Hon. Abdou Kolley  
Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs  
Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs  
The Quadrangle  
Banjul, the Gambia  

Re: TFSCB Grant No. TF017976  
Republic of the Gambia- Statistical Capacity Building Project  

Honorable Minister:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Republic of the Gambia ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association ("World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors ("Donors" under the Multi Donor Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building-III, proposes to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed four hundred thirty five thousand United States Dollars (U.S.$435,000) ("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. Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature; provided, however, that the offer
of this Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received the countersigned copy of this Agreement within 90 days after the date of signature of this Agreement by the World Bank, unless the World Bank shall have established a later date for such purpose.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By
Vera Songwe
Country Director for the Gambia
Africa Region

AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

By

Authorized Representative
Name: Amadou Kolley
Title: Minister of Finance and Economic Development
Date: May 7, 2015

Enclosures:

(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions


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 and the following terms have the following meaning:

(a) "MFOA" and "Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs" means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for finance and economy.

(b) "PCU" and "Project Coordination Unit" each means the coordination unit of the Recipient’s MFOA, established by the Recipient by Administrative Letter No. ISPEFG/07/Part /2008, dated September 29, 2009.

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. Project Objectives and Description. The objective of the Project is to support the Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS) strengthen their capacity to produce and disseminate statistics in a timely fashion regularly. The Project consists of the following parts:

Part A. Data Production and Development, and Dissemination

(i) Carrying out of a revision of the Recipient’s capacity building index (CPI), and establishment of an urban and rural index.

(ii) Development of a register of all formal and informal business (Gambia Business Register).

(iii) Provision of technical assistance for price data validation after the conversion to an internationally acceptable metric system.

(iv) Provision of technical support to improve the production and dissemination of key statistical publications.

(v) Carrying out of dissemination activities for the Recipient’s second national strategy for development of statistics.

Part B. Software and Equipment

Provision of computers, software and equipment, as well as in-service training to statistical units, to selected departments of the Recipient’s ministries.
Part C. Skills Development and Training

(i) Carrying out of a training needs assessment to determine the skills required for an efficient functioning of the Gambia Bureau of Statistics.

(ii) Provision of relevant training, including in-country, South-to-South, and international, to selected civil servants.

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 Ministry of Finance and Economy ("MfoA") 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. Without limitations upon paragraph 2.02 above, the Recipient shall maintain, throughout the implementation of the Project, the Project Coordination Unit ("PCU") with staff in number and with qualification and experience satisfactory to the World Bank, to be responsible for the fiduciary aspects of the Project.

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, 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 indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar quarter, 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 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 semester, covering the semester, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.
(c) The Recipient shall 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, non-consulting services 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**

Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, goods shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Shopping.

(d) **Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services**

(i) Except as otherwise provided in item (ii) below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Selection of Individual Consultants.

(e) **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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<td>Training and consultants’ services under the Project</td>
<td>348,000</td>
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<td>87,000</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
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For the purpose of this section, the term “Training” means the following expenditures incurred in providing training, study tours, seminars or workshops: (i) travel by participants and presenters to the training, seminar or workshop site; (ii) per diem allowances of such persons during the training, seminars or workshop; (iii) honoraria for the presenters; (iv) rental of facilities; (v) materials, supplies; and (vi) translation and interpretation services.

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 countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.

3.03. Withdrawal Period. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is August 31, 2016.

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 at the time 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 Economic Affairs  
The Quadrangle  
Banjul, the Gambia  
Telephone: +220 4227222/ 4227529  
Fax: +220 4227954  
Email: info@mof.gov.gm

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  

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