)
- Protection (UNHCR)
- Camp Management (UNHCR/IOM)
- Coordination/Information Management and support services (OCHA).

The establishment of a Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) in Côte d'Ivoire has already been done and it meets on a weekly basis. Decentralized sector focal points are already established in the western part of the country, mainly in Man.

In accordance with agreed procedures for formalizing the use of the cluster approach, I would be grateful if you could consult the IASC to ensure that there are no objections from any Agencies to these arrangements.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for the support OCHA Dakar has and continues to provide to us here in Côte d'Ivoire.

Yours Sincerely,

  
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