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Katrin Pfeiffer  
Deutsche Botschaft – German Embassy  
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Dear Katrin Pfeiffer,

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH HEALTH REFORMS**

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Health is undertaking a series of reforms aimed at restructuring the health system and assessing financing options to ensure a more efficient, transparent and equitable health system. The design of these reforms will be based on evidence and implementation will be carried out only if it is feasible, appropriate and beneficial to do so.

In order for evidence to be generated specific to Malawi, the Ministry of Health is requesting funding or technical assistance from either GIZ itself or P4H. P4H is a global network for universal health coverage (UHC) and social health protection (SHP). The TA requested would support the reform process, in particular, the proposal to establish a National Health Insurance Scheme for Malawi. This support is needed in-country as both funds and the technical capacity, especially in insurance, are limited. Potential further studies could assess the cost of a national health insurance scheme, an actuary study on the feasibility of health insurance and determining what benefits package would provide the most value to Malawi.

Your continued support is much appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.P. Magwira', written over a horizontal line.

M.P. Magwira PhD