Financing Agreement

(Health System Support Project)

between

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated 30 June, 2017
FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated 6 June, 2017, entered into between the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA ("Recipient") and the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association"). The Recipient and the Association hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — FINANCING

2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in the amount equivalent to twelve million six hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR12,600,000) (variously, "Grant" and "Financing"), to assist in financing the project described in Schedule I to this Agreement ("Project").

2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance shall be one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.

2.04. The Payment Dates are April 15 and October 15 in each year.

2.05. The Payment Currency is United States Dollar.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through the Ministry of Health and cause Part B.1.a of the Project to be carried out by the Tadamoun Agency, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.

3.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient
shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension consists of the following, namely that the Tadamoun Agency’s Legislation has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the Tadamoun Agency to perform any of its obligations for the Project.

4.02. The Additional Event of Acceleration consists of the following, namely that the event specified in Section 4.01 of this Agreement occurs and is continuing for a period of thirty (30) days after notice of the event has been given by the Association to the Recipient.

ARTICLE V — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

5.01. The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of the following:

(a) The Recipient has adopted an Administrative and Financial Manual of Procedures in form and substance acceptable to the Association.

(b) The Recipient has selected an accountant with qualification and experience satisfactory to the Association.

5.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

5.03. For purposes of Section 8.05(b) of the General Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the date of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

6.01. The Recipient’s Representative is its minister at the time responsible for finance.

6.02. The Recipient’s Address is:

Ministère de l’Economie et des Finances
BP 238
Nouakchott
Mauritania

Facsimile: 222-45-25-33-35
6.03. The Association’s Address is:

International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

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248423 (MCI) 1-202-477-6391

AGREED at , as of the day and year first above written.

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

By

Authorized Representative
Name: EL MOCTAR OULD DJAY
Title: Minister of Economy and Finance

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Authorized Representative
Name: LAURENT MSELLATI
Title: Country Manager
SCHEDULE I

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to improve utilization and quality of Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health (RMNCH) services in selected regions, and in the event of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, to provide immediate and effective response to said Eligible Crisis or Emergency.

The Project consists of the following parts:

**Part A: Support to improving utilization of quality RMNCH services through performance-based financing (PBF)**

1. **Provision of PBF payments to health service providers**
   Improving utilization of quality RMNCH services through: a) providing PBF payments and small investment grants to Eligible RMNCH Service Providers (posts, centers and hospitals), in accordance with the qualitative and quantitative indicators specified in the PBF Manual; and b) providing PBF payments to community health workers in accordance with the qualitative and quantitative indicators linked to community-level activities specified in the PBF Manual.

2. **Verification and counter-verification**
   Supporting verification and counter-verification activities through: a) conducting quality and quantity assessments of health services provided by the Eligible RMNCH Service Providers and community health workers, prior to (on a quarterly basis) and after (on a semester basis) the PBF payments are made; and b) paying performance bonuses to RBF implementing bodies in accordance with the PBF Manual.

**Part B: Support to increasing demand for health services**

1. **Conditional cash transfers to stimulate demand for health care**
   Promoting and facilitating access to health services through: a)(i) updating the Tekavou Manual to integrate the new Conditional Cash Transfers under this Project and (ii) providing Conditional Cash Transfer payments to Eligible Beneficiaries on a quarterly basis upon utilization of health services in accordance with the updated Tekavou Manual; b) strengthening existing mechanism to support demand-side interventions, including modifying, hosting and managing the database for the national social safety net system, and community-based
engagements; and c) paying for the Tadamoun Agency’s staff costs and costs associated with verification and cross-verification.

2. Strengthening of community health

Operationalizing the community health strategy through: a) completing the community health strategy and developing a budgeted action plan with necessary implementation elements such as training manuals, profiles, and terms of reference; and b) strengthening local organizations’ capacity to increase demand for health services and accountability, and supporting awareness raising activities for women and mothers.

