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Mr. Tamagne Beyene  
Chairman of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Ethiopians in Saudi Arabia  
Washington, D.C

Dear Mr. Beyene,

On behalf of the U.S. Association for International Migration (USAIM) I would like to again express our gratitude to you and the Global Alliance for the Rights of Ethiopians in Saudi Arabia for providing critical post-arrival assistance for vulnerable Ethiopian returnees in 2014. We are writing to you today because we have another urgent crisis that we need your help addressing, then Ethiopians migrants stranded in Yemen.

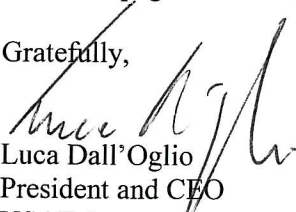
As you may know, great numbers of Ethiopians are stranded in Yemen and IOM needs support to provide them with basic necessities and assist them with evacuation. *An estimated 250,000 refugees and one million migrants – mostly Ethiopians – are currently living in precarious conditions in camps, receptions centers or poverty stricken urban areas across Yemen.* Since the conflict broke out, IOM has evacuated some 3,177 Ethiopians from Yemen. Another 250 were evacuated via Khartoum, Sudan and 38 via Djibouti.

IOM has launched an USD 84 million regional appeal to meet the immediate needs of population affected by the conflict in Yemen. With the regional appeal, IOM is focusing on the delivery of emergency humanitarian assistance to displaced populations, migrants and affected host communities in Yemen, in the areas of emergency shelter, camp management, health, protection and water and sanitation. Additionally, IOM will continue evacuating migrants. We have attached the IOM regional appeal and press report as of May 2015 for your review.

I would like to thank you in advance for your efforts to raise support for Ethiopians stranded in Yemen. Your efforts are pertinent to providing urgent funding for basic necessities and evacuations of Ethiopians trying to return to their home countries. We were honored to have had you as a partner in our efforts in the past, and we are counting on you and the Global Alliance for the Rights of Ethiopians in Saudi Arabia's support today.

And as a reminder, USAIM is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and hereby acknowledges that your donation is tax-deductible under the IRS code. We hope you will visit our website at [www.usaim.org/yemencrisis](http://www.usaim.org/yemencrisis) to see the page we have dedicated to this project.

Gratefully,

  
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