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To whom it may concern,

DT Global, formerly known as Development Transformations, worked with the Organization for Combatting Youth Extremism and Promoting Citizenship in Mauritania (OCYEPCM) on the USAID PELA Mauritania program. DT Global and OCYEPCM worked together on implementing a training and data collection with the purpose of creating a research project to inform USAID on its strategy on countering extremist recruitment in Mauritania.

DT Global had an exceptional experience working with OCYEPCM through January 2019 to March 2019 and hopes to engage them at some point again in the future. OCYEPCM demonstrates a nuanced understanding of the Mauritanian and West African context as it relates to extremism, governance, and youth. They are able to quickly recruit and hire consultants to assist with any specific roles or deliverables and can implement research programming throughout Mauritania, while carefully addressing cultural sensitivities and security concerns.

In total, OCYEPCM assisted with the implementation of over 400 surveys in 5 regions of Mauritania over a period of 10 days. The surveys adhered to strict gender, age, ethnic, and geographic requirements and distributions and were compliant with USAID rules, regulations, and request.

The Organization's president, Abdullahi Messoud, is an exceptional leader with the skillset to learn new skills, train, and implement programing quickly and effectively. He has brought together a talented network of staff with research experience that covers every corner of Mauritania. We at DT Global are happy to recommend OCYEPCM and Abdullahi to anyone who wishes to work with them in the future.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Walsh", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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