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GRANT NUMBER D233-ET

Financing Agreement

(Rural Productive Safety Net Project)

between

FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated September 29, 2017
GRANT NUMBER D233-ET

FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date, entered into between FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA ("Recipient") and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association"). The Recipient and the Association hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) apply to and form part of this Agreement.

1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — FINANCING

2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient a grant, deemed by the Association to be on concessional terms, as set forth or referred to in this Agreement, in an amount equivalent to four hundred twenty-six thousand million and three hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 426,300,000 ("Financing"), to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project").

2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate is one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance.

2.04. The Payment Dates are March 15 and September 15 in each year.

2.05. The Payment Currency is Dollars.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through MoANR, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
ARTICLE IV — TERMINATION

4.01. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the Signature Date.

4.02. For purposes of Section 10.05(b) of the General Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the Signature Date.

ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

5.01 The Recipient’s Representative is its Minister of Finance and Economic Cooperation.

5.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions,

(a) the Recipient’s address is:

Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation
P. O. Box 1905
Addis Ababa
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; and

(b) the Recipient’s Electronic Address is:

Telex: Facsimile:
21147 (251-11) 1551355

5.03. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

(a) the Association’s Address is:

International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America; and

(b) the Association’s Electronic Address is:

Telex: Facsimile:
248423 (MCI) 1-202-477-6391
AGREED as of the Signature Date.

FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Abraham Tekeste (PhD)

Date: September 26, 2017

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Carolyn Turk

Title: Country Director for Ethiopia & Sudan

Date: September 26, 2017
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to support the Recipient in improving the effectiveness and scalability of its rural safety net system.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1. Safety net transfers for food insecure households in rural areas

Carrying out a program of activities to deliver safety net transfers to food insecure households, including:

(a) Implementation of Safety Net Transfers in the form of cash, electronic payments, and/or food to chronically food insecure household beneficiaries and also to transitorily food insecure household beneficiaries, as a response mechanism that provides appropriate and timely resources in response to economic and/or weather related shocks.

(b) Financing of labor-intensive Public Works Sub-projects to develop sustainable community assets through participatory community planning processes, watershed planning approach, and participation of Safety Net Transfer Beneficiaries; improving technical quality of public works through better planning, monitoring and evaluation for Public Works Sub-projects; and supporting awareness raising and behavioral change communications for nutrition, and use of ante-natal services by pregnant women from Safety Net Transfer Beneficiary households.

Part 2: Enhanced access to complementary livelihood services

Carrying out a program of activities to enhance access to complementary livelihood services, including:

(a) Provision of livelihood support services to communities, including on-farm extension, mentoring and coaching in business and technical skills training for diversification into off-farm activities, and linkages to employment services; promotion of voluntary savings; and linking households to micro-level financial institutions, as well as development of related business plans and capacity and skills building.

(b) Provision of Livelihoods Transfer Grants to Livelihood Transfer Grant Beneficiaries to assist them in carrying out livelihood improvement activities (including building productive assets, developing livelihoods, and building capacity to access credit); and introduction of a monitoring and evaluation system to assess the impact of such assistance on improvement of livelihoods.
Part 3: Institutional support to strengthen systems for the rural productive safety net

Strengthening the Project implementing capacity of Project Implementing Agencies at all levels to facilitate more effective use of human and physical resources to implement the rural productive safety net program of activities through, *inter alia*:

(a) provision of support for annual planning of program activities, technical support to lower-level implementers, monitoring, training and follow-up;

(b) provision of training to staff, particularly at regional and woreda levels, as well as mentoring and coaching; and

(c) provision of consulting services and goods to strengthen the administrative systems for implementation of rural productive safety nets (especially financial management systems for cash transfers, food management system for safety net transfers in the form of food, and its systems of making electronic payments to clients) including: (a) improvement of payment modalities (including improving the payroll and attendance sheet system (PASS) to track payments in cash and food for core clients and those receiving temporary support in response to drought and to begin to create a household registry of safety net clients); (b) design, installation and implementation of a program-based rural productive safety net Management Information System (MIS); and (c) strengthening the Government’s early warning systems (for weather-related shocks) to better inform scaling-up of the safety net.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section 1. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

1. The Recipient shall maintain, at all times during the Project implementation, the following with staffing/composition, terms of reference and resources acceptable to the Association:

(a) The Food Security Coordination Directorate, established within MoANR, to provide day-to-day coordination and support to the Project Implementing Agencies at all levels in performing their respective Project activities.

(b) The Public Works Coordination Unit, established within the Natural Resource Management Directorate of MoANR, to provide technical coordination, monitoring and oversight of all public works to be carried out under the Project.

(c) The Social Welfare Development Promotion Directorate, established within MoLSA, to provide oversight of safety net transfers, and for extending social care support, to permanent direct support clients.

