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To whom it may Concern,

Dear Sir/Madam

**Ref: Recommendation for Funding**

I write to hereby recommend Habiba International Women and Youth Affairs (HIWYA). As the Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), we have supported and partnered with Habiba International Women and Youth affairs over the last 12 years in our Gender Based Violence Programme. NCA Gender Based Violence (GBV) works towards the reduction of gender based violence with a focus on Harmful Traditional Practices with a specific emphasis on Female Genital Mutilation and Child Protection.

During our partnership, Habiba International has consistently demonstrated good partner relationship and has successfully implemented all the activities agreed upon as per our yearly contractual agreements. With NCA support, Habiba implemented projects in Mandera County in mobilizing communities using Community Conversation/ Dialogue approach to act and reduce all forms of Gender Based Violence in general and FGM in particular. Habiba International was also key in advocating for enforcement of laws that address GBV.

Additionally, the project recognised the influence of religious leaders in the project areas and mobilised and involved them as change agents in their communities. The mobilisation and mentoring of schoolchildren was also undertaken towards positive socialisation and to enable them make informed choices. Women were also supported with skills and equipment towards economic empowerment.

In view of the foregoing, I fully support the efforts of Habiba International Women and Youth Affairs as they seek funding to support programs designed to seek to prevent, protect women and girls against Gender Based Violence (GBV), and empower women in Mandera County. Any support given to Habiba International Women and Youth Affairs will go a long way in promoting awareness, sensitization, prevention and response to various forms of violence perpetrated against women and girls, and therefore will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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