Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Achieving Nutrition Impact at Scale and Global Financing Facility Grant Agreement

(Additional Financing for Strengthening Social Protection Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

And

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

acting as Administrator of the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Achieving Nutrition Impact at Scale and of the Global Financing Facility

Dated April 18, 2018
MDTF GRANT NUMBER TF0A7408
GFF GRANT NUMBER TF0A7192

MULTI-DONOR TRUST FUND FOR ACHIEVING NUTRITION IMPACT AT
SCALE
and
GLOBAL FINANCING FACILITY
GRANT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated April 18, 2018, entered into between:

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA ("Recipient"); and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("World Bank"), acting as
administrator of the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Achieving Nutrition Impact at Scale
("MDTF") and the Global Financing Facility ("GFF").

The Recipient and the World Bank hereby agree as follows:

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. The "Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various
Funds", dated February 15, 2012 ("Standard Conditions"), 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 Standard Conditions or in this
Agreement.

Article II
The Project

2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the project described in
Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"). To this end, the Recipient shall carry
out, through the Ministry of Local Government (MINALOC), Part 3(i) of the
Project and cause Parts 1, 2 and 3(ii) of the Project to be carried out by the Local
Administrative Entities Development Agency (LODA) in accordance with the
provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions and the agreement amended and
restated as of the date as this Agreement between the World Bank and the Project
Implementing Entity, as such agreement may be further amended from time to time
("Amended and Restated Project Agreement").
2.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the World Bank 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 III
The Grant

3.01. The World Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement:

(a) a GFF grant in an amount not to exceed eight million United States Dollars ($8,000,000) ("GFF Grant"); and,

(b) an MDTF grant in an amount not to exceed fifteen million United States Dollars ($15,000,000) ("MDTF Grant") (together, the "Grants"), to assist in financing the Project.

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

3.03. The Grants are funded out of the abovementioned trust funds for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust funds. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, the World Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the donors under the abovementioned trust funds, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grants proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

Article IV
Additional Remedies

4.01. The Additional Events of Suspension referred to in Section 4.02 (k) of the Standard Conditions consists of the following:

(a) the Project Implementing Entity’s Legislation has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the Project Implementing Entity to perform any of its obligations under the Amended and Restated Project Agreement; and,

(b) the Recipient has taken or permitted to be taken any action which would prevent or interfere with the performance by the Project Implementing Entity of its obligations under the Amended and Restated Project Agreement.
Article V
Effectiveness; Termination

5.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the World Bank has been furnished to the World Bank that the conditions specified below have been satisfied.

(a) The execution and delivery of this Agreement on behalf of the Recipient and the Amended and Restated Project Agreement on behalf of the Project Implementing Entity have been duly authorized or ratified by all necessary governmental and corporate action; and,

(b) the Subsidiary Agreement referred to in Section I.B. of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement has been amended and executed on behalf of the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity.

5.02. As part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to Section 5.01, there shall be furnished to the World Bank an opinion or opinions satisfactory to the World Bank of counsel acceptable to the World Bank or, if the World Bank so requests, a certificate satisfactory to the World Bank of a competent official of the Member Country, showing the following matters:

(a) on behalf of the Recipient, that this Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by, and executed and delivered on its behalf and is legally binding upon it in accordance with its terms;

(b) on behalf of the Project Implementing Entity, that the Amended and Restated Project Agreement has been duly authorized by, and executed and delivered on its behalf and is legally binding upon it in accordance with its terms; and

(c) on behalf of the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity, the Subsidiary Agreement referred to in Section I.B. of Schedule 2 to Original Financing Agreement has been duly authorized by the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity and is legally binding upon each such party in accordance with its terms.

5.03. Except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, this Agreement shall enter into effect on the date upon which the World Bank dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 5.01 ("Effective Date"). If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the World Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grants Account if this Agreement had been effective, the World Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.
5.04. *Termination for Failure to Become Effective.* This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement, unless the World Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of this Section. The World Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.