(d) The Channel One Program Coordination Directorate, established within MoFEC, responsible for the financial management of the Project.

(e) The National Disaster Risk Management Commission, responsible for identifying droughts and the need for Government’s response.

(f) The food management unit, established within the National Disaster Risk Management Commission, responsible for management of food resources under the Project.

(g) A committee, as further defined in the Project Implementation Manual, responsible for overall Project strategic oversight, coordination, management, and implementation technical support.

2. The Recipient shall ensure that adequate implementation arrangements, satisfactory to the Association, have been established and thereafter maintained at all times during the Project implementation at regional, Zone, Woreda, Kebele and community levels, as such implementation arrangements shall be further detailed in the Project Implementation Manual.
3. The Recipient, through MoFEC, shall ensure: (a) that by January 1, 2018, the existing bilateral memoranda of understanding signed between MoFEC and each of the Regional Cabinets in relation to Credit No. 5540-ET are amended, in a manner satisfactory to the Association, to reflect the new and additional responsibilities and accountabilities of the Regional Cabinets ensuing from the Project activities; and (b) that such amended memoranda of understanding are not amended, waived, or abrogated without the prior approval of the Association.

B. Project Implementation Manual

1. The Recipient shall update the existing Project Implementation Manual by January 1, 2018, and thereafter, cause the Project Implementing Agencies to implement the Project in accordance with the updated Project Implementation Manual approved by the Association, which sets forth rules, methods, guidelines, and procedures for the carrying out of the Project, including, inter alia:

(a) detailed description of Project activities and institutional arrangements for implementing the Project activities as well as location of activities;

(b) eligibility criteria and procedures to be applied for selection of chronically food insecure household beneficiaries for receiving Safety Net Transfers, as well as schedules and modalities of delivering Safety Net Transfer, and the monitoring and evaluation of Safety Net Transfers delivered;

(c) procedure for determining drought and related need for response thereto, the eligibility criteria and procedures to be applied for selection of transitorily food insecure household beneficiaries for receiving Safety Net Transfers in response to economic and/or weather related shocks, as well as schedules and modalities of delivering Safety Net Transfers, and the monitoring and evaluation of Safety Net Transfers delivered in response to drought;

(d) the operating procedures governing Public Works Sub-projects, including, inter alia, specific criteria for Public Works Sub-projects to be eligible for financing under the Project, selection criteria for beneficiaries to participate in Public Works Sub-projects; and guidelines for selection, approval, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Public Works Sub-projects;

(e) the operating procedures governing the provision of complementary livelihood services, as well as eligibility criteria and procedures to be applied for selection of beneficiaries for receiving complementary livelihood services and Livelihood Transfer Grants, as well as schedules and modalities of delivering Livelihood Transfer Grants, and the monitoring and evaluation of Livelihood Transfer Grants delivered;
the Environmental and Social Management Framework, Resettlement Policy Framework, and Social Development Plan;

monitoring, evaluation, reporting, and governance procedures for the Project; and

disbursement, financial management, food management, auditing and procurement procedures for the Project;

2. In the event that any provision of the Project Implementation Manual shall conflict with any provision of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail. The Recipient shall not amend the Project Implementation Manual without the Association’s prior written approval.

C. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Agencies to carry out the Project in accordance with the ESMF, RPF, and Social Development Plan, and any other Safeguards Document prepared or to be prepared by the Recipient in accordance with sub-paragraph 2 below, in a manner satisfactory to the Association.

2. Whenever an ESMP and/or RAP shall be required for any proposed Public Works Sub-project in accordance with the provisions of the ESMF and/or the RPF respectively, the Recipient shall:

(a) prior to the commencement of such Public Works Sub-project: (i) prepare an ESMP in accordance with the provisions of the ESMF; (ii) furnish the ESMP to the Association for review and approval; and (ii) thereafter, adopt the ESMP approved by the Association and disclose the ESMP, in a manner acceptable to the Association;

(b) prior to the commencement of such Public Works Sub-project: (i) prepare a RAP in accordance with the provisions of the RPF; (ii) furnish the RAP to the Association for review and approval; and (iii) thereafter, adopt the RAP approved by the Association and disclose the RAP, in a manner acceptable to the Association;

(c) take such measures as shall be necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with the requirements of such approved ESMP and/or approved RAP; and

(d) in the case of any resettlement activity under the Public Works Sub-project involving Affected Persons, ensure that no displacement (including restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas) shall occur before necessary resettlement measures consistent with the relevant
RAP have been executed, including, in the case of displacement, full payment to Affected Persons of compensation and of other assistance required for relocation, prior to displacement.