Part C: Capacity building and Project management

Supporting capacity building and Project management through: a) strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Health and other entities involved in RBF and Project management, including monitoring and evaluation, public financial management and procurement, health management information system, RBF methods, and database management; b) assisting with implementation of the universal health coverage (UHC) policy through developing a health financing assessment framework, conducting feasibility and actuarial studies and workshops, preparing the UHC strategy, developing a road map and an action plan, and preparing relevant implementing law and decrees; and c) supporting Project management through financing Operating Costs, Training, and equipment; paying salaries of international and national consultants; and installing adapted waste disposal systems, and revising and implementing Safeguards Instruments for the Project.

Part D: Contingent Emergency Response (CERC)

Contingent emergency response through the provision of immediate response to an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, as needed.
SCHEDULE 2
Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements.

1. The Recipient shall vest its Ministry of Health with the responsibility of implementing the overall Project. To that end, the Recipient shall cause the Ministry of Health to maintain a RBF Technical Unit until the completion of the Project, with the terms of reference and staffing satisfactory to the Association, to be specifically responsible for overseeing the PBF payments and the Conditional Cash Transfers under Parts A and B of the Project.

2. The Recipient shall cause the Ministry of Health to maintain until the completion of the Project, a Ministry of Health Steering Committee under terms of reference satisfactory to the Association, including responsibility for providing Project oversight.

3. The Recipient shall cause the Ministry of Health to maintain until the completion of the Project, with the terms of reference and staffing satisfactory to the Association, a Directorate of Financial Affairs, including the Project’s accountant, to be responsible for financial management of the Project.

4. The Recipient shall cause the Ministry of Health to maintain a General Secretariat until the completion of the Project, with the terms of reference and staffing satisfactory to the Association, to be responsible for: (a) Project management, including monitoring and evaluation; and (b) preparing Project Reports.

5. The Recipient shall take all necessary measures on its part to ensure that the verification, counter-verification and cross-verification for the PBF payments and Conditional Cash Transfers are carried out in accordance with the PBF Manual and the Tekavoul Manual, respectively.

6. The Recipient shall take all necessary measures on its part to ensure that the Tadamoun Agency carries out the Conditional Cash Transfer activities under Part B 1.a of the Project in a manner satisfactory to the Association and in accordance with the Tekavoul Manual.

7. The Recipient shall, no later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, (a) prepare and adopt the PBF Manual, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association; and (b) hire a procurement specialist with qualification and experience satisfactory to the Association.
8. The Recipient shall, no later than four (4) months after the Effective Date: (a) install an accounting software; and (b) hire external and internal auditors with qualification and experience satisfactory to the Association.

9. The Recipient (a) shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Administrative and Financial Manual of Procedures, the PBF Manual, and the Tekavoul Manual; provided, however, that in case of any conflict between the provisions of the Administrative and Financial Manual of Procedures, the PBF Manual, Tekavoul Manual and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail; and (b) except as the Association shall otherwise agree, shall not amend, abrogate or waive any provision of the Administrative and Financial Manual of Procedures, the PBF Manual, and the Tekavoul Manual.

10. The Recipient shall:

   (a) prepare a draft AWP&B for each Fiscal Year, setting forth: (i) a detailed description of planned activities for the Project for the following Fiscal Year; (ii) the sources and uses of funds therefor; and (iii) responsibility for execution of said Project activities, budgets, start and completion dates, outputs, and monitoring indicators to track progress of each activity;

   (b) not later than November 15 of each Fiscal Year, furnish to the Association for its comments and approval, the draft AWP&B and promptly thereafter, finalize the AWP&B, taking into account the Association’s views and recommendations thereon; and

   (c) adopt the final version of the AWP&B in the form approved by the Association not later than December 15 of such Fiscal Year.

B. Counterpart Funding.

1. The Recipient shall, not later than the date of this Agreement, open and maintain until the completion of the Project, a separate account for the exclusive purpose of providing its own financing for activities under the Project ("Project Account") in a total amount of not less than two million United States Dollars (US$2,000,000) ("Counterpart Funding").

2. The Recipient shall deposit, no later than September 30, 2017, one hundred thousand United States Dollars (US$100,000) into the Project Account. The Recipient shall, no later than March 15 in 2018, 2019, and 2020, deposit five hundred thousand United States Dollars (US$500,000) into the Project Account, with the final payment in the amount of four hundred thousand United States Dollars (US$400,000) deposited into the Project Account no later than March 15, 2021.
C. Subsidiary Agreement.

