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To the Country Representative,

I have been a UNICEF consultant involved in the areas of child protection and psychosocial support for the last decade. I am writing in support of the Lubuto Library Project, an innovative initiative to create libraries as places of safety and learning for marginalized and vulnerable children.

This organization has established the equivalent of a caring library, accessible to all children, especially those who cannot attend school - it is a place of learning through story telling, drama, mentoring, and lovely books; it is a place of safety; it is based upon traditional approaches by which children learn about the world and their place in it. In the safe space that this library provides the children participate in a number of programs that embrace informal education, child protection, and HIV and AIDS education. Some of these programs are the performing arts, visual arts, the environment, and a mentoring program where children receive life skills.

It is a unique way to reach children that I have not seen replicated anywhere else. I hope that you can lend your guidance and support to this project so that it can expand to reach even more children.

Best wishes,



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