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**Dr. Edgar Monterroso**  
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
Maputo, Mozambique

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***Subject: EPIAID Assistance in field epidemiological and toxicological investigation in Chitima, Tete province, Mozambique***

Dear Dr. Monterroso,

I am writing to request the assistance from CDC in the ongoing field investigation of an apparent food poisoning in Chitima, Tete province, Mozambique. The poisoning may have occurred through the consumption of a traditional beverage on Friday, January 9th. So far, 177 cases and 75 deaths have been reported. Given preliminary to clinical and epidemiological findings, it is believed that a chemical toxic has caused the poisoning.

The Mozambique INS has initiated the field investigation with FELTP fellows but feels additional assistance of subject matter experts could help expedite the investigation.

In this context, Mozambique's National Institute of Health is requesting for the National Center for Environmental Health to send an ESIO and necessary additional staff to support in the field investigation of the outbreak.

We will be looking forward to a favorable response to our request.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ilesh V. Jani'.

Dr. Ilesh V. Jani  
Director General  
Mozambique's National Institute of Health