Dear Microcredit Summit Campaign and fellow partners

The Relief Society of Tigray (REST) is a local NGO operating in Northern part of Ethiopia. This letter is to demonstrate our commitment to join the global campaign to help 100 Million families lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

In 2015, we commit to help 348,000 chronically food insecure families lift themselves out of extreme poverty. We will extend safety net transfers to help targeted families smoothen their consumption which will give them the confidence to seek other economic opportunities and link them to financial service providers to help them diversify their livelihood. Safety net transfers will be delivered as labour intensive public works which serve to create productive community assets or infrastructure—e.g., irrigation, wells, and rural roads—or deliver environmental services—e.g., soil and water conservation, grazing land rehabilitation and tree planting—that contribute to long-term development aims. To sustain the livelihood gains through building their resilience to shocks, we commit to help 22,500 families access Weather index insurance coverage against drought.

We look forward to working with you in this important campaign and are confident that together we will produce significant results.

Sincerely,

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