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To: Any Prospective Partner of Okere City

**LETTER OF SUPPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR OKERE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (OKERE CITY)**

Please receive this letter of support from my office as the Commercial Officer for Otuke District Local Government in favor of Okere Community Development Project (Okere City). Okere City is a Community Development Organization (CBO) fully registered with our Local Government authority. The organization was first registered in Nov 2019 and until their registration expired in Nov 2020. Upon satisfactory performance after an appraisal of their work by different Local Government authorities including my office, the organization's operational license was renewed in November 2021 for another period of three years.

Okere City has been at the forefront of championing development efforts in Adwari Sub-County, Otuke District in several ways. Personally, my office has worked with Okere City to Shea butter value chain development. I supported the organization to register Okere Shea Cooperative Society in 2020. Through the Okere Shea Cooperative, the organization has been able to directly work with 120 rural women in Okere to launch Okere Shea Butter to the marketplace. Okere Shea Butter is one of the Shea butter cosmetic products sold in Uganda and their average monthly turnover is 2,000 USD and has been growing since the product was launched in June 2020. Profits are shared as dividends by all women who are members of the cooperative society according to their shareholdings. This way, Okere City is contributing to guarantee a better future for the village.

Additionally, Okere Village Bank, another project of Okere City is also making sure that the rural community in Okere village can have access to soft loans to grow and expand their local businesses. The village bank also promotes the culture of savings and entrepreneurship by training the community members on financial literacy and offering other business development services. The mobile banking services of the village bank is also promoting financial inclusion in Okere and neighboring villages.

Okere City's holistic approach to community development is bearing fruits and Otuke District Local Government is hopeful that with more support, the work of the organization will create more impact both in the nearer and far future.

Please consider supporting Okere City and join us to enable the organization and the people of Okere village to thrive and flourish.

Thank you.



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