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Dear Sir,

I am an Italian veterinarian with about twenty years of professional experience acquired in Italy and abroad, both in technical and managerial fields. I have been managing private practices since I was graduated and I have been actively involved in development cooperation sector starting from 1995.

My interest has been focused mainly to East Africa, where I have developed a good field experience, covering different managerial positions and carrying out short and long term assignments. My main knowledge regards arid and semi-arid environment and nomadic pastoralist communities (Somalia and Ogaden) but I also participated in projects and missions in highlands of Ethiopia and Kenya, following small scale rural/community-based projects of food security and environment conservation and in Democratic Republic of Congo monitoring and evaluating animal re-stocking and child protection projects.

I am one of the founders and the actual chairman of a no-profit association that implements agro-zoo technical projects in Africa, Asia and South America (AVEC PVS). At the moment I am a member of a team responsible for an integrated rural programme in Ethiopia and a multi-sector project in Democratic Republic of Congo (Kubunina), where we are partner of Project Management Institute - Northern Italy Chapter .

The involvement in several types of interventions, with governmental and non-governmental cooperation, gave me the chance to build the knowledge on the project cycle, participating at any stage of its development, from the assessment to the evaluation, taking part either in narrative either in financial reporting. I wrote proposals for different donors, usually preferring multi-sector approach and enhancing collaboration with international and local partners.

I consider that the practice in different sectors, at various level of responsibility, has been significant to gain a flexible approach and an accurate working method, crucial to understand the context and to face the complexity of such kind of job.

I like to work in team and I am an autonomous person. I really love to work in Africa, to share experience with the people at any level, in deep respect of personal, social and religious beliefs.

My academic career, after the veterinary science degree, mainly includes a three-years specialisation and two one-year courses (veterinary and development cooperation sectors). I have just completed a two-year master in honey bees pathology and apidology.

At the moment I am available mainly for short-term assignments, with a short notice period, including emergency projects. I am fluent in English and basic in French . No smoker.

Yours sincerely,

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