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The Director General

Directorate of Drug Administration

Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

105-106 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

**Subject: Request for No Objection Certificate (NOC) for importing Vitamin A capsule under USAID funded PTOTEEVA program**

Dear Sir

Greetings from Save the Children!

First of all, briefly we would like to give an idea about Save the Children. Save the Children is an international Development Voluntary Organization working in over 48 countries around the world including Bangladesh. We are conducting development activities in different district in Bangladesh. We have undertaken rural development program in our project areas for education, economic opportunities, health, nutrition and other poverty alleviation activities in close cooperation with the Govt. of Bangladesh. Save the Children is a non-profit organization. We do not have any project/enterprise to earn profit.

At the moment, we would like to draw your kind attention to the fact that, for the School Health & Nutrition (SHN) project of USAID funded PROTEEVA program we need to import Vitamin A capsule (200,000 i.u.). The capsules will be used for underprivileged children of 5-12 years age group throughout 64 districts of Bangladesh. For ensuring high quality of the Vitamin A capsule as per international standard we need to import the item.

Following Save the Children standard procurement policy, we have primarily selected Aurobindo Pharma Ltd., Hyderabad, AP, India for supplying us 164,000 pcs of Vitamin A capsule, who follows the GMP and has got WHO prequalification.

Therefore, considering the above case, it will be highly appreciated if you kindly issue a NOC for this particular case. We believe that this will come to a great support for ensuring high quality Vitamin A capsule for the underprivileged children of our country.

Sincerely yours

Michael McGrath

Country Director

Attachments:

1. Copy of Proforma Invoice (PFI No. PFI No. P 1 17.10.2011/2, dated 17/10/2011)
2. Challan in favor of Bangladesh Bank (A/C No. 1-2715-000-1863)

Cc: Viviane Leu, Program Director, HIV/AIDS sector