The United Republic of Tanzania
Productive Social Safety Net Project II

Chair Summary*

September 12, 2019

The Executive Directors approved a credit in the amount of SDR 323.7 million (US$450 million equivalent) for the Tanzania Productive Social Safety Net Project II (PSSN II) on the terms and conditions set out in the President’s Memorandum.

Directors supported the project for its positive impact on the lives of over 5 million Tanzanians in terms of poverty reduction, livelihoods improvement and development of human capital for current and future generations. They noted the quality technical analysis and encouraged the Bank to replicate best practices in other operations and countries.

Directors emphasized the importance of putting in place a strong mechanism to mitigate potential risks related to environmental, social and fiduciary issues, with greater focus on strengthening local capacity building. They also stressed the importance of ensuring transparency of delivery system, engagement of civil society, citizen participation and the gender agenda.

Directors underscored the need for the Bank to closely work with the government and other development partners to address the project financial sustainability concerns and the financing gap. They encouraged the Bank to continue harmonization efforts to support the safety net program and a coordinated policy dialogue with the government on the broader social protection agenda in Tanzania.

* This summary is not an approved record.