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Michael Deal



March 10, 2015

Mr. Ralph Koehring  
Agreement Officer  
USAID/Egypt

**RE: Status of Key Personnel - No. AID-279-L-14-00001**

Dear Ralph,

VEGA respectfully notifies USAID that the Chief of Party, a Key Personnel position, is working remotely from his country of origin. Though not a Key Personnel position, Agricultural Finance Advisor Alaaeldin Abdalla, an Egyptian expatriate, is also working remotely.

### **Background**

Due to the current political uncertainty and lack of government in Yemen, Land O'Lakes has temporarily relocated two expatriate employees of the Yemen CASH program from the office in Sana'a to their respective countries of origin.

Chief of Party Mohammad Ilyas is currently managing the Yemen CASH program from Pakistan. Dr. Ilyas departed Yemen on official travel on January 8. During his absence, the security situation deteriorated and Land O'Lakes directed him to return to Pakistan and continue managing the project from there. Dr. Ilyas has been in Pakistan since January 25. Agricultural Financial Advisor Alaaeldin Abdalla, an employee of Land O'Lakes subrecipient IESC, departed Yemen on January 16 and is working full-time from his country of origin, Egypt. The table below summarizes this information.

Name	Position	Current location	Date of departure from Yemen
Mohammad Ilyas	CASH COP – Land O'Lakes employee	Pakistan	Departed Yemen on January 8.
Alaaeldin Abdalla	Agricultural Financial Advisor – IESC employee	Egypt	Departed Yemen on January 16.

These employees are directly collaborating with project staff in Yemen as well as colleagues at Land O'Lakes and IESC headquarters on a daily basis. The Deputy Chief of Party is a Yemeni citizen who continues to work in Yemen at the CASH office. You may continue to reach Dr. Ilyas at the same email address, [mohammad.ilyas@idd.landolakes.com](mailto:mohammad.ilyas@idd.landolakes.com). You may reach DCOP Abdulsalam Al-Kuhlani at the Yemen CASH office or by email at [abdulsalam.al-kuhlani@idd.landolakes.com](mailto:abdulsalam.al-kuhlani@idd.landolakes.com).

VEGA and Land O'Lakes continue to monitor the security situation very carefully and is regularly reassessing whether expatriate staff are safe returning to Yemen. In the meantime, staff are managing remotely according to a remote management plan submitted to the AOR.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Saling', written in a cursive style.

Peter Saling  
Director of Programs