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The Secretariat,  
The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,  
International Conference Center Geneva,  
9-11 Rue de Varembe (mezzanine),  
CH 1202 Geneva,  
**SWITZERLAND.**

Dear Sirs/Madams,

**INTEGRATED NATIONAL RESPONSE TO HIV/AIDS AND MALARIA**

As Chairperson of the Malawi Global Fund Coordinating Committee (MGFCC), I have the pleasure of submitting the attached Financing Proposal to the Global Fund for its consideration and positive response.

This proposal is the result of a long, arduous comprehensive and intensive consultation process both nationally and internationally. As Malawi's needs are greater than the Global Fund's capacity to respond, the development of the proposal was motivated by three overarching principles:

- i) Do not ask for resources that cannot be effectively and wisely used in the annual budgeting cycle.

ii) Funding should be sought to fill already identified gaps and unmet needs.

iii) Priority should be given to systems strengthening in the first year, so that all future expanded support from the Fund can be wisely, confidently and effectively directed to a nation that, in the words of the Vice President and Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Health and HIV/AIDS, "is living in grief".

Given the short time to react to the Guidelines from the Fund, and the existing stretched capacity of the system, it is not reasonable to assume that the MGFCC should completely synchronize each and every activity and input. Therefore, some minor inconsistencies may still need to be ironed out, but these should not detract from the substance of the proposal and can be addressed at a later stage.

Please find attached the main proposal and annexes with the detailed implementation plans, by component, for Year One.

I am at your disposal at all times for any consultation or clarification required.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. R.B Pendame