1. To facilitate the carrying out of the Conditional Cash Transfer activities under Part B.1.a. of the Project, the Recipient shall make part of the proceeds of the Financing allocated from time to time to Category (5) of the table set forth in Section IV.A.2 of this Schedule available to the Tadamoun Agency under a subsidiary agreement between the Recipient and the Tadamoun Agency, under terms and conditions approved by the Association ("Subsidiary Agreement").

2. The principal amount of the Grant made available under the Subsidiary Agreement ("Subsidiary Grant") shall be on the same terms as those of the Financing.

3. The Recipient shall exercise its rights under the Subsidiary Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Subsidiary Agreement or any of its provisions.

D. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

E. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Safeguards Instruments. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, and subject to compliance with the same consultation and information disclosure requirements as applied to the adoption of the aforesaid Safeguards Instruments in the first instance, the Recipient shall not amend or waive any provision of the Safeguards Instruments.

2. The Recipient shall, in its Project Reports, report on progress made on compliance with the Safeguards Instruments under the Project, giving details of measures taken in furtherance of the Safeguards Instruments and any conditions which interfere or threaten to interfere with the timely implementation of the Safeguards Instruments, and remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.

3. The Recipient shall ensure that all advisory, analytical, planning, institutional capacity building, strategizing and such other services carried out under the Project shall be carried out according to terms of reference, satisfactory to the Association, requiring such services to deliver products which take into account, and are consistent with, the Association’s social and environmental safeguard policies.
F. Contingent Emergency Response Arrangements for Part D of the Project

1. In order to ensure the proper implementation of Part D of the Project ("CERC Part"), the Recipient shall:

   (a) prepare and furnish to the Association for its review and approval, an operations manual which shall set forth detailed implementation arrangements for the CERC Part, including: (i) designation of terms of reference for, and resources to be allocated to the entity to be responsible for coordinating and implementing the CERC Part ("Coordinating Authority"); (ii) specific activities which may be included in the CERC Part, Eligible Expenditures required therefor ("Emergency Expenditures"), and any procedures for such inclusion; (iii) financial management arrangements for the CERC Part; (iv) procurement methods and procedures for the CERC Part; (v) documentation required for withdrawals of Emergency Expenditures; (vi) environmental and social safeguard management frameworks for the CERC Part, consistent with the Association’s policies on the matter; and (vii) any other arrangements necessary to ensure proper coordination and implementation of the CERC Part;

   (b) afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to review said proposed operations manual;

   (c) promptly adopt such operations manual for the CERC Part as shall have been approved by the Association ("CERC Operations Manual");

   (d) ensure that the CERC Part is carried out in accordance with the CERC Operations Manual; provided, however, that in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the CERC Operations Manual and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail; and

   (e) not amend, suspend, abrogate, repeal or waive any provision of the CERC Operations Manual without prior approval by the Association.

2. The Recipient shall, throughout the implementation of the CERC Part, maintain the Coordinating Authority, with adequate staff and resources satisfactory to the Association.

3. The Recipient shall undertake no activities under the CERC Part (and no activities shall be included in the CERC Part) unless and until the following conditions have been met in respect of said activities:

   (a) the Recipient has determined that an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred, has furnished to the Association a request to include said
activities in the CERC Part in order to respond to said Eligible Crisis or Emergency, and the Association has agreed with such determination, accepted said request and notified the Recipient thereof; and

(b) the Recipient has prepared and disclosed all safeguards instruments required for said activities, in accordance with the CERC Operations Manual, the Association has approved all such instruments, and the Recipient has implemented any actions which are required to be taken under said instruments.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports

The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.08 of the General Conditions and on the basis of the indicators acceptable to the Association. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one semester, and shall be furnished to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the period covered by such report.

B. Financial Management, Financial Reports and Audits

1. The Recipient shall maintain or cause to be maintained a financial management system in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 of the General Conditions.

2. Without limitation on the provisions of Part A of this Section, the Recipient shall prepare and furnish to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, interim unaudited financial reports for the Project covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.

3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09(b) of the General Conditions. Each audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the Association not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

Section III. Procurement

All goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the Procurement Regulations and the provisions of the Procurement Plan.
Section IV. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing

A. General

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions, this Section, and such additional instructions as the Association shall specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing” dated February 2017, as revised from time to time by the Association and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the table in paragraph 2 below.

