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World Connect
632 Broadway, 12th Floor
New York, NY 10012

Dear World Connect:

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Community Forum Organisation (COFO) in Chikwawa, Malawi. COFO is applying to World Connect for a grant in support of their Quail Farming Project.

Bridge Kids International has been partnering with COFO and the people in their community since 2015. Bridge Kids International, Inc. uses the power of African heritage culture to create communities that support the well-being of young people. We help young people of Africa and the African Diaspora unleash their social entrepreneurial spirits to solve economic development, education, environmental, girls' rights, and health challenges and link them for the purposes of friendship, cooperation, and individual and community empowerment. Members of COFO comprise Bridge Kids Malawi, one of 6 Bridge Kids Groups around the world.

In December 2019 Bridge Kids International funded COFO's Quail Farming Project by providing seed money for their economic development effort. We applaud the work of the young people of COFO who are striving for self-sufficiency and contributing to the health of their community. The project was carefully vetted and we are proud to say that is it off to a great start. COFO has spent the funds exactly as proposed, the quails are thriving and, through their own ingenuity, the group has procured additional equipment. COFO is focused on practical, grassroots efforts to improve their lives and community and they have proven their capacity to implement projects. We deeply appreciate their intelligence and creativity and consider their work a model for other Bridge Kids Groups. I highly recommend Community Forum for additional funding for the Quail Farming Project. Your support will be used responsibly and significantly contribute to the success of COFO and their community.

In peace,

Stacy Bailey-Ndiaye
Executive Director