**Article VI**

**Recipient’s Representative; Addresses**

6.01. The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its minister responsible for finance.

6.02. The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning  
P. O. Box 158  
Kigali  
Republic of Rwanda; and

E-mail:  
minfin@minecofin.gov.rw

6.03. The World Bank’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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

Facsimile:  
1-202-477-6391
AGREED at Washington, DC, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Name: Dr. Uzziel Ndagijimana

Title: Minister of Finance

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
acting as administrator of the
Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Achieving Nutrition Impact at
Scale and of the Global Financing Facility

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Name: MARIAN WVP

Title: Regional Vice President
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to improve the effectiveness of Recipient’s social protection system, notably the flagship Vision 2020 Umurenge Program (VUP), for targeted vulnerable groups.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1. Improving Coverage, Adequacy and Effectiveness of the VUP Cash Transfers

Supporting eligible vulnerable households through:

(i) Direct Support cash transfers;
(ii) Classic Public Works;
(iii) Expanded Public Works, including through the new childcare model of Expanded Public Works; and,

Part 2. Enhancing Access to Human Capital and Economic Inclusion Services

(i) Promoting nationwide sensitization and community mobilization around social protection issues through, inter alia, awareness raising and understanding of rights and responsibilities around social protection and complementary services, including behavior change communication campaigns.
(ii) Improving parenting and childcare services for vulnerable households in targeted communities through, inter alia, community level support to promote cognitive stimulation of young children, appropriate feeding practices, the use of maternal and child health and nutrition services and quality enhancement and supervision to the new childcare model of Expanded Public Works.
(iii) Supporting enhancement of sustainable livelihoods, including through caseworker support to priority vulnerable households.

Part 3. Delivery Systems, policy, and program management

(i) (a) Institutional strengthening and building capacity of MINALOC and relevant subordinate agencies for, inter alia evidence-based policy and VUP development on social protection issues; and (b) strengthening the Project-related elements of the CRVS system, including: (A) consistent with the CRVS National Strategic Plan, elaboration and adoption of an action plan for operationalizing priority activities related to birth registration, birth certification and the assignment of unique national identifier at birth which will support implementation of NSDS and other programs; (B) strengthening
of the functionality of the CRVS information system to allow a timely sharing of birth registration and certification information with the VUP/NSDS program and its interoperability with other relevant databases; (C) designing and rolling out of social and behavior change communication campaigns to improve the registration of vital life events, such as births and deaths, and on the importance of vital statistics for informed policy planning and effective service delivery; and, (D) Training and sensitization of the government officials at different levels (including the CHWs) on their roles and responsibilities and the importance of the CRVS, including links to the NSDS and other programs.

(ii) Institutional strengthening, Training and building capacity of LODA and key social protection entities at the national, district, sector, cell, and health facility levels for, *inter alia*, carrying out the overall Project implementation, monitoring and evaluation, effective administration of NSDS operational processes in accordance with relevant guidelines (including upgrading and operationalizing of the NSDS modules as a part of VUP Management Information System and undertaking necessary evaluations of the NSDS), upgrading and operationalizing social protection service delivery systems, including, *inter alia*, the new Citizen Monitoring System.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Institutional and Implementation Arrangements

Section I.A through Section I.H of the Original Financing Agreement are incorporated in this Agreement and apply as if they were reflected verbatim herein.

I. Nutrition Sensitive Direct Support Cash Grant.

Implementation Partners MOU

1. For purposes of implementing Part 1(iv) of the Project, the Recipient shall, through LODA, enter into a memorandum of understanding ("Implementation Partners MOU") with RBC, NECDP, and any other partners as deemed necessary, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank. Said MOU shall elaborate the technical roles and responsibilities of each implementation partner in implementation and monitoring of Part 1(iv) of the Project.

NSDS Plan

2. The Recipient shall cause LODA to prepare, and thereafter adopt, no later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, a plan ("NSDS Plan") for implementation of Part 1(iv) of the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

NSDS Implementation Guidelines

3. The Recipient shall cause LODA to carry out Part 1(iv) of the Project in accordance with guidelines ("NSDS Implementation Guidelines"), acceptable to the World Bank. The NSDS Implementation Guidelines shall include the policies and procedures to carry out, inter alia (a) potential beneficiaries’ communication and outreach; (b) targeting and enrolment; (c) cash grant payments and reconciliation of each payment cycle; (d) monitoring of beneficiaries’ compliance with NSDS co-responsibilities and actions to be taken in case of non-compliance; (e) grievance and case management; and (f) internal monitoring and periodic course correction.