2. The following table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts of the Financing to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Financing Allocated (expressed in SDR)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, Training, Operating Costs,</td>
<td>4,200,000</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>and consulting services for Parts A (except Part A.1.a, A1.b, and Part</td>
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<td>A.2.b), B (except Part B.1.a(ii)), and C of the Project</td>
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<td>(2) PBF payments and small investment grants under Part A.1.a of the</td>
<td>6,195,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Project</td>
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<td>(3) PBF payments under Part A1.b of the Project</td>
<td>737,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(4) Performance bonuses to RBF implementing bodies under Part A.2.b of</td>
<td>368,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>the Project</td>
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<td>(5) Conditional Cash Transfers under Part B.1.a(ii). of the Project</td>
<td>1,100,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(6) Emergency Expenditures under Part D of the Project</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>12,600,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section, no withdrawal shall be made:

(a) for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed fifty thousand United States Dollars ($50,000) may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after February 6, 2017, for Eligible Expenditures under Category (1);

(b) for payments against activities under Part A.1.a and Part A.2.b of the Project under Category (2) and Category (4), unless the Recipient has prepared and adopted the PBF Manual, in form and substance acceptable to the Association;

(c) for payments against activities under Part A.1.b of the Project under Category (3), unless the Recipient has prepared and adopted the PBF Manual and the community health strategy, both in form and substance acceptable to the Association;

(d) for payments against Conditional Cash Transfers under Part B.1.a of the Project under Category (5), unless all of the following conditions have been met in respect of said activities:
   (i) the Recipient has updated the Tekavoul Manual in form and substance acceptable to the Association;
   (ii) the Subsidiary Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Recipient and the Tadamoun Agency; and
   (iii) the Subsidiary Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by the Recipient and the Tadamoun Agency and is legally binding upon the Recipient and the Tadamoun Agency in accordance with its terms.

(e) for Emergency Expenditures under Part D of the Project under Category (6), unless and until the Association has notified the Recipient of its satisfaction that all of the following conditions have been met in respect of said activities:
   (i) the Recipient has determined that an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred, has furnished to the Association a request to include said activities in the CERC Part in order to respond to said Eligible Crisis or Emergency, and the Association has agreed with such
determination, accepted said request and notified the Recipient thereof;

(ii) the Recipient has prepared and disclosed all safeguards instruments required for said activities, and the Recipient has implemented any actions which are required to be taken under said instruments, all in accordance with the provisions of Section I.F.3(b) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, for the purposes of such activities;

(iii) the Recipient’s Coordinating Authority has adequate staff and resources, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.F.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, for the purposes of said activities; and

(iv) the Recipient has adopted an CERC Operations Manual in form, substance and manner acceptable to the Association and the provisions of the CERC Operations Manual remain, or have been updated in accordance with the provisions of Section I.F.1(c) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement so as to be appropriate for the inclusion and implementation of said activities under the CERC Part.

2. The Closing Date is June 30, 2021.
APPENDIX

Section I. Definitions

1. “Administrative and Financial Manual of Procedures” means the manual to be adopted by the Recipient pursuant to Section 5.01 (b) of this Agreement, which shall include provisions, inter alia, on (i) institutional administration, coordination and day to day execution of Project activities; (ii) financial management and disbursement; (iii) procurement; (iv) monitoring and evaluation, reporting, and information of Project activities; and (v) such other technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the Project.


3. “AWP&B” means the annual work program and budget prepared by the Recipient as referred to in Section I.A.10 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

4. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

5. “CERC Operations Manual” means the operations manual referred to in Section I.F.1(c) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, to be adopted by the Recipient for the CERC Part of the Project in accordance with the provisions of said Section, as said manual may be revised from time to time with the prior written agreement of the Association, and such term includes any annexes or schedules to such manual.

6. “CERC Part” means Part D of the Project.

7. “Conditional Cash Transfers” means the proceeds of the Financing paid to Eligible Beneficiaries using the health services under Part B.l.a of the Project.

