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Jean Constant,

RE: GIRLS IN CRISIS LAUNCH EVENT.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the launch of Plan International UK's 'Our Vision: A Call to Action by Girls in Crises'; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

Whilst I was unable to attend the event you kindly invited me to owing to longstanding parliamentary commitments, I know the Government works with a wide range of international partners to ensure the best results for girls across the world. I am proud of the leadership that the UK has shown, supporting the UN and national governments to keep girls safe. This includes the largest ever single investment to help end female genital mutilation (FGM) in the world: the UK is providing an extra £50 million to support the Africa-led movement to end FGM by 2030 and provide better protection for vulnerable girls.

Moreover, educating girls is the tool that can address a whole host of the world's economic and social problems and, alongside all 53 members of the Commonwealth, the UK is working to help provide 12 years of quality education for all girls by 2030.

Girls' education is one of the five foundations of DFID's wider work on gender equality, and between 2015 and 2019, the UK supported 5.8 million girls to gain a decent education. In 2018, the Prime Minister, as Foreign Secretary, launched the 'Leave No Girl Behind' campaign. The campaign gets girls learning, builds international political commitment and boosts global investment. Our 'Girls Education Challenge' is the world's largest fund dedicated to girls' education and is supporting up to 1.5 million marginalised girls in 17 countries around the world.

I look forward to learning more about the vision and how it might compliment the extensive work the Government is already doing.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

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