H. E. Bader Eldin Mahmoud Abbas  
Minister of Finance and National Economy  
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Khartoum  
Republic of the Sudan

Re: TFSCB Grant Agreement for Statistical Capacity Building Project (TF017246)

Excellency:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of Republic of the Sudan ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association ("World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various Donors under the Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building III (TFSCB), proposes to extend to the Recipient, a grant in an amount not to exceed United States Dollars five hundred thousand (US$ 500,000) ("Grant") on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement ("Agreement"), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in the financing of the project described in the Annex ("Project").

This Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the Donors. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions (as defined in the Annex to this Agreement), 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 fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement.
Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By Sajjad Ali Shah
Acting Country Director for the Sudan

AGREED:
REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN

By Authorized Representative

Name:
Title:
Date:

Enclosures:


2. Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006.
TFSCB Grant No.TF017246
ANNEX

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** 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. **Definitions.** 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
Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objectives of the Project is to strengthen the capacity of Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) to monitor social indicators, collect pilot household agricultural production statistics, and improve the country’s system of national accounts. The Project consists of the following parts:

Part I. **Strengthening Social Indicators Monitoring:** Provision of technical support and training to CBS to improve the availability, relevance and quality of social statistical information, through: (i) mapping the availability of key social indicators from in-country systems; (ii) identifying the important gaps in data availability; (iii) formulating approaches to close the gaps in the most needed social indicators for the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), existing household surveys and population census; and (iv) providing trainings on best practice statistical methods for processing Household Survey data and for the analysis of social indicators, mainly poverty and inequality.

Part II. **Strengthening Statistics to Inform the Government’s Economic Diversification Strategy:** Provision of technical support to CBS to strengthen its capacity to collect agricultural statistics to inform the design of policies for poverty reduction and food security. The activities include: (i) designing a pilot agricultural household production survey to be based potentially on Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI); (ii) preparing a detailed report to document the experiences of the pilot, the findings and the scale-up feasibility assessment with the recommendations; and (iii) strengthening the capacity of CBS to improve Sudan System of National Accounts to provide a road map for updating National Accounts at the Federal Level.

2.02. **Project Execution Generally.** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) (“Project Implementing Entity”) in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) 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 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”); and (c) this Article II.

2.03. **Institutional and Other Arrangements.** The Recipient shall implement the Project through CBS. The CBS will appoint a Project Coordinator for the management, coordination and monitoring of all the project activities. The Coordinator will coordinate day-to-day project
activities, manage reporting and auditing activities and ensuring compliance with the procurement
disbursement and financial management policies and procedures.

2.04. Donor Visibility and Visit. (a) The Recipient shall take or cause to be taken all such
measures as the World Bank may reasonably request to identify publicly the Donors’ support for
the Project.

(b) For the purposes of Section 2.09 of the Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall, upon the
World Bank’s request, take all measures required on its part to enable the representatives of the
Donors to visit any part of the Recipient’s territory for purposes related to the Project.

2.05. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation. (a) 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 the indicators set forth below in
paragraph (b) of this Section. 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.

(b) The performance indicators referred to above in paragraph (a) consist of the
following:

1. Full and timely implementation of the planned capacity building programs.

2. Availability and relevance of key social statistics and clear plan to improve the
frequency and timeliness of their production and dissemination.

3. Availability of the pilot household agricultural survey results.

4. Roadmap to update Nation Accounts data.

(c) 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 months after the Closing Date.

2.06. Financial Management. (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management
system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) 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.

(c) The Recipient shall cause CBS to have its Financial Statements 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
months after the end of such period.
2.07. **Procurement**

(a) **General.** All goods and consultants’ 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:


(ii) Sections I and IV of the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (revised July 2014) (“Consultant Guidelines”) in the case of consultants’ services; and

(iii) the provisions of this Section, as the same shall be elaborated in the procurement plan prepared and updated from time to time by the Recipient for the Project in accordance with paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines (“Procurement Plan”).

