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Dear Mr. Ogston,

On behalf of Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC) and the volunteer organizers of the World Partnership Walk, I thank you for your generous in-kind donation to the 2011 World Partnership Walk campaign.

Your support is a reminder that Canadians, like you, understand the challenges we face globally. We know there is no single solution to the alleviation of poverty. However, a combination of focussed initiatives – in health, education and livelihoods, can improve the resilience of communities, making them less vulnerable to adversity.


Allow me to share an example from Mozambique. Since 2004, Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC) in partnership with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has been addressing the immense poverty in the northern province of Cabo Delgado – one of the poorest places in the world. In remote coastal villages families often go hungry in the months before harvest.

An AKFC-supported program has been working with communities to tackle food security and reduce the barriers to healthcare and education. By working with Village Development Organizations the program has enabled farmers to adopt new agricultural techniques, improving the quality of produce families grow for themselves, while spurring the production of cash crops. These gains have fuelled a new spirit of entrepreneurship, and given communities the confidence to support education initiatives for children and adults, and primary healthcare, particularly for mothers and newborns.

Such initiatives would not be possible without your support to the World Partnership Walk.

Thank you again for your commitment and for taking steps to end global poverty.

Yours sincerely,


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