8. “Coordinating Authority” means the entity designated by the Recipient in the CERC Operations Manual and approved by the Association pursuant to Section I.F.1(a)(i) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, to be responsible for coordinating the CERC Part of the Project.

9. “Counterpart Funding” means the financing provided by the Recipient for the purpose of implementing the Project, referred to in Schedule I.B. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
10. “Eligible Beneficiaries” means persons who meet the eligibility criteria stipulated in the Project to receive the Conditional Cash Transfers under Part B.1.a of the Project; each an “Eligible Beneficiary.”

11. “Eligible Crisis or Emergency” means an event that has caused, or is likely to imminently cause, a major adverse economic and/or social impact to the Recipient, associated with a natural or man-made crisis or disaster.

12. “Eligible RMNCH Service Providers” means health service providers that meet the eligibility criteria stipulated in the Project to provide RMNCH services under part A.1.a of the Project; each an “Eligible RMNCH Service Provider.”

13. “Emergency Expenditure” means any of the Eligible Expenditures set forth in the CERC Operations Manual in accordance with the provisions of Section I.F.1(a)(ii) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and required for the activities included in the CERC Part of the Project.

14. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” or “ESMF” means the ESMF, prepared by the Recipient, satisfactory to the Association, disclosed in country on February 23, 2017 and at the World Bank’s Infoshop on February 24, 2017, providing details about the process for management of the environmental and social aspects of the activities to be carried out under the Project, as the same may be amended from time to time with the Association’s prior written concurrence.

15. “FY” or “Fiscal Year” means the Recipient’s Fiscal Year, starting January 1st and ending December 31st.


17. “Ministry of Health” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Health, or any of its successors.

18. “National Biomedical Waste Management Plan” means a plan to be prepared by the Recipient and to be duly disclosed, that set out the environmental protection measures, in respect of the Part C of the Project, as well as administrative and monitoring arrangements to ensure the implementation of said plan, as said may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement of the Association, and such term includes all schedules and agreements supplemental thereto.

19. “Operating Costs” means incremental expenditures incurred by the Recipient on account of Project implementation, management and monitoring, including: dissemination of Project related information, travel costs, lodging and per diem for field trips related to Project implementation; vehicle rent; supplies and utilities;
salaries of contractual staff; mail, advertisement costs, translation costs, commercial bank charges, communication costs, office equipment and maintenance, hardware and software, as such costs shall be agreed with the Association on an annual basis, but excluding salaries of officials and/or employees of the Recipient’s civil service.


21. “PBF Manual” means a manual containing detailed arrangements and procedures for PBF payments under Part A.1 of the Project, including, inter alia: (a) eligibility criteria, registration and selection of Eligible RMNCH Service Providers, and community health workers; (b) requirements to be fulfilled by Eligible RMNCH Service Providers and community health workers, respectively; (c) the mechanisms for verification and counter-verification; and (d) rules and procedures governing a redress mechanism for the PBF payments.

22. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated March 15, 2017 and provided for under Section IV of the Procurement Regulations, as the same may be updated from time to time in agreement with the Association.


24. “RBF” means the results-based financing.


26. “Safeguard Framework” means the ESMF.

27. “Safeguards Instruments” means collectively the National Biomedical Waste Management Plan and the ESMF.

28. “Subsidiary Agreement” means the agreement referred to in Section I.C. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement pursuant to which the Recipient shall make part of the proceeds of the Financing available to the Tadamoun Agency.


30. “Tadamoun Agency’s Legislation” means Décret no.2013-048 dated April 28, 2013, the amending/suspension/etc. of which would be detrimental to the Project.
31. "Tekavoul Manual" means manual containing detailed arrangements and procedures for the Conditional Cash Transfers under Part B.1.a of the Project, including, inter alia: (a) eligibility criteria, registration and selection of Eligible Beneficiaries; (b) requirements to be fulfilled by the Eligible Beneficiaries; (c) mechanisms for verification and cross-verification; and (d) rules and procedures governing a redress mechanism for the Conditional Cash Transfers.

32. "Training" means the reasonable costs for the following expenditures incurred in providing training or workshops: travel by participants and presenters to the training or workshop site, per diem allowances of such persons during the training or workshop, honoraria for the presenters, rental of facilities, materials, supplies and translation and interpretation services.