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Gambia – Maternal and Child Nutrition and Health Results Project
Amendment to the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Health Results Innovation Grant Agreement
(MDTF-HRI Grant No. TF016640)

We refer to the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Health Results Innovation Grant Agreement (the Agreement) (MDTF-HRI Grant No. TF016640), dated April 9, 2014, between the Republic of the Gambia (the Recipient) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Association, acting as administrator of the Multi-donor Trust Fund for Health Results Innovation (the World Bank), for the above referenced project (the Project). We also refer to: (a) the Financing Agreement (the Original Financing Agreement) (Grant No. H923-GM), dated April 9, 2014, between the Recipient and the International Development Association (the Association) providing financing for the Project; and (b) the Financing Agreement, of even date herewith, between the Recipient and the Association providing additional financing (Additional Financing) for the Project.

In view of certain amendments made to the Original Financing Agreement further to the Additional Financing, the World Bank hereby proposes to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. The Project description in Schedule 1 to the Agreement is amended to read as follows (emphasis added):

   “PART A: Community Mobilization for Social and Behavior Change

   Promoting key family practices and health care seeking behaviors for improved maternal, reproductive, and child health and nutrition outcomes through:

   1. Provision of Conditional Cash Transfers to communities and support groups (VDCs) in NBR-W, CRR, and URR to finance a program of activities aimed at increasing demand for, and utilization of, health and nutrition services.

   2. Provision of Conditional Cash Transfers to individual women in NBR-W, CRR, and URR to increase demand for, and utilization of, timely antenatal care.

   3. Accompanying measures aimed at promoting behavioral changes and improving household practices related to health and nutrition through the provision of technical advisory services and training."
PART B: Delivery of Community Nutrition and Primary Health Care Services

1. Provision of PBF Grants to health facilities in NBR-W, CRR, and URR for the delivery of a Package of Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition Services ("MCHNS Package").

2. Carrying out a program of activities in NBR-W, CRR and URR to build the capacity of communities and health facilities for effective service delivery, including the implementation of effective health care waste management.

PART C: Capacity Building for Service Delivery and Results-Based Management

1. Strengthening the management capacity of key implementing entities including NaNA, MoFEA, MoHSW, MoA, MoHSW RBF Committee, health service providers, VDCs, VSGs, RHDs, and RADs for effective implementation of the RBF, including:
   (i) strengthening governance and strategic RBF management capacity;
   (ii) improving the Health Management Information System (HMIS);
   (iii) supporting community demand, organization and mobilization;
   (iv) social and behavior change communication strategy development;
   (v) institutionalization of RBF;
   (vi) training for RHDs on the use of quality supervision tools and innovative ways to improve verification and supervision; and
   (vii) mentoring and peer learning among RBF stakeholders, all through the provision of technical advisory services, training, and the acquisition of goods.

2. Supporting monitoring and evaluation; verification of RBF activities including cost of the IVA, CBOs, and CSOs; and operational research, learning and knowledge management activities through the provision of technical advisory services and training.

3. Supporting project implementation including project management and coordination, fiduciary management, oversight, and communications, through the provision of technical advisory services, training and Operating Costs.

4. Ensuring effective management and implementation support of: (a) the RBF by the RHDs, NaNA, MoHSW RBF Committee and HMIS; and (b) food security interventions by RADs, including through performance agreements.

2. Section I.A.1 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is amended to read as follows (emphasis added):

   "1. Steering Committee

   The Recipient shall establish and maintain, at all times during the implementation of the Project, a steering committee comprising, among others, the MoFEA, MoHSW, MoA, and NaNA, with mandate, resources and functions satisfactory to the World Bank and elaborated in the Project Operations Manual, to be responsible for providing overall guidance and strategic support to the Project, including, inter alia, approving the proposed annual work plan and budget of the Project (the "Steering Committee")."
3. **Section I.A.2(b) of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement is amended to read as follows (emphasis added):**

(b) The NaNA shall, *inter alia*, be responsible for: (i) overall planning, implementation and coordination of Project activities including implementation activities by all implementing entities; (ii) monitoring, evaluation, reporting and communication; (iii) selection of the IVA, CBOs, and CSOs; (iv) fiduciary management of the Project, including managing the Project’s designated account; and (v) carrying out quality control of the technical and fiduciary aspects of the Project.

4. **Section I.A.4 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is amended to read as follows (emphasis added):**

“4. **Regional Health Directorates and Regional Agriculture Directorates**

The Recipient shall maintain, at all times during the implementation of the Project, Regional Health Directorates and Regional Agriculture Directorates, in adequate number and with qualifications, experience and terms of reference satisfactory to the World Bank, to provide implementation support to NaNA and MoHSW at the regional level and carry out such other functions as outlined in the Project Operations Manual.”

5. **Section I.D.2 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is amended to read as follows (emphasis added):**

2. **Community-Based Organizations and Civil Society Organizations**

The Recipient shall recruit Community-Based Organizations (“CBOs”) and Civil Society Organizations (“CSOs”) in accordance with the provisions of Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and the Project Operations Manual, in adequate number, and with qualifications, experience and terms of reference acceptable to the Association, for the purposes of carrying out qualitative and community verification of results under Parts A.1, A.2 and B.1 of the Project.

6. **Section II.B.4 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is amended to read as follows (emphasis added):**

“The Recipient shall, not later than six (6) months after the Effective Date (and thereafter with such frequency as shall be outlined in the Project Operations Manual), cause the IVA to carry out a financial and quality audit of Project activities at all Project levels, including the activities of NaNA, MoHSW, MoHSW RBF Committees, RADs, RHDs, and VDCs, and thereafter, prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the World Bank, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, a report which shall include an assessment of the effectiveness of RBF activities and recommendations for improvement of the performance of the RBF scheme.”

7. **Section II.B.5 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is deleted in entirety and the succeeding paragraphs are renumbered accordingly.**

8. **The definition in paragraph 26 of Section I of the Appendix to the Agreement is amended to read as follows:** “‘RHD’ means a Regional Health Directorate; and ‘RHDs’ means more than one RHD”, and all references in the Agreement to “Regional Health Team” or “RHT” shall be deemed to refer to “Regional Health Directorate” and “RHD”, respectively.

9. **Section I of the Appendix to the Agreement is amended by the insertion of the following definitions:**

“31. “CRR” means the Central River Region in the Recipient’s territory.”
32. "CSO" means a Civil Society Organization registered under the laws of the Recipient; and “CSOs” means more than one CSO.

33. “MoA” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Agriculture, or any successor thereto.

34. “NBR-W” means the North Bank Region West in the Recipient’s territory.

35. “Regional Agriculture Directorate” and RAD” mean a Regional Agriculture Directorate established under MoA, or any successor thereto; and “RADs” means more than one such RAD.

36. “URR” means the Upper River Region in the Recipient’s territory.”

All other provisions of the Agreement, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect.
Please indicate your agreement with the foregoing amendments to the Agreement on behalf of the Recipient by countersigning and dating two original copies of this letter and returning one countersigned original to us. The amendments to the Agreement shall become effective as of the date of this letter upon receipt by the World Bank of a duly countersigned original of this letter.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
(acting as administrator of the Multi-donor Trust Fund for Health Results Innovation)

Vera Songwe
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Africa Region

AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

By: ____________________________
Authorized Representative

Name: __________________________
Title: Minister of Finance

Date: __________________________