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## THE MINISTER

TO

### THE PRESIDENT

Association of Orphans and the Disabled (ASODI)  
BP 9 TEZE-NGIE, S/c BP 526 Bamenda, NW Province

Subject: *Collaboration on Epilepsy Research and Control in Momo Division*

I acknowledge receipt of your letter referenced above, relating to epilepsy in Momo. First of all, I want to thank you and your association for the work you have been doing, sensitizing epileptic patients and the general population in Teze-Ngie on epilepsy and other health problems. Please do receive my hearty congratulations.

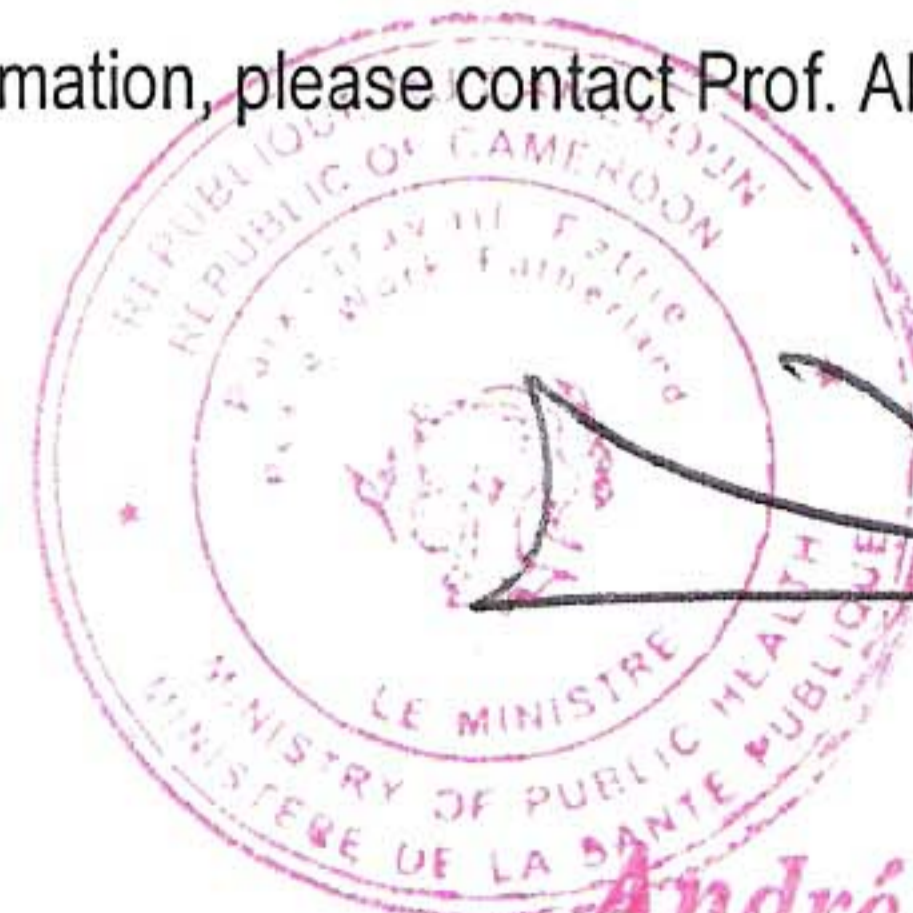
Second, I would like to inform you that my Ministerial Department has taken the issue of epilepsy very seriously since 2001 when it was officially recognized as a public health problem and as such included in the Health Sector Strategic Plan, currently actualized from 2006 to 2015. A National Epilepsy Control Programme has been developed in the Department of Disease Control and the Focal Person for epilepsy and other non endemic diseases is Prof. Alfred K. Njamnshi, a consultant Neurologist and Head of the Scientific Networks Unit in the Division of Health Operations Research.

Thirdly, Dr Samuel Angwafor who has worked very closely with Prof. Njamnshi on epilepsy in the Batibo area, has recently been posted to the Batibo Health District to work with the teams in the whole of Momo Division, (like Community Health Care Association) to improve the care to epilepsy patients, while networking with teams in the Mbam area (with a high prevalence of epilepsy), and the Neurology Service of the Central Hospital Yaounde.

I therefore encourage you to work closely with these teams in network, and we shall together determine areas of collaboration and the modalities of collaboration. Finally, concerning research on epilepsy in Cameroon, I will like to inform you that any health researcher must first obtain an Administrative Authorization from this Ministry before the research is carried out. For further information, please contact Prof. Alfred Njamnshi./-

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