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Beyond Borders

Subject: Job Application

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am applying with great excitement to work within your organization. Being highly committed to your organization's values, I would like to carry out a professional career within the protection of Child Rights, with a goal of achieving access to quality education for all children. I have really been interested in the humanistic, multicultural and multidimensional approach to Child Rights promoted by your organization as well as the possibility of collaboration with a wide range of partners from diverse backgrounds.

I am confident that my excellent analyzation skills and previous work experiences in policy analysis, research and evaluation will allow me to thrive and build in your organization. Through my academic background, my research at the University of Geneva, and my professional experiences I developed the ability to assess educational policies at national and international levels by taking into account the political, economical, cultural and social situations of the concerned region/country with the use of both qualitative and quantitative data. The results of my research have been drafted, presented and assessed very positively by government officials (Office for Integration of Foreigners and Department of Public Education Geneva), NGO's, academic professionals and practitioners. Furthermore, I am highly committed to the community-based approach. Indeed, with the aim to discover the real needs of the populations in crisis, I had field experiences through my humanitarian trips to Palestine and Reyhanli (Turkish town on the Syrian border) but also through my professional background as Education Specialist in Istanbul and my last position as Education Project Manager in Hatay. These trips and professional experiences provided an opportunity to work with refugees and local stakeholders, which raised my awareness about the issues encountered by refugees in these areas.

During my university studies and my professional experiences, I was heavily trained in and applied several techniques for project management as well as research, benchmarking, reporting best practices, monitoring and evaluating politics and projects in underprivileged societies. Furthermore, I am also aware and interested in educational material targeting adults or children with special needs. Theoretical knowledge that I have applied in practice during my recent work experiences as Reporting Officer in Médecin du Monde Turkey, but also as Education Specialist in Mülteciler Derneği in Istanbul and as Education Project Manager in Save The Children Hatay Office. These experiences provide me the opportunity of analyzing the situation of Syrian refugees, designing and implementing projects to resolve the identified issues. All of this in collaboration with the Affected Population, the local community, the municipalities, the institutions such as schools but also universities, national and international NGOs, and Ministry of Education. I had also the occasion the collaborate and write reports and proposals for different kind of donors such as BPRM, ECHO, GFFO, the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), OCHA, The Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS) and EIDHR.

Through my experiences and academic background, I have acquired the skills to learn quickly and apply new expertise proactively. In addition, I will use my fluency in three languages (English, French and Turkish) as an asset to work in different contexts and collaborate with internal and external colleagues and partners. I am convinced that my experiences and competencies will be of value to your organization. I am delighted to provide any further information that may be required and to meet with you at your earliest convenience to answer any questions and further discuss my credentials.

Yours faithfully,

Derya Kaygisiz

