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Ref.No/ቁጥር CHS/0688/2022
Date/ቀን April 8, 2022

To: 1. Mr. D. S.
2. Mrs. L. E.

Re: Expressing our gratitude for the financial support you have made to Tigray's victims of sexual violence

Mission

Advancing the Health of the people through customer drive health services quality education and innovative research.

Vision

By 2025, to become one of the top 25 African center of excellence in Health Service Health Science Education and Research.

Core Values

Quality first
Customer drive
Innovation
Integrity
Sustainability
Good
Governance
Commitment
Ownership
Equity

Dear Mr. S. and Mrs. E.

It is now known all over the world that countless girls and women experienced gruesome sexual violence in Tigray by the soldiers of the invading armies. Those girls and women have experienced multidimensional problems which include medical and surgical health problems, psychosocial problems, economic hardships and even more. Their problems will definitely need long term support by a well-organized team in our region with the support of our people and benevolent individuals, such as you, from around the world. However, this will take some time. Therefore, any kind of support right now for the survivors of sexual violence in Tigray is very welcome as it will give some kind of relief to their immediate needs.

Our institution would like to thank both of you for the 10,000 (Ten thousand) Euro you sent to us through Etiopia-Witten, our longtime trusted partner. We were able to get it in our local currency at an exchange rate of 1 Euro= 55.5 Ethiopian Birr (ETB). Thus, 555,406.03 ETB was deposited to our local bank account. Since receiving the money, we were able to provide financial support for survivors of sexual violence at two institutions, namely, the **One Stop Out-patient Clinic** for sexual violence survivors at our hospital and the **Safe House** for those who are admitted in a separate site in our city. Most of the survivors come with nothing in their hands and have lost whatever savings they had. They come from all over Tigray to our city after paying the expensive fare for transportation because of lack of fuel. Once they arrive at Mekelle, they have no money for their accommodation, food or other essential items they need. Thus, we have paid a total of 126,500 ETB to 76 survivors at both institutions.

Besides, our institution purchased food items and other essential supplies worth 293,069 ETB to women at both institutions. Our support will continue until we use all the money you sent us.

On behalf of the survivors of sexual violence who have been cared for at both institutions, we express our heartfelt gratitude for the great financial support you have made. It is our hope that you shall continue to be our partners in the future as well.

Sincerely,

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