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Dear E/E RPCV Board of Directors and Members,

I write with tremendous gratitude for your generous contribution in support of a special project we are now launching in Tigray, Ethiopia. Thanks to your partnership, this month we begin efforts to reconstruct nine schools and two health posts in the region. We will provide trainings for educators who have been away from teaching for several years, bring children back into the classroom to restart their educations and catch up on lost learning, and provide both a school feeding program and school-based psychosocial support to these children who, with their communities, have been through a great deal.

All of this is no small feat. As you know, the armed conflict in Tigray began in November 2020 and lasted a full two years. The region remained cut off from the rest of the country and the world for the entire duration. Children and families were impacted by the horrors of war, internally displaced, experienced hunger, and lacked basic medical supplies and care. With schools shuttered, traumatized children lacked the stabilizing force of education. I saw the results of these atrocities when I visited the region in March 2023, and also the strength of Tigray's people and their yearning for hope and normalcy.

With your support, we will deliver hope to children and their communities in Tigray, and reinvigorate the legacy of our late partner, Mimi O'Hagan, who originally helped us build these structures that were affectionately called "Mimi's Building Blocks." Indeed, there is more work to be done beyond these nine schools, two health facilities, and the communities who will benefit from them. But it is a solid start and one that will signal a new beginning and a brighter future for children and families in the region.

Save the Children could not do any of this important work without the compassion and generosity of the Ethiopia & Eritrea Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and our other donors who are dedicated to this project. Thank you for your partnership and for believing in the critical difference we will make in the lives of many.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janti Soeripto", written in a cursive style.

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