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Dear Mr. Abraham,

Greetings from **Population Foundation of India!**

The Population Foundation of India sees people living with HIV as an absolutely vital part of any response to HIV/AIDS. For this reason, we value our collaboration with the Indian Network for People living with HIV/AIDS (INP+), a national, community based organization which has led state and district level networks to provide people with access to HIV/AIDS care and support services, including under the Global Fund supported program.

We would like to inform you that the Global Fund has satisfactorily resolved the issue of recoveries stemming from the OIG investigation report on the Indian Network for People living with HIV/AIDS (INP+), a sub-recipient (SR) to PFI under the Round 4 and Round 6 grants of HIV component.

The OIG investigation focused on the portions of these grants for which INP+ served as an SR and, more specifically, the funds that INP+ transferred to its affiliate, Positive Support Fund (PSF). Based on its review of the available evidence and considering the good faith and cooperation shown by INP+, the Global Fund Secretariat has determined that partial rather than full recovery represents an appropriate and equitable resolution of this case. PFI had been consistently stating that the actual amount to be returned should be the unspent overhead/management fee amounting to INR 1.60crores. The Global Fund agreed with this amount as a final resolution. We acknowledge that INP+ returned INR 1.60 crores to PFI in June 2013. We are enclosing the letter from the Global Fund addressed to PFI which clearly concludes that all matters related to recoveries stemming from OIG investigation are settled.

We feel proud that we took an ethical, factual and partnerships stand with you on this issue. During the course of the last three years, it has been painful to see India wrongly listed along with other nations that had allegedly embezzled funds of the Global Fund. However, as events have unfolded now, it is clear that there was no embezzlement of funds on the part of INP+.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Indian Network for People living with HIV/AIDS (INP+) for its consistent cooperation with the Global Fund, OIG, other auditors, and PFI in resolving the issue.

PFI will be happy to work with INP+ to restore their credibility that has been unfairly affected by this saga. We also trust and hope that as per the KPMG recommendations, INP+ and its networks will further strengthen their management/financial capabilities.

We wish INP+ all the very the best in meeting the needs of positive community in India.

Best regards,

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