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Dear Beyond Borders Team,

In serving nearly 15 years in the education sector, with 10 years in the field of education in emergencies, I can bring practical, firsthand field experience to your focus areas of Educators Professional Development, E-Learning, Curriculum Design and Tools and Guidance Development. I lived the challenges and opportunities teams encounter both operationally and technically in the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and Asia. I have a demonstrated history of effectively leading and developing quality programs through participatory approaches and galvanizing communities of practice to expand sector-wide thinking and promote interpersonal connection. I believe this experience and my passion for increasing access to safe, relevant, and playful learning opportunities for marginalized children could contribute to the work of Beyond Borders.

I have worked in over 10 crisis and conflict contexts, as Education Program Manager, Technical Advisor, Cluster Coordinator and Global Advisor. While working as a Humanitarian Surge Team member within Save the Children, I deployed frequently to humanitarian responses at various stages of development and implementation. In this role, I honed my skills to quickly analyze programmatic needs, adapt technical strategies, streamline operations, and foster strong working relationships with teams and donors. My geographic experience is vast and includes - but is not limited to - implementing participatory risk and capacity assessments to mitigate attacks on education in Somalia and Ukraine, mainstreaming child protection through adaptation of multi-modal social emotional learning tools for children on the move in Northwest Syria, and establishing comprehensive professional development and wellbeing psychosocial support programs for teachers in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

From these deployments, I translated my extensive learning into supporting global organizational capacity and strategy development through collaborative and adaptive learning and research. This has included the establishment of technical exchanges to ensure diverse voices are not only heard but amplified in the development of global strategy. I believe meaningful team engagement to be the backbone of successful projects and am eager to join a team which promotes thoughtful and impactful work.

As a foundation for this work, I am highly organized to support coordination and collaboration across countries and teams, and I pride myself on effective, clear, and supportive communication. I believe that by applying these skills and experience, I can support a variety of Beyond Borders' projects ensuring they are grounded in operational realities. I am passionate about my work in the education sector and am fueled by a fundamental belief that learning and play underpins communities' ability to survive and thrive.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss possibilities to work together. Thank you and I hope to be in touch soon.

Warm Regards,

Emily C. Durkin
