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The Honorable Andrew S. Natsios
Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development
Ronald Reagan Building,
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20523

Re: ResourceLinC proposal - "Strengthening MCH/RH Services and Zambian Health Systems"

Dear Honorable Andrew S. Natsios:

I reviewed the proposal abstract and the many letters of support received for the ResourceLinC proposal to provide economic and medical assistance for the people of Zambia. As an economist, I understand that the most important resource of any country is its people. The health issues facing the countries of the African Continent are massive and need to be addressed on a large scale as a precursor to the emergence of strong economic growth. The ResourceLinC proposal combines efforts on both fronts – improved health and new economic opportunities.

ResourceLinC has assembled an impressive team of local professionals from the University of Zambia, the Zambia Tropical Diseases Research Center, the Zambia National Food and Nutrition Commission, the Zambia National Farmers Union, Moving Water Industries, EMG-Africa, the Women's Clubs of Zambia and the African Women In Mining Network which has committed 1,500 and 500 of their members respectively as community outreach volunteers. Properly managed, this network of individuals can be an effective conduit for health care and information to the rural areas of Zambia. And, if the linen manufacturing facility can be launched, the program will have available a sustainable source of income for local citizens with profits devoted to continued support of the health outreach program.

The ResourceLinC proposal defines a project that could make a substantial contribution to economic progress and improvement of health care in Zambia and I would encourage you to view the proposal positively.

Sincerely,

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