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Letter of Intent

TERRE DES FEMMES has been cooperating with Andrea Iannetta for several years to produce educational and awareness-raising films on different forms of gender-based violence.

Among other projects, TERRE DES FEMMES made a 15-minute awareness-raising film with Mr. Iannetta about the condition of women in Europe affected by female genital mutilation. See the video "Amina" here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_rYmtIXWY0.

Female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) is a global severe human rights issue. At least 200 million girls and women are affected worldwide. The practice is particularly widespread in countries in Africa, in Asia and in the Middle East, but is also increasingly prevalent in Europe due to migration. In Germany alone, there is currently a potential of approximately 104,000 affected girls and women, and roughly a further 17,700 girls that are at risk (cf. TERRE DES FEMMES Dunkelzifferschätzung 2022: https://frauenrechte.de/images/aktuelles/2022/FGM/2022_Dunkelzifferscha%CC%88tzung_final.pdf).

In the project Join our CHAIN (<https://www.frauenrechte.de/unsere-arbeit/themen/weibliche-genitalverstuemmung/join-our-chain>) launched at EU level, TERRE DES FEMMES carries out close cooperation with community trainers, who play a key role in awareness-raising work within affected communities. TERRE DES FEMMES also offers advanced seminars to deepen existing knowledge about FGM/C and supports activities in affected communities through regular networking meetings.

Moreover with the Berliner Koordinierungsstelle gegen FGM_C (The Berlin Coordination Office against FGM/C: <https://www.frauenrechte.de/unsere-arbeit/themen/weibliche-genitalverstuemmung/berliner-koordinierungsstelle-gegen-fgm-c>), TERRE DES FEMMES empowers community members in their awareness-raising work and together with them trains professionals and interested parties regarding the topic of FGM/C. The aim of the coordination office is to further develop interdisciplinary connections in Berlin, to strengthen professionals in dealing with the topic, to carry out educational work in the different communities and to sensitize the public to the topic.

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In the context of TERRE DES FEMMES' main activities concerning the topic of FGM/C, the film "THE MAASAI GIRL" could, among other things, greatly support the educational work of the community trainers in Germany as well as activists worldwide because: it addresses the practice in a culturally sensitive way, it creates identification with the protagonist Charity Resian Nampaso, showing the difficulties of exclusion and ostracism faced by those who decide to refuse the practice, and it is thereby also exemplary for positive activism and change within the fight against FGM/C.

For all these reasons, we have been supporting Charity Resian Nampaso and Andrea Iannetta's project from its earliest stage. We are convinced that education is the key to ending the practice of female genital mutilation and therefore greatly welcome the realisation of the film "THE MAASAI GIRL". We will use this film as a tool in our future educational and awareness raising campaigns.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Lilith Dost". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Lilith Dost

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