

20 February 2019

World Connect, Inc.
209 Conover Street
Brooklyn, NY 11231

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference Letter: Action for Sustainable Development (ASUD), Malawi

The Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP) in Malawi is pleased to provide this reference letter to your Organization in response to the request submitted by Mr Thomas Ngwira, Executive Director for Action for Sustainable Development (ASUD), based in Mzuzu, Northern Malawi.

ASUD is duly registered as a local NGO in Malawi and is one of the 88 local organizations that have received funding from the GEF SGP since 2008. In 2013, ASUD received a project grant worth US\$26,500 (United States Dollar twenty-six thousand five hundred only) for the implementation of the “Nkhorongo natural resources conservation project (2013-2015). Through this initiative, ASUD has empowered poor communities to demand and initiate development activities in many areas related to environmental management. Based on the success of the above project, the GEF SGP awarded ASUD with a second grant amounting to US\$30,000 (United States Dollar thirty thousand only) in 2017. To date, the GEF SGP considers ASUD a credible organization, able to translate community development concepts into practical solutions on the ground, to the benefit of society’s less privileged, who count for the majority in Malawi.

Therefore, ASUD having complied fully with all technical, financial and cost-sharing obligations and demonstrating adequate institutional capacity in implementing donor funded projects and mobilizing and energizing communities to act to achieve common and shared objectives, we have no hesitation in offering our strong recommendation in favour of ASUD for World Connect, Inc.’s grant consideration.

Should you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex M. Damaliphetsa'.

Alex M. Damaliphetsa
National Coordinator