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Ms. Sophie Grig

Dear Ms. Grig,

USAID and other donors have been monitoring the situation in South Omo where the Bodi, Mursi and Kwegu live. Through multi-donor trips to the region, we met with government officials, development workers and community members and looked at: information and consultation; availability of services; livelihoods; and issues of security and conflict. We also participated in community discussions with individuals and groups, with and without the presence of government officials. Where relevant, they were guided by a common questionnaire. These trips provided a snapshot of the process at the time and were not representative samples nor intended as in-depth research.

The main finding from these trips is that there are no reports of widespread or systematic human rights abuses. Our observations do not support assertions described in your letter that the resettlement processes are accompanied by systematic and widespread human rights abuses.

I want to assure you that we will continue to remain diligent. If we find evidence of human rights abuses we will raise them with the appropriate government authorities.

Sincerely,

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