LODA-SPIU – Operationalization of the NSDS

4. No later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, the Recipient shall cause LODA to appoint and, thereafter maintain, throughout Project implementation, within the LODA-SPIU a team of dedicated staff to carry out the operationalization of Part 1(iv) of the Project, which shall be headed by a NSDS Project coordinator and shall comprise one financial management specialist, and a monitoring and evaluation specialist and such other technical, safeguards and fiduciary specialists
as may be agreed with the World Bank, all with qualifications and experience satisfactory to the World Bank.

NSDS Enrolment Readiness Criteria

5. The Recipient shall cause LODA to adopt “readiness criteria” at the sector level, in form and substance acceptable to the World Bank, and ensure its compliance before the rollout of NSDS enrolment in the respective sector. Such readiness criteria will include inter alia, human resource requirements, including in the health facilities; deployment of the MIS modules; staff training on NSDS rules and implementation procedures; and availability of services necessary for beneficiaries' compliance with the NSDS co-responsibilities.

Third-Party Evaluations

6. The Recipient shall cause LODA to carry out, throughout the Project, robust and independent third-party evaluations covering various operational processes for implementation of Part 1(iv) of the Project. Such evaluations inter alia, will assess the design efficacy and performance of different implementation processes as well as partnerships. The Recipient shall cause LODA to implement any recommendations arising from said third party evaluation, in a timely manner, and in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

J. Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS)

1. For purposes of implementing the CRVS activities under Part 3(i) of the Project, the Recipient shall, through MINALOC, enter into a cooperation agreement (“CRVS Cooperation Agreement) with NIDA and any other agency as deemed necessary, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank. Said CRVS Cooperation Agreement shall elaborate the fiduciary roles of MINALOC and the technical roles and responsibilities of MINALOC and NIDA as well as any other agencies as needed in the implementation and monitoring of Project-related CRVS activities under Part 3(i) of the Project.

MINALOC-SPIU – Operationalization of the CRVS

2. No later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, the Recipient shall appoint and, thereafter maintain, throughout Project implementation, within the MINALOC-SPIU a dedicated CRVS specialist and such other technical, safeguards and fiduciary specialists as may be agreed with the World Bank all with qualifications and experience satisfactory to the World Bank, for operationalization of relevant elements of CRVS as provided under Part 3(i) of the Project.
K. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 and as of July 1, 2016 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”).

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports; Completion Report

1. The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the period covered by such report.

2. The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the Closing Date.

B. Financial Management; Financial Reports; Audits

1. The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

2. The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements for the Project audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such 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 World Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

Section III. Procurement

All goods, non-consulting services and consulting services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF
Borrowers” dated July 2016, revised November 2017 (“Procurement Regulations”), and the provisions of the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project (“Procurement Plan”) dated March 22, 2018 provided for under Section IV of the Procurement Regulations, as the same may be updated from time to time in agreement with the World Bank.

Section IV. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

A. General

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing” dated February 2017, as revised from time to time by the World Bank 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 Grant (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the GFF Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
<th>Amount of the MDTF Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods, Works, non-consulting services and cash transfers under Part 1 (i) and (ii) of the Project</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>(2) Goods, works, non-consulting services and cash</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>(3) Cash transfers under Part 1 (iii) of the Project</td>
<td>4,188,766</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>12,566,299</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>(4) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services under Part 2 of the Project</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<td>0%</td>
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<td>(5) Goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training and Incremental Operating Costs under Part 3(i)(a) of the Project</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>(6) Goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training and Incremental</td>
<td>3,000,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Operating Costs under Part 3(i)(b) of the Project</td>
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<td>(7) Goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training and Incremental Operating Costs under Part 3(ii) of the Project</td>
<td>811,234</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>2,433,701</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>8,000,000</td>
<td>15,000,000</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 signing date of this Agreement.

