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Dear Microcredit Summit Campaign and fellow partners in the global movement to help 100 million families lift themselves out of extreme poverty,

With this letter the Society for Social Service (SSS) states our commitment to take specific, measurable, and time-bound action to *help 100 million families lift themselves out of extreme poverty* – and therewith make a major step forward in ending extreme poverty entirely.

We know that this bold goal will require global partnerships that enable organizations to work together in new and innovative ways across a broad range of financial and non-financial sectors to reach goals and benchmarks that could not be obtained working apart. We are eager to join this global movement to demonstrate with others the power of partnerships against poverty and also to inspire new collaborations with those committed to supporting the movement of millions out of extreme poverty.

We know too that a goal means little without a concerted effort to honestly and accurately measure progress made towards the goal and therefore we commit to measuring our progress toward our goals through a consistent and reliable system. We also know that movement out of extreme poverty will require dedicated efforts to support those journeying out of poverty and we commit to developing and implementing products and services that facilitate this type of movement.

SSS has been implementing financial and non-financial activities covering about 5 lac families in 27 districts. Development and welfare programmes are being put into operation addressing these families as a single family of SSS. The organization has been working on micro-credit more than two decades. It has entered the broader arena of microfinance schemes. Savings, insurance, remittance, and technical supports along with credit facilities are being provided to our group members. It is noticeable that in the working area income, purchasing power, loan using capacity and asset creation by the beneficiaries have conspicuously increased, which are known from a recent economic evaluation. They have enriched their living-standard. Creativity, diversity and multitudinous classifications have been brought in the credit programme considering the need, demand and investment capacity of the beneficiaries.

We are continuously promoting men and women to entrepreneurs in both rural and urban economy in the field of agriculture, fishery, livestock, cottage and handicraft, small and medium trade in order to reduce income disparity and unemployment pool and empower women. For the financial year 2015-16, we will be adding the following number of clients for our financial and non-financial services:

Financial Services:

- *60630 new clients will get the financial services. In addition, existing 484363 clients will also get financial service during this period.*

Social Safety Net:

- *20150 new clients will be covered under Nation Building through Eradicating Malnutrition (NEM) program run by SSS own fund.*

- *85000 clients will be covered under food security program*

Education, Training, and Health:

- *520 students will receive scholarship (Tk. 500 to 8000 monthly) under Education and child development Program.*
- *240 students will receive training on different trade under SSS Technical and Vocational Education Training Centre (TVET).*
- *SSS will provide education to 760 students in the 13 domestic education centres.*
- *46070 clients will get health service (Discounted consultation, treatment and primary health care awareness) under SSS health program.*
- *SSS will provide financial support to 2000 woman clients TK. 4000 each for their Caesarian delivery, operation on gallbladder stone, appendicitis and hysterectomy.*
- *500 new clients will get financial services and technical service under Begging Eradication Program run by SSS own fund.*
- *We will provide leadership & skill development training to 5000 clients in new skills to generate additional income.*
- *We will also provide foundation & skill development training to 2200 staffs.*
- *Provide gainful employment to 1000 unemployed youth during this period.*

SSS commits to implement the above plans in the current year (2015-16) and report the progress to Microcredit Summit Campaign in April, 2016. Executive Director of SSS, Mr. Abdul Hamid Bhuiyan, notes "I would like to thank and congratulate all categories of beneficiaries, our committed and sincere workforce who made all our successes possible. SSS will keep on moving towards poverty alleviation and overall development of the society--this is our commitment."

We look forward to presenting the progress we have made to reach these benchmarks at the next Microcredit Summit and to then renewing our commitment with new benchmarks for specific, measureable, and time-bound actions to help 100 million families lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

Sincerely,

[Insert signature of head of organization here]

Society for Social Service (SSS)