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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this reference letter at the request of the Chipelera community, who is applying for a grant/partnership with World Connect. Chipelera village is located in the Nkhotakota district, part of the Central region in Malawi, Africa. I have worked with many community leaders/members in Chipelera for three years in my capacity as a Peace Corps community resource manager. My main work was training the men and women of Chipelera in capacity-building activities and community development skills. During my service many members of the Chipelera community were able to accomplish many development goals that addressed environment, education, and health concerns in the community.

The Chipelera has a strong core of well-trained and diligent community development leaders/members who want to keep improving and learning new skillsets to assist the most vulnerable in the area. The various development goals the Chipelera community members have accomplished so far include:

Environmental Sustainability – Constructed multiple new tree nurseries and cook stoves to combat deforestation.

Food Security – Constructed multiple new sustainable kitchen gardens and implemented improved food storage systems (PIC bags) to combat hunger and malnutrition.

Health – Constructed multiple new hand washing stations, made reusable menstrual pads, and trained youth in HIV/AIDs education (Grass Roots Soccer) to improve sanitation and safe sex practices.

Education – Trained multiple men and women in community development strategies (Sustainable Opportunities for Leaders in Internal Development “SOLID” program) to improve project design and implementation.

Infrastructure – Built a brand new hostel to support the housing of 100 girl students to improve educational attainment.

In conclusion with these results I would highly recommend the Chipelera community to your organization for continued support in their community development projects. If you need any additional information, feel free to contact me at telephone or by email at any time.

Sincerely,

Chrystian Johnson.