   (b) for payments against activities under Part 1(d) of the Project under Category (3), unless and until the Recipient has caused LODA to:

      (i) prepare and adopt the NSDS Implementation Guidelines, in accordance with Section I.I.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; and (ii) upgrade and operationalize the NSDS modules in the VUP MIS, conforming to the specifications required by the respective NSDS Implementation Guidelines, both in a manner acceptable to the World Bank.

2. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is March 31, 2021.
V. **Other Undertakings.**

A. No later than six (6) months after the Effective Date, the Recipient shall and shall cause LODA to adopt guidelines for caseworkers, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, which shall include, *inter alia*: (i) design features and implementation modalities; (ii) operational tools and arrangements for institutional coordination; (iii) training procedures including necessary materials; and (iv) plan for monitoring and evaluation.

B. No later than six (6) months after the Effective Date, the Recipient shall and shall cause LODA to, adopt the guidelines for sustainable livelihood enhancements, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, which shall include, *inter alia*, the process for initial implementation, evaluation, and scale up of Project activities under Part 2(iii) of the Project.

C. By no later than November 30, 2019, or by any such later date as the World Bank agrees, the Recipient shall, and shall cause LODA to carry out a mid-term review of the Project, under terms of reference satisfactory to the World Bank. Thereafter, and based on the mid-term review’s results and conclusions and the World Bank’s views on the matter, the Recipient shall, and shall cause LODA to, promptly implement all the required measures to ensure the efficient achievement of the Project’s objectives, in a manner satisfactory to the World Bank.

D. For purposes of Part 3 of the Project, the Recipient shall maintain at all times during Project implementation, in Rwandan Francs, in its central bank, a separate account under terms and conditions acceptable to the World Bank ("Counterpart Fund Account"), into which it shall deposit, at the beginning of each semester of Recipient’s fiscal year, the Recipient’s counterpart funds in amounts necessary to meet the cost of carrying out Part 3 the Project, as further detailed in the agreed Annual Work Plan and Budget.
APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Affected Persons” means a person who as a result of: (a) the involuntary taking of land under the Project is affected in any of the following ways: (i) relocation or loss of shelter; (ii) loss of assets or access to assets (including temporary loss); or (iii) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not the affected person must move to another location and/or the impacts are temporary; or (b) the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas suffers adverse impacts on his/her livelihood.

2. “Amended and Restated Project Agreement” means the project agreement for the Project between the World Bank and the Project Implementing Entity, amended and restated as of the date of this Agreement, as said project agreement may be amended from time to time. “Amended and Restated Project Agreement” includes all appendices, schedules and agreements supplemental to said agreement.

3. “Annual Work Plan and Budget” means each of the annual work program and budget to be prepared by the Recipient and LODA, and referred to in Section I.G. of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement.

4. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means, for purposes of paragraph 5 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 and as of July 1, 2016.

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

6. “Citizen Monitoring System” means the Recipient and LODA’s grievance redress mechanism that enables citizens to provide feedback on VUP delivery and to raise complaints by phone or SMS.

7. “Classic Public Works” means a scheme within the VUP’s safety net component providing short-term, temporary employment on community projects, as further detailed in the VUP-OM.

8. “Counterpart Fund Account” means the separate bank account, to be opened in the Recipient’s central bank, under terms and conditions acceptable to the World Bank, to receive the Recipient’s counterpart funds for Part 3 of the Project, referred to in Section V of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

9. “CRVS” means the Recipient’s civil registration and vital statistics systems, as set out in the Recipient’s National Strategic Plan 2017/18-2021/22 on CRVS.
10. “Direct Support” means a scheme within the VUP’s safety net component providing unconditional monthly cash transfers to eligible beneficiaries, as further detailed in the VUP-OM.

11. “ESMF” means the Recipient and LODA’s Environmental and Social Management Framework, dated September 2017, and disclosed in country on September 29, 2017 and at the World Bank’s website on October 2, 2017; as the same may be amended from time to time.

12. “Expanded Public Works” means a scheme within the VUP’s safety net component providing part-time, year-round employment, as further detailed in VUP-OM.


14. “GFF Grant” means GFF grant number TF0A7192.

15. “Grants” means the GFF Grant and the MDTF Grant.

