Head of Sub Office
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Maiduguri Field Office
Borno State, Nigeria

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Reference letter for the Center for Caring Empowerment and Peace Initiatives

This letter is in reference to the International Rescue Committee partnership history with the Center for Caring Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI). The IRC does indeed acknowledge having entered into formal agreements with CCEPI on seven different funding opportunities since mid-2014: Notably, CCEPI has been a sub-grantee on two IRC-USAID OFDA grants; two IRC-ECHO grants; one IRC-USAID FFP grant and two IRC-Stichting Vluchteling grants.

As a sub-grantee, the budget awarded to CCEPI varied on each of these funding opportunities between $10,000 and $75,000. As expected, the IRC did ensure due diligence checks and provided appropriate support by designating an IRC finance focal point person who provided routine supervision, mentoring and coaching.

On the program side, CCEPI overall demonstrated commitment to humanitarian work, were responsive to the roles and responsibilities assigned to them and their community volunteers came on hand as a valuable resource. Clearly, CCEPI is led by a visionary and extremely hardworking Executive Director, Dr. Rebecca Samuel Delli, who doesn’t hesitate being on the front lines and her knowledge of the local context plus relationship with the community structures are a plus.

Our experience partnering with CCEPI convinces us that the organization is sound to be supported to continue their humanitarian work. We would highly recommend routine supervision and provision of proper guidelines and expectations to the organization’s leadership.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely,

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