



Rome, 16 February 2011

Dear Mr Colling,

We are very pleased to welcome HELP International as a new member of the Mountain Partnership. I am confident that HELP will not only benefit from what the Partnership has to offer, but will also contribute significantly to achieving the stated goals of the Mountain Partnership, namely to improve the lives of mountain people and protect mountain environments around the world.

As you might know, the Mountain Partnership will be actively participating in the forthcoming Women of the Mountains Conference at UVU, aimed at strengthening the involvement of North American mountain communities to promote worldwide sustainable development in mountainous areas. We look forward, during this occasion, to meet HELP and discuss a future collaboration which I believe will bring real added value to the Mountain Partnership.

I assume that you will be HELP's focal point in the Partnership and that all future correspondence relating to the Mountain Partnership should be directed to you at the address indicated. Once you confirm this, we will add these contact details to our records and inform other members accordingly.

In the meantime, we would encourage you to visit the official web site of the Mountain Partnership at www.mountainpartnership.org for up-to-date news and information on the current status and activities of the Mountain Partnership around the world.

We look forward very much to working with you in promoting sustainable mountain development within the context of the Mountain Partnership and appreciate the commitment, energy and broad experience that HELP brings to this important international alliance.

Sincerely,

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