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Application member Be-Cause Health Steering Comité

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Dear steering committee of Be-Cause Health,

With this letter, I would like to express my keen interest in joining the Be-Cause Health steering committee. Currently, I am employed as mental health programme coordinator at the NGO Fracarita Belgium. As programme coordinator, I am responsible for the development, strategy, organisation, implementation and monitoring of all our mental health programmes in the Great Lakes Region of Africa (DR Congo, Burundi, Rwanda & Tanzania). It is my responsibility to understand the unique challenges of people in this area and develop initiatives that address their specific mental health needs. Working closely with various stakeholders, we strive to provide effective support and resources to people in need. Our goal is to increase access, promote mental well-being, raise awareness and reduce stigma around mental health.

With my Master of Science in Global Health, Master of Science in Management and Policy in Health Care and my Bachelor's degree as a hospital nurse, I have the necessary knowledge and skills to take on this challenging role. Furthermore, I have several years of work experience as a policy officer and staff member in a psychiatric hospital in Belgium, which has given me a broad knowledge and understanding of policy development and quality assurance. Additionally, I am co-coordinator of the Be-Cause Health working group 'Researchers in global health'.

With great enthusiasm, I present my candidature for a role within the Be-Cause Health steering committee. I believe that my combination of academic training, practical experience, and passion for improving global health outcomes aligns well with the mission and objectives of Be-Cause Health. I am confident that my perspective and expertise can contribute to the ongoing efforts to address the complex challenges faced by our global community.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Elisa Vanlerberghe