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Ms. Mary Corkery  
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Dear Ms. Corkery:

Thank you for your letter of November 30, 2009.

Since taking office in 2006, our government has indicated both in its Speeches from the Throne and subsequent Budgets that we would be working to make Canada's international assistance more effective. Drawing on this, in my public speeches, I have clearly indicated the steps and directions that will guide CIDA in its work.

A critical element of our effectiveness agenda is to focus our resources both geographically and thematically, on our three priorities of Food Security, Children and Youth, and Economic Growth. Another element is to ensure that all of the projects we support deliver results that make a real difference to the lives of those living in poverty.

As you can understand, this greater focus on priorities and results means that some project proposals will not be supported, even if they were in the past. Without this focus, Canada will simply not be as effective in helping to fight poverty, hunger and disease in the developing world.

As we do for all proposals, you will receive a formal letter from CIDA on your proposal.

Let me assure you that CIDA will continue to support the efforts of all qualified, experienced organizations in their outstanding, meaningful work that will improve the lives of those living in poverty, most efficiently and effectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bev Oda', written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Bev Oda, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of International Cooperation

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