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Dear Emerging Leaders Selection Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Ms. Meenakshi Dahal for the Emerging Leader in Early Care and Education program. Meenakshi is a research student in the School of Education, Kathmandu University in Nepal. She has more than 13 years of experiences in the field of early childhood development. Her involvements in various national and international organizations for the support of the children is appreciable and praiseworthy. Her areas of expertise include teacher training, girls’ education, early childhood care and development research, and parenting education. She is the founder chairperson and executive director of one of the leading organizations for early childhood development in Nepal.

Meenakshi is a dedicated advocate for the children. She not only works with teachers and parents of children but also she is working with government and other policymakers and community members to support the young children. She has been working with diverse groups (from national level to grass root level) to support holistic development of the children. She has supported government organizations to develop policies and periodic strategic plan for ensuring child rights.

She is regularly providing trainings and conducting workshops to aware various stakeholders on early childhood development and supporting for quality ECD programs. Her academic background and field based experiences are vital for supporting children in Nepal.

Sincerely,

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