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Fawzia Hoodbhoy
Representative a.i
UNICEF Bhutan Country Office

Subject: LETTER OF INTENT TO JOIN CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

Dear Ms. Hoodbhoy,

It is with great pleasure that, on behalf of the Department of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Thimphu, Bhutan, we confirm and sign on to the Children's Environmental Health Collaborative. This letter signifies our commitment to protecting children from the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation.

As part of our contribution to the Collaborative, we commit to the following activities:

1. Strengthen interventions in Environmental Health (EH) for children and adolescents, with a specific focus on lead poisoning.
2. Integrate children's Environmental Health into the pre-service curriculum of the Faculty of Nursing and Public Health (FoNPH).
3. Assess the environmental burden of diseases, with a focus on lead and other pollutants, as well as climate change risks.
4. Advocate and raise awareness programs for priority children's environmental health to Local Government, schools, institutions, communities, industries, and relevant agencies.
5. Actively participate in conducting research on the specific impacts of climate change and environmental degradation on children's health in collaboration with collaborative partners.

Mr. Karma Wangdi, Program Analyst, Environment Health Program, Department of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Thimphu, Bhutan, will serve as the focal point to coordinate with UNICEF. He can be reached at kwangdi@health.gov.bt, mobile # +975 17693294.

We agree to have our logo displayed among the list of partners on the Collaborative's website and updated brochure. Furthermore, we look forward to working closely with UNICEF to advance children's health, development, and well-being.

Yours sincerely,

(Karma Jamtsho)
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