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## Closure of FCDO funded UK Partnerships for Health Systems programme

I regret to inform you, on behalf of the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), of the closure of our UK Partnerships for Health Systems (UK PHS) programme.

The programme has performed highly in difficult circumstances given the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision to close the programme is a direct result of the pandemic and its impact on the UK economy, which has meant that the UK's overseas development budget has been temporarily reduced to 0.5% of gross national income. Global health remains a priority for the UK and we will continue to be a major investor and a force for good in leading international action.

I understand that this is disappointing for all involved in delivering the UK PHS programme and we recognise the contributions that you have all already made towards it. The UK is proud of its long-standing support to the health partnership community and of its impact in strengthening health systems.

Yours sincerely,

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