(b) **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used in the following paragraphs of this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the World Bank of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in Sections II and III of the Procurement Guidelines, or Sections II, III, IV and V of the Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

(c) **Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods**

(i) Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, goods shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding subject to the following additional procedures:

(ii) The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods and non-consulting services for those contracts which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Limited International Bidding; (B) Shopping; (C) Procurement under Framework Agreements in accordance with procedures which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; (D) Direct Contracting; (E) Force Account; (F) Procurement from UNOPS; (G) Well-established Private Sector Procurement Methods or Commercial Practices which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; (H) Procurement under Public Private Partnership Arrangements in accordance with procedures which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; (I) Community Participation procedures which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; and (J) National Competitive Bidding, subject to the following additional provisions:

**Participation in bidding**

(a) Government-owned enterprises in the Republic of the Sudan shall be eligible to participate in bidding only if they can establish that they are legally and financially autonomous, operate under commercial law, and are not a dependent agency of the Republic of the Sudan.
Foreign bidders shall be eligible to participate under the same conditions as local bidders. In particular, no preference over foreign bidders shall be granted to local bidders in bid evaluation.

Advertising: time for bid preparation

Invitations to bid shall be advertised for at least two (2) consecutive days in a local newspaper of wide circulation, and prospective bidders shall be allowed a minimum of thirty (30) days between the date on which the notification appears for the first time and the deadline for bid submission. With the specific approval of the World Bank, this minimum period of thirty (30) days may be reduced to a minimum period of ten (10) days in the case of emergency operations.

Standard bidding documents

Until standard bidding documents acceptable to the World Bank have been introduced by the Government of the Republic of the Sudan, simplified version of World Bank’s standard bidding documents may be used with the World Bank’s prior approval. In accordance with paragraph 1.16(e) of the Procurement Guidelines, each bidding document and contract financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall provide that: (i) the bidders, suppliers and contractors, and their sub-contractors, agents, personnel, consultants, service providers, or suppliers shall permit the World Bank, at its request, to inspect their accounts and records relating to the bid submission and performance of the contract and to have said accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the World Bank; and (ii) the deliberate and material violation by the consultant, bidder, supplier, contractor or subcontractor of such provision may amount to an obstructive practice as defined in paragraph 1.16(a)(v) of the Procurement Guidelines.

Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services

Except as otherwise provided in item (ii) below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

The following methods, other than Quality- and Cost-based Selection, may be used for the procurement of consultants’ services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Quality-based Selection; (B) Selection under a Fixed Budget; (C) Least Cost Selection; (D) Selection based on Consultants’ Qualifications; (E) Single-source Selection of consulting firms; (F) Well-established Private Sector Procurement Methods or Commercial Practices which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; (G) Selection of UNOPS or UNFPA (UN Agency); (H) Selection of consultants under Indefinite Delivery Contract or Price Agreement; (I) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (J) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions. The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank’s Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.
Article III
Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, 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 following table. The 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 Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Goods, consultants’ services and Training.</td>
<td>500,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL AMOUNT</strong></td>
<td><strong>500,000</strong></td>
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For the purposes of this Section, the term “Training” means reasonable expenditures incurred by the Recipient for the carrying out of training activities, including expenditures for facilities rental, materials printing and photocopying, supplies, course fees, and travel and subsistence of trainees.

3.02. **Withdrawal Conditions.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement.

3.03. **Withdrawal Period.** The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is two (2) years after the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.

Article IV
Recipient’s Representative; Addresses

4.01. **Recipient’s Representative.** The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Minister responsible for Finance.
4.02. **Recipient’s Address.** The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Ministry of Finance and National Economy  
Government of National Unity  
Khartoum  
Republic of the Sudan  
P.O Box 298 – Khartoum  
Cable Malisudan  
Fax No. +249-183-776081 Telex: +249 – 183- 777563

4.03. **World Bank’s Address.** 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  

Cable: INDEVAS  
Telex: 248423 (MCI) or 64145 (MCI)  
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