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WORLD HOPE INTERNATIONAL WARNS THE PUBLIC OF PHISHING SCAM IN SENEGAL AND GHANA

Faith-based relief and development organization has been working with law officials to find and prosecute scammers

ALEXANDRIA, Va., October 21, 2016—[World Hope International](#) (WHI), a Christian relief and development non-profit organization working with vulnerable and exploited communities worldwide, today advised the public of a fraudulent phishing scam taking place in Senegal and Ghana.

In this phishing scam, the perpetrator is falsely posing as a World Hope International employee online via Facebook and email claiming to be hosting a conference in Senegal and New Jersey on behalf of the organization and asking for money to help pay for transportation and visas.

World Hope International is alerting the public that it is not hosting any conferences in Senegal or New Jersey and strongly urging them to not donate money to this false event. It is also important to note that WHI does not have any representatives working in the United Kingdom where the perpetrator claims to be located.

“We take cyber-crime very seriously and have been working with law enforcement officials to find and prosecute the perpetrators of this fraudulent phishing scam,” said John Lyon, chief executive officer and president of World Hope International. “We have reported this to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Cyber Division, as well as reporting these false profiles to Facebook directly. We have been taking the necessary steps to stop this problem before more people fall victim to this criminal act.”

World Hope International identified multiple domains and email addresses that the perpetrator(s) used, including, @worldhopeconference.org, @worldhopeinternational.net, info.worldhopeconference@gmail.com and coordinatorconference@USA.com. The domains were registered by a “Vincent Jones” using the email address “snikkylyrics@yahoo.com” and phone number +221-768730106.

World Hope International is working with the authorities to prosecute the perpetrators of this crime. If the public has any additional information about this crime, please contact your local police.

For questions, please contact info@worldhope.org.

About World Hope International

World Hope International (WHI) is a Christian-relief and development organization that works with vulnerable and exploited communities to alleviate poverty, suffering and worldwide injustices. Founded in 1996, WHI currently works with 15 of the poorest countries in the world focusing on eight key areas: anti-trafficking and gender-based violence, clean water wells and sanitation, rural and economic development, agriculture, education, emergency response, health and nutrition, and child sponsorship.

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These key WHI programs bring tangible and positive change to the individuals that WHI works with, who then go on to transform their communities and their countries. WHI bases what they do on long-term results providing resources and knowledge to the poor, so they can ultimately become agents of change within their communities. WHI's vision is to provide those in need with opportunity, dignity and hope so they can possess the tools for change in themselves, their family and their community. To learn more, please visit <http://www.worldhope.org>, sign up for the WHI newsletter or follow WHI on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Instagram.

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