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**RESTRUCTURING PAPER** 

ON A

PROPOSED PROJECT RESTRUCTURING

OF

YEMEN EMERGENCY CRISIS RESPONSE PROJECT

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TO

UNDP, UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)

SOCIAL PROTECTION & JOBS

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## I. BASIC DATA

## **Product Information**

Project ID	Financing Instrument		
	Investment Project Financing		
Original EA Category	Current EA Category		
Partial Assessment (B)	Partial Assessment (B)		
Approval Date	Current Closing Date		
19-Jul-2016	30-Sep-2021		

## **Organizations**

Borrower	Responsible Agency
UNDP, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	UNICEF

## **Project Development Objective (PDO)**

Original PDO

The Project Development Objective is to provide short-term employment and access to selected basic services to the most vulnerable; and preserve existing implementation capacity of two service delivery programs.

**Current PDO** 

The Project Development Objective is to provide short-term employment and access to selected basic services to the most vulnerable; preserve existing implementation capacity of service delivery programs; and provide emergency cash transfers to the poor and vulnerable in response to the food crisis.

## **Summary Status of Financing**

Ln/Cr/Tf	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Closing	Net Commitment	Disbursed	Undisbursed
IDA-D4620	14-May-2019	21-May-2019	21-May-2019	30-Sep-2021	100.00	50.00	50.23
IDA-D4630	14-May-2019	23-May-2019	23-May-2019	30-Sep-2021	100.00	67.94	32.25
IDA-D4180	14-Dec-2018	20-Dec-2018	20-Dec-2018	30-Sep-2021	140.00	139.18	0
IDA-D1970	19-May-2017	30-May-2017	01-Jun-2017	30-Sep-2021	200.00	204.06	0

IDA-D1620	17-Jan-2017	25-Jan-2017	25-Jan-2017	30-Sep-2021	250.00	261.13	.25
IDA-D1320	19-Jul-2016	02-Aug-2016	02-Aug-2016	30-Sep-2021	50.00	49.26	0
TF-A9572	11-Apr-2019	11-Apr-2019	11-Apr-2019	30-Sep-2019	8.58	8.58	0

#### Policy Waiver(s)

Does this restructuring trigger the need for any policy waiver(s)?

No

#### I. SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS AND PROPOSED CHANGES

OVERALL PROJECT STATUS. The project continues to make solid progress with key results indicators either met or exceeded. The last Implementation Status Report (ISR) rated Progress towards achievement of Project Development Objective Highly Satisfactory (S) and Implementation Progress Satisfactory (S).

KEY RESULTS. As of August 31, 2019, under the Labor Intensive Works and Community Services Component (Component 1) implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP); the number of direct beneficiaries of wage employment has reached 367,000 workers against a target of 470,700; over 7.65 million work days have been created against a target of 9.36 million; and the number of people who were provided with access to key services has reached 3.76 million against a target of 2.76 million. Moreover, approximately 296,142 people (120,339 women and 175,803 children) have benefitted from the project's nutrition services interventions (target of 216,191 people); and the number of core staff positions for SFD has reached 191 positions (103%) and 53 positions (100%) for PWP.

Under the Emergency Cash Transfer component (Component 3) which is implemented by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and to which this restructuring pertains, the project has successfully completed five rounds of payment cycles to an average 1.4 million beneficiary households, with a sixth payment cycle planned for mid-October 2019.

DISBURSEMENT STATUS. Overall project disbursements under the project stand at US\$771.57 million out of a total grant amount of US\$848.58 million (including the parent, AF, AF2, AF3, MDTF Grant, and the recently approved AF4). AF4 was approved by the Board of Directors on May 14, 2019 and became effective on May 21 and May 23, 2019.

PROPOSED CHANGES AND RATIONALE. This restructuring proposes an amendment to the Grant Agreement (TF0A9572) for the Yemen Emergency Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) under AF3, to extend the closing date of the Grant from September 30, 2019, to June 30, 2020. The proposed extension would allow the project to utilize a remaining balance of US\$50,000 under Category (2-a) (Consultants' services), which is allocated to co fund an outcome assessment of the emergency cash transfer component. The delays in initiating this consultancy were largely a result of a lengthy process of developing terms of reference (TORs) for the consultancy, as well as the short duration of the of the above Grant (April 2019– September 2019).

Due to the nature and scope of the assignment which entails inputs from various divisions within UNICEF and the World Bank, UNICEF would not be able to complete the assessment prior to the current Grant closing date. UNICEF has however, confirmed that they are at the final stages of finalizing the draft TORs for the assessment, and expect the

assignment to be completed within the proposed extension period as detailed in their letter dated September 11, 2019 (attached). The team also confirms that the end disbursement date for the Trustee Level Fund of the Yemen Emergency MDTF (TF073203) is October 31, 2021.

## **II. DETAILED CHANGES**

# LOAN CLOSING DATE(S)

Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Original Closing	Revised Closing(s)	Proposed Closing	Proposed Deadline for Withdrawal Applications
IDA-D1320	Effective	31-Aug-2018	30-Jun-2019, 30-Sep- 2019, 30-Sep-2021		
IDA-D1620	Effective	30-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2019, 30-Sep- 2021		
IDA-D1970	Effective	30-Jun-2019	30-Sep-2021		
IDA-D4180	Effective	30-Sep-2019	30-Sep-2021		
IDA-D4620	Effective	30-Sep-2021			
IDA-D4630	Effective	30-Sep-2021			
TF-A9572	Effective	30-Sep-2019		30-Jun-2020	30-Oct-2020