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Hello Friends,

Vibrant Village Foundation continues to support vital work to improve access to water and sanitation, increase food security, provide basic community health services and strengthen education for children and families in remote areas around the world.

In 2016, we funded 34 programs in 23 countries with our program expenditures and grants totaling $3.2 million. This was a slight decrease over the prior year as we moved to consolidate our grants in fewer locations. Our non-program expenses totaled $92,000, which was less than 3% of our overall expenditures.

Some of the 2016 program highlights include the significant growth and impact in our Kenya program. Our staff in Kisumu worked hard to expand their farm input project reaching 1489 farmers, up from 500 in 2015. On average, these farmers produced 59% higher maize yields than farmers not in the program. The Kenyan team also grew their Education Learning Volunteer program providing extracurricular tutoring and support to 557 children who would otherwise be falling behind or dropping out of school.

Also in late 2016, we solidified new partnerships with two organizations specializing in the Graduation Model, a tested approach to alleviating poverty for the extreme poor. We are now supporting The BOMA Project, who works with women in the arid region of Northern Kenya and Trickle Up, who is doing similar work with young women in Guatemala. Combined, our grant support of $400,000 will help nearly 1200 women graduate out of extreme poverty and gain skills to support their families into the future.

As we look forward to the second half of 2017 and into 2018, we expect our portfolio will continue to shrink slightly as we invest more deeply in fewer partnerships and projects and explore more of our own direct implementation work. As we move forward, we would like to express our tremendous gratitude for all the people who dedicate their lives to this work and are helping create positive, lasting change in these communities.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing engagement in our work and look forward to helping more families and communities thrive in the year ahead.

Best regards,

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Founder & President