

المقنثرون لالكويتى للتغيئة الملاقيقناوتية المعكم **KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



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Ms. Leilani Farha The Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing as a component of the Right to an Adequate Standard of Living and on the Right to Non-Discrimination in this Context. Palais des Nations. 1311 Geneva 10. Switzerland

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Dear Ms. Farha,

I refer to your letter of 17 April 2018, forwarded to us through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait, and in which you inquired as to whether Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, in cooperation with its development partners, supported projects aimed at upgrading and improving housing conditions in informal settlements and providing utility and other services to their inhabitants.

I wish to inform you that according to its established policy, Kuwait Fund does not finance housing projects though it may finance the infra-structure for such projects, including the provision of utility services. However, the Fund assists in financing eligible projects in partner countries in accordance with their priorities and responds to their requests to finance projects after ascertaining the viability and economic feasibility of such projects. As such, since we have not received an application from any of our partner countries to assist in financing a project directly aimed at ameliorating the plight of residents in informal settlements, we have not hitherto funded such a project. Nonetheless, as we have financed projects falling in the power, water supply, transport, education and health sectors, such projects may well have a beneficial effect on the lives of inhabitants of informal settlements along with other population in the beneficiary country.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

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