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The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative

Dear Sir/Ma,

RE- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I wholeheartedly recommend Ikore International Development for development-related initiatives based on their exceptional performance and outstanding results during our partnership with the USAID-funded Feed the Future (FtF) Nigeria Rural Resilience Activity (RRA).

The primary objective of the RRA is to build household resilience and enhance market performance through market systems development (MSD) interventions in Northeast Nigeria (NEN). Ikore International Development, as our esteemed partner, played a crucial role in driving market efficiency and facilitating the last-mile delivery of high-quality animal production inputs, such as feeds and veterinary products and services. Their efforts extended to developing rural smallholder entrepreneurial livestock farmers and improving rural infrastructure within the livestock market, directly impacting returns for key market actors in Adamawa and Gombe.

Ikore conducted a comprehensive study and successfully developed a compelling business case for commercializing the Community Animal Health Scheme on behalf of the Feed the Future Nigeria Rural Resilience Activity. This product has proven instrumental in presenting private sector partners with innovative approaches to the Animal Health Service delivery industry, fostering progress and growth.

One of the remarkable achievements of Ikore was the establishment of 10 rural-based retail outlets, which significantly enhanced the efficient last-mile delivery of top-notch veterinary inputs while curbing the proliferation of counterfeit products in the market. Additionally, Ikore took the initiative in training, equipping, and subscribing 50 Community Animal Health Workers to technology, empowering them to contribute to animal disease surveillance in the state. These workers have become invaluable assets for veterinary suppliers and distributors, efficiently delivering animal health products and services, including vaccinations. Moreover, Ikore's support extended to 300 livestock farmers, providing them with in-kind loans, insurance subscriptions, and technical assistance. This resulted in increased adoption of improved business and husbandry practices among farmers.

Based on the organization's remarkable performance and the impressive outcomes achieved during our partnership, I have complete confidence in recommending Ikore International Development for any development-related initiatives. Their dedication, professionalism, and commitment to delivering impactful results make them a valuable asset to any development project.

Best wishes,

John Rachkara
Chief of Party
Feed the Future Nigeria Rural Resilience Activity

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