

April 9, 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: Recommendation for Integrated Disabled Women Activities (IDIWA)

I write on behalf of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in support of Integrated Disabled Women Activities.

IDIWA was recommended to CRS's Farmer to Farmer Program (F2F) by USAID local Mission. Farmer to Farmer program has been in partnership with IDIWA for four and half years now. Through F2F, CRS has supported the organization with technical assistance in various economic empowerment projects for women and girls and further provided capacity building of IDIWA in various management and governance using American consultants.

Through the years of working with IDIWA, we have found IDIWA very committed to its vision of empowering women and girls with disabilities and ending discrimination against women and promoting gender equality.

IDIWA has good program management & accountability systems and has continually sought improvement of its systems to effectively deliver on their vision of empowering women and girls both with and without disabilities across its area of operation. CRS staff and American consultants have not found any challenge in working with IDIWA because of their adherence to the memorandum of understanding.

We highly recommend IDIWA for funding in the areas of women economic empowerment, reproductive health and Sexual & Gender Based violence. IDIWA has established presence within grassroots communities where violence and abuse against women and girls is more prevalent and thus will make a greater contribution to ending violence against women and girls with and without disabilities right from the grassroots.

Sincerely,



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