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Dear Referee,

Sudan Volunteer Programme is a registered charity providing volunteer teachers of conversational English to public universities in Sudan. This is arranged with the support and cooperation of the Sudanese Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. More information about what we do can be found on our website.

Most of our volunteers are not formally trained as teachers of the English language. Instead, we are mainly concerned with recruiting well-educated, native speakers of English (or non-native speakers who have studied, trained or lived in an English-speaking environment and have a good command of current idiom).

We understand that you have kindly agreed to act as a referee for an applicant who is applying for a post through us. We would appreciate a prompt reply so that the application may be processed quickly, drawing on your knowledge of the applicant in relation to the following points:

- The nature of the work means that s/he should have an interest in language and in working with other people, as well as good communication and time-management skills;
- As the applicant will be living and working amongst people whose way of life and customs are very different from his/her own, s/he will need to be sensitive, tolerant, good-humoured, patient and adaptable;
- Although the experience is very rewarding, living and working conditions in Sudan can be trying, meaning that s/he will need to be mature and resilient;
- We are particularly looking for people who can operate on their own initiative, and have a natural ability to develop a programme for themselves where appropriate.

Please advise me if there is anything that you know about the applicant that would make him or her unsuitable to take up a post with us as a volunteer.

Kindly also state your relationship to the applicant, and how long you have known him/her, in your response.

Please reply by e-mail only using the address above. The information you give will be treated in confidence.

Thank you very much for your help.

Yours faithfully,

David Wolton

Sudan Volunteer Programme Director