To whom it may concern,

The CDC sponsors Safe Water System projects, consisting of: 1) addition of sodium hypochlorite solution in the household, 2) safe storage of water, and 3) educational messages, in 19 developing countries. We have documented an average of approximately 50% reduction in diarrhea in users, and work with numerous partners worldwide to provide safe water.

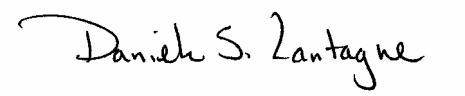
The CDC Safe Water System project in Zambia is a highly successful project that, in partnership with Population Services International (PSI), produces, distributes, and markets the safe water product Clorin. Over 2 million bottles of Clorin are currently sold per year, providing safe water to a significant amount of families in Zambia.

Although the Zambia project is highly successful in the urban areas, we have noted in Zambia and other countries where we work through the distribution channels, that people in rural areas do not have access to those networks. In Kenya, we are working with numerous on-the-ground NGO partners to provide the link between the product distributed by PSI and rural homes. This model allows all levels of users to access and afford safe water in the home.

I have spoken and emailed with James Ingraham of ResourceLinC, and his organization has established exactly the types of contacts with on-the-ground resources in rural areas that will allow ResourceLinC to be an effective mechanism to link the CDC Safe Water product currently manufactured in Zambia with rural users. The women's group network and farmer's groups that ResourceLinC works with, in addition to the collaboration with the Tropical Diseases Research Center, make ResourceLinC an ideal organization to help provide safe water to rural areas of Zambia.

As with any of our SWS projects, CDC will be happy to provide technical assistance via email and phone, contacts with partners working in Zambia, and information on the project to be posted on the ResourceLinC web board. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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