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Dear George,

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 October noting your constituents' concern about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on nutrition, and the UK's ambition to tackle malnutrition.

The pandemic is expected to have a significant impact on the nutrition of the poorest people in the world. I share your constituents' concerns that the number of acutely malnourished children in the world is set to increase to 54 million as a result of COVID-19. Prevention and treatment of malnutrition is part of the FCDO's support to particularly vulnerable countries, including Somalia, Yemen, South Sudan and Ethiopia. We are also supporting UNICEF to maintain provision of treatment for acute malnutrition in the most at-risk regions and to adapt services so that we avoid increasing transmission of COVID-19 to vulnerable children.

Please assure your constituents that the UK remains committed to addressing malnutrition. We continue to work closely with the Government of Japan to make sure the 2021 Nutrition for Growth Summit achieves meaningful new commitments to address malnutrition globally.

Yours sincerely


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