16. “Implementation Partners MoU” means the memorandum of understanding referred to in Section I.I.1. of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement.

17. “Incremental Operating Costs” means the reasonable expenditures incurred by MINALOC and/or LODA on account of Project implementation (which expenditures would not have been incurred absent of the Project), based on an Annual Work Plan approved by the World Bank pursuant to Section I.G. of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement, consisting of expenditures for local and international travel; salaries of contractual staff (other than consultants); per diems; office rental; office supplies; maintenance of equipment, facilities and rental vehicles used for Project implementation; fuel; refurbishment, repair and maintenance of existing facilities used for project services; rental equipment and vehicles; communication costs; consumables; costs of translation, printing, photocopying but excluding salaries, honoraria or allowances for Recipient and LODA’s civil servants and permanent staff.

18. “LODA” means the Local Administrative Entities Development Agency, established and operating pursuant to the Project Implementing Entity’s Legislation; or its successor thereto satisfactory to the World Bank.


20. “MDTF Grant” means Grant No. TF0A7408.

22. “MIS” or “Management Information System” means LODA’s management information system.

23. “NECDP” means the Recipient’s national early childhood development program; or any successor thereto acceptable to the World Bank.


25. “NSDS” or “Nutrition Sensitive Direct Support Grants” means the nutrition, sensitive direct support cash transfers to be provided to eligible beneficiaries under Part 1(iv) of the Project.

26. “NSDS Plan” means the plan to be prepared by LODA, and referred to in Section I.I. of this Agreement, elaborating NSDS activities, inputs, costing, and timelines for different processes to be carried out in the NSDS targeted districts, as the same may be amended from time to time with the prior approval of the World Bank.

27. “NSDS Implementation Guidelines” means the guidelines for implementation of Part 1(iv) of the Project, acceptable to the World Bank, and referred to in Section I.I.3. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

28. “Original Financing Agreement” means financing agreement (Credit number 6169-RW) for the Project between the Recipient and the World Bank, dated December 21, 2017, as such financing agreement may be amended from time to time. “Original Financing Agreement” includes all appendices, schedules and agreements supplemental to the Financing Agreement.

29. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 87 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for Borrowers under Investment Project Financing”, dated July 1, 2016.

30. “Project Implementing Entity” means the LODA.

31. “Project Implementing Entity’s Legislation” means Law No. 62/2013 of 27/08/2013 establishing the Local Administrative Entities Development Agency (LODA) and determining its mission, organization and functioning.

32. “Project Implementation Plan” means the Recipient and LODA’s plan, and referred to in Section I.E. of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank.
33. “RBC” means the Rwanda Biomedical Centre, established and operating pursuant to Law N°54/2010 of 25/01/2011 establishing the RBC and determining its mission, organisation and functioning.

34. “RPF” means the Recipient and LODA’s Resettlement Policy Framework, dated September 2017, and disclosed in country on September 29, 2017 and in the World Bank’s website on October 2, 2017, detailing the guidelines, procedures, timetables, budget, and other details for, inter alia, the provision of compensation, and resettlement assistance to Affected Persons, and for the preparation and implementation of resettlement action plans; as such RPF may be amended from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank.

35. “Safeguard Instruments” means the ESMF and the RPF.

36. “SPIU” means single project implementing unit.


38. “Subsidiary Agreement” means the subsidiary agreement referred to in Section I.B. of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement.

39. “Subsidiary Financing” means the amount of the Credit and Grants to be made available to LODA, and referred to in Section I.B. of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement.

40. “Training” means the reasonable costs associated with training, workshops and study tours provided under the Project, based on an Annual Work Plan and Budget approved by the World Bank pursuant to Section I.G. of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement, consisting of reasonable expenditures (other than expenditures for consulting services) for; (a) local and international travel, room, board incurred by trainers and trainees in connection to their training; (b) course fees; (c) training facility rentals; and (d) training material preparation, acquisition, reproduction and distribution expenses.

41. “VUP” means Vision 2020 Umurenge Program, the Recipient’s main social protection program.

42. “VUP-OM” means the VUP program document and the VUP implementation guidelines for the Project, acceptable to the World Bank, and referred to in Section I.F of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement.