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Dr. Gauden Galea
Director
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Through the Life-Course

Dear Dr. Galea,

First of all let us thank you for providing the opportunity to participate in the 4th round of the WHO European Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative data collection.

We acknowledge childhood obesity as a serious medical condition that affects children and adolescents; it is particularly troubling because the extra weight often start children on the path to health problems that were once considered adult problems — diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Many obese children become obese adults, especially if one or both parents are obese. Childhood obesity can also lead to poor self-esteem and depression.

To deal with childhood obesity identifying the real size of the problem is essential and WHO financial and technical support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

The Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs nominates the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health as the only organization under the MoH capable conducting the COSI survey and Dr. Lela Sturua, head of the NCD Department as principal investigator (lela.sturua@ncdc.ge).

Please be informed that to start the process of the registration of the project at the Ministry of Finance the signed agreement for Performance of Work is needed.

Respectfully,

Deputy Minister

Nino Berdzuli