



8 December, 2014

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Re: Status update on the project “Facilitation of Circular Labor Migration of Haitian Seasonal Workers to the US under the H-2 Visa Program”

Dear Mr. Berger,

On behalf of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), I would like to reiterate our gratitude to Good Ventures for its continued support in our joint effort to set up a transparent and ethical circular labor migration scheme for Haitian agricultural workers under the H-2A visa system. As agreed in the meeting in San Francisco on November 14, I am pleased to share with you a detailed project status update.

From August to December 2014, the project team identified more than 50 agricultural employers hiring H-2A workers in the United States. They have been briefed about the project, informed about the possibility of hiring Haitian workers and invited to attend the stakeholder workshop that took place in Haiti (3-4 November 2014). From this pool of 50 employers, 20 employers, agents and employer associations, have expressed serious interest in either hiring H-2A Haitian workers in 2015 or receiving Haitian representatives for the educational exchange in early 2015.

The project team has narrowed its search to 11 employers interested in hiring Haitian H-2A workers in early 2015. From these, 4 employers are in the process of sharing specific job order information detailing the profiles of workers they need. Nine employers, agents and employer associations are interested in receiving leaders of Haitian agricultural associations for an educational exchange in early 2015.

The project team is confident that the planned target of 100 workers will be achieved – and very likely surpassed – as employers complete job orders for specific growing seasons in 2015. A farm labor contractor based in Santa Maria, California has already shared the need to hire 100 H-2A workers for a strawberry harvest in March-April 2015, emphasizing their interest in Haitian workers. Another company in Idaho is working with us on the logistics of bringing in Haitian workers. The team is closely following up with all interested parties, assisting them with tailored information packages to help make a final decision.

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As previously expressed, the added scope and extended timeline of activities has required that the Project Team requests a no-cost extension for Phase 1 (from 4 to 5 months), while remaining within the original award amount. This package includes the Phase 2 modified budget, further detailing the changes based on our current projections for 2015.

Building on the success of the first phase and to ensure continuity, I would like to hereby request the initiation of internal review and endorsement procedures necessary for the decision on Phase 2 budget disbursement, effective 1 January 2015.

Should you have any questions or comments, I remain at your disposal as do the rest of my colleagues at the IOM Haiti Mission and USAIM in Washington, D.C.

Yours Sincerely,

Gregoire GOODSTEIN,

Chief of Mission

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Attachments:

Annex 1: Employer Dashboard (as of 8 December 2015)

Annex 2: Phase 2 Budget Modification.

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