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Dear Sr. Lourdes Sanz:

The Ministry of Health extends you compliments and note with delight your interest to support the step-down program at the Benedict Menni facility. The step - down program which includes discharge planning, support to families and persons with mental illness prior to their return home and / or during the early treatment phase, are consistent with our mental health strategy. This project will promote the full integration of Mental Health into community, reduce stigma and promote resilience.

According to our National Mental Health Policy and strategic plan, the provision of least restrictive mental health care and community - based mental health services are amongst the major principles of mental health care.

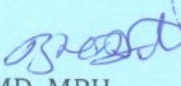
Although, the Ministry of Health will provide human resources and psychopharmacological support, Benedict Menni project could also provide similar support. St. Benedict Menni step - down program shall submit weekly updates and comprehensive monthly financial and programmatic reports on the progress of implementation to Ministry of Health through the Mental Health Unit.

As Liberia returns to restoration of Health Services, we hope that this program will significantly contribute to the process of building back better the Mental Health system of Liberia.

Please accept our gratitude.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,


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