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Dear Alan and Elie,

Indeed the situation in Yemen has been quite challenging and the ability to cope with such circumstances in the way SCI has responded has been critically helpful and instrumental in advancing implementation, at a time when the Bank's capacity was limited to extend support to our Yemeni client.

I am really appreciative to the role SCI has been supporting our client in the manner they were doing through building their technical capacity to implement nationwide programs and also to put in place the tools that would allow us to measure the project results. It could be noted the extent the staff of the client has developed during the period SCI has been supporting the Bank's project. I also appreciate the technical advice on the design of nationwide campaigns especially when the rules of the game change on the ground and people are displaced. Those people who still need to be reached with drugs to ensure that infection will not continue to be spread.

One additional comment, is that on March 10, 2013, our client in Yemen will embark on its biggest ever nationwide distribution campaign reaching more than 11 million person in a few days. This is even bigger than polio immunization campaigns historically known to be the most successful in Yemen. This is also being done at a lower cost for drug distribution than internationally implemented in other countries. This capacity developed could not have been possible without SCI. Also, the cost savings allowed the client to expand the deworming program for Soil Transmitted Helminths in new areas in non-Schisto provinces.

Best Regards,

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