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July 22, 2010

Dr. Kwabena Duffour  
Honorable Minister  
Minister of Finance and Economic Planning  
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P.O. Box M40  
Accra, Ghana

Dear Sir:

Ghana: Nutrition and Malaria Control for Child Survival Project (Credit No. 4346-GH)  
Amendment to the Financing Agreement

We refer to the Financing Agreement (the Agreement) dated August 8, 2007 between the Republic of Ghana (the Recipient) and the International Development Association (the Association) for the above-referenced project.

The Association proposes to amend the Agreement as follows

1. Schedule 1 (Project Description) to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by Annex 1 to this letter.

2. Section I.A.1 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

   “1. MOH and GHS

   (a) The Recipient shall maintain, at all times during the implementation of the Project, the MOH and the GHS with functions, staffing and resources satisfactory to the Association.

   (b) Without limitation upon the provision of paragraph 1(a) of this Part A, (A) the MOH shall be responsible for (i) the formulation of policies related to the Project, (ii) overall oversight of the Project; and (iii) the inter-sectoral coordination on service delivery, and (B) the GHS shall be responsible for (i) the coordination and day-to-day management of the Project activities and (ii) the delivery of services supported through the Project.”
3. Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

   “2. Technical Committee

   (a) The Recipient shall establish and maintain, at all times during the implementation of the Project, the Technical Committee with functions, composition and resources satisfactory to the Association.

   (b) Without limitation upon the provision of paragraph 2(a) of this Part A, the Technical Committee shall be chaired by a representative of the GHS at a level not lower than that of a Director, and comprise representatives of the MOH, the GHS, the MOLGRDE, the MOWAC, the GES, the MOFA and the MOFEP.

   (c) Without limitation upon the provision of paragraph 2(a) of this Part A, the Technical Committee shall be responsible, inter alia, for: (i) developing action plans and providing guidelines, standards and technical support for the implementation of the Project; and (ii) approving the Sub-projects submitted for its consideration by the DAC through the RAC.”

4. Section II.1 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

   “1. The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.08 of the General Conditions and on the basis of the indicators agreed with the Association. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar year, and shall be furnished to the Association not later than three months after the end of the period covered by such report.”

5. Section VI.B.2 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

   “2. The Closing Date is March 31, 2013.”

6. The definition of “District Assemblies” in the Appendix to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

   “6. “MMDAs” means metropolitan, municipal, district assemblies established and operating in the territory of the Recipient pursuant to the laws of the Recipient.”

   All other provisions of the Agreement, as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.
Please indicate your acknowledgement of, and agreement with, the foregoing amendments to the Agreement on behalf of the Recipient by countersigning and dating the 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 countersignature of this letter.

Sincerely,

By: /s/ Ishac Diwan
Ishac Diwan
Country Director for Ghana
Africa Region

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF GHANA

By: /s/ Dr. Kwabena Duffour
Name: Kwabena Duffour
Title: Minister of Finance and Economic Planning
Date: July 22, 2010
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to support the Recipient in improving the utilization of selected community-based health and nutrition services for children under the age of two and pregnant women in selected districts.

The Project consists of the following Parts:

Part A. Institutional Strengthening

1. Establishment and/or building the capacity of, *inter alia*, (i) the Technical Committee, (ii) the MMDAs, (iii) the GHS, (iv) the MOH, and (v) community health and development committees and inter-sectoral structures in order to coordinate effectively the development and implementation of health and nutrition policies and community-based services.

2. Development and revision of strategies and action plans for mainstreaming nutrition into the national and district-level multi-sectoral development agenda; such strategies include, the development and/or refinement of a multi-sectoral nutrition policy, a community-based health and nutrition service delivery strategy, an advocacy and communication strategy, a strategy for semi-annual distribution of vitamin A supplements.

3. Design of performance-based incentive systems for community-based health and nutrition service delivery.

4. Support to the MOH, the GHS and the MMDAs to strengthen their supervision, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for efficient planning and management of community-based health and nutrition service delivery including Sub-projects under Part B. 2 of the Project

Part B. Community-based Health and Nutrition Service Delivery

1. Development and implementation of communication strategies and training programs for influencing household and community behavior related to health and nutrition.

2. Carrying out of Sub-projects to implement community-based health and nutrition programs in selected districts, including pilot Sub-projects to verify the effectiveness of the performance-based incentive systems developed under Part A.3 of the Project.

Part C. Malaria Prevention

1. Procurement and distribution of LLINs for pregnant women and children under the age of five.

2. Support to GHS to coordinate strategic partnership and harmonization to carry out activities to improve planning, implementation and the monitoring and evaluation of the national malaria control program, including tracking of LLIN distribution.