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Situation of non-compliant equipment delivered by UNOPS as part of a grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis

The Minister of Public Health, **Dr MANAOUA Malachie** informs the public that his attention was drawn to the existence of a rather unusual situation, relating to the acquisition and delivery of various equipment as part of the project to strengthen the health system following the COVID-19 pandemic, by the **United Nations Office for Services Projects (UNOPS)**, in accordance with the agreement between the Government and its partner, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis.

At the end of the urgent discussions he held on Thursday, 13 June 2024, with the various stakeholders, it appeared that the choice of UNOPS as the executing agency for the procurement and last-mile distribution of the said equipment as part of this specific project is a requirement of the aforementioned partner, taking into account its status as a UN agency and its experience in procurement.

In addition, the payment of this service is managed directly by the Global Fund, which handles the financial operations for UNOPS, without any funds being made available to a Cameroonian Government entity.

Furthermore, the contractual documents governing this service were signed between the UN agency and the competent technical structures in charge of managing the above-mentioned project, in accordance with the terms of the financing agreement for the said project.

Given the sensitivity of the situation and the need for urgent action, the Minister of Public Health has commissioned an audit of the entire acquisition and distribution operation, in order to establish the facts and identify the various responsibilities that may be incurred, both in disciplinary and legal terms.

In addition, precautionary measures have been taken with a view to restoring any compliant equipment, including a formal notice.

Finally, the Minister wishes to reassure the public of the excellent quality of relations between Cameroon and its partners in the health sector, in particular the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis, in accordance with the procedures and conventions in force. /-

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