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REFERENCE LETTER
VIHEMA – Deafblind Malawi

To whom it may concern

The Humanity & Inclusion (formerly Handicap International) “[Making It Work Gender and Disability project](#)” works with Country Partners in Africa to eliminate discrimination and violence against women and girls with disabilities. Country Partners are selected for good practices that have proved to have a lasting effect and showcase leadership of women and girls with disabilities. The Making It Work Gender and Disability Project supports their technical and financial capacities, their advocacy work and enhances cooperation around the intersectionality of Gender and Disability.

VIHEMA Deafblind Malawi (registered as the Registered Trustees of Deaf Blind Malawi) was one of the organizations selected in October 2017, through demanding rounds of selection carried out by our committee of international experts on Gender and Disability.

Their selected good practice, “Advancing the access of deafblind women and girls to Sexual and Reproductive Health”, has brought changes which make them a striking example of a successful practice advancing the rights of women and girls with disabilities. In this specific set of activities, they improve the quality of life of deafblind women at local level, by training them on their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, by training health professionals on improving accessibility and by raising awareness through media coverage.

Since VIHEMA Deafblind Malawi’s selection as a partner of Humanity & Inclusion, our collaboration with them has been a strong success, and they remain a solid partner of our Gender and Disability Project. They have participated in our Forum on intersectionality in 2018, supported evidence-based advocacy for the rights of women and girls with disabilities, and are now working on the scaling-up of their activities with our support.

This lasting collaboration allows me to certify that their work is qualitative, serious, and impactful. We strongly believe that the activities they will conduct with the support of World Connect will bring a positive impact and lasting changes.

I remain at your disposal should you need any additional information on VIHEMA Deafblind Malawi’s work.

Thanking you for your time and consideration,

Best regards,



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