3. Prior to commencement of any complementary livelihood services under Part 2 of the Project in a Woreda, the Recipient shall:

(a) cause to be prepared: a Woreda environmental profile, *inter alia*, identifying activities considered most likely to have significant potential negative cumulative impacts in the Woreda concerned if adopted by large numbers of households; and a Woreda business plan guidance, *inter alia*, identifying ineligible proposed activities and listing mitigating measures for eligible activities, all in accordance with the provisions of the ESMF; and

(b) take such measures as shall be necessary to ensure that said complementary livelihood services are carried out in compliance with the requirements of the ESMF.

4. The Recipient shall not amend, abrogate or waive, or permit to be amended, abrogated or waived, the ESMF, RPF, Social Development Plan, and any Safeguards Document adopted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Part C, unless the Association has provided its prior approval thereof in writing, and the Recipient has complied with the same consultation and disclosure requirements as applicable to the original adoption of the said instruments.

5. Without limitation on its other reporting obligations under this Agreement, the Recipient through MoANR shall collect, compile and submit to the Association each calendar semester (or at such other frequency as may be agreed with the Association) consolidated reports on the status of compliance with the Social Development Plan, ESMF, the RPF, and any Safeguards Documents prepared for the Project, as applicable, giving details of: (a) measures taken in furtherance of the said instruments; (b) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of the said measures; and (c) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.

D. Safety Net Transfers under Part 1(a) of the Project

1. The Recipient shall select and approve Safety Net Transfer Beneficiaries, and implement and supervise Safety Net Transfers, all in accordance with the criteria, requirements, and procedures set out in the Project Implementation Manual.

2. The Recipient shall: (a) furnish to the Association for approval, a time-bound action plan, prepared in accordance with terms of reference satisfactory to the Association, setting out measures to improve the Safety Net Transfer food management system
by, *inter alia*, promoting transparency and accountability (including reporting and auditing of food resources); and (b) thereafter, implement such plan as shall have been approved by the Association.

**E. Public Works Sub-projects under Part 1(b) of the Project**

1. The Recipient shall appraise, review, approve, and supervise each Public Works Sub-project in accordance with the criteria, procedures and requirements set out in the Project Implementation Manual, including, *inter alia*, the following criteria for a proposed Public Works Sub-project to be eligible for financing under the Project:

   (a) the Public Works Sub-project shall be for the carrying out of labor intensive activities, including, without limitation, watershed management, soil and water conservation, road construction and rehabilitation, construction and rehabilitation of small community managed irrigation schemes, the improvement of basic social service delivery; participation in awareness raising and behavioral change communications for nutrition and ante-natal services; and financial literacy training.

   (b) the proposed Public Works Sub-projects shall be identified and prioritized in the respective community development plan and areas experiencing severe drought shall be excluded;

   (c) the proposed Public Works Sub-project is in compliance with the environmental standards set out in the ESMF, and with all applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to environmental protection; an environmental screening has been carried out for the proposed Public Works Sub-project in accordance with principles set forth in the ESMF; and if said environmental screening has concluded that an ESMP satisfactory to the Association is required, said ESMP has been prepared by the Recipient, in accordance with requirements under Section I.C of this Schedule 2, for implementing the proposed Public Works Sub-project; and

   (d) if the proposed Public Works Sub-project involves involuntary acquisition of land, or involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas, a RAP has been prepared in accordance with the principles set out in the RPF and said RAP has been approved by the Association, in accordance with requirements under Section I.C of this Schedule 2, for implementing the proposed Public Works Sub-project.

2. Every year during the Project implementation period the Recipient shall:

   (a) Prepare and furnish to the Association for its review and approval an Annual Public Works Plan which shall include the list of Public Works...
Sub-projects selected in accordance with the criteria, procedures and requirements set forth in the Project Implementation Manual and proposed to be financed during the respective annual period. Such Annual Public Works Plans shall be furnished to the Association not later than one month prior to commencing the selected Public Works Sub-projects in the respective fiscal year of the Recipient.

(b) (i) Commission an independent public works review, according to terms of reference acceptable to the Association, which assesses the compliance of the planning and design of public works with the procedures set out in the Project Implementation Manual, including compliance with the ESMF procedures, and the technical quality and sustainability of the Public Works Sub-projects; and (ii) furnish to the Association the results of the such review, together with an action plan addressing recommendations in said results.

F. **Complementary livelihood services under Part 2 of the Project**

1. With respect to Part 2 of the Project, the Recipient shall:

   (a) (i) select and approve beneficiaries of livelihood support services and implement and supervise the provision of livelihood support services, all in accordance with the criteria, requirements and procedures set out in the Project Implementation Manual;

   (ii) prepare and furnish to the Association for review and approval (to be included as part of the Annual Work Plan and Budget under Section 1.G of this Schedule 2), an annual plan for the provision of livelihood support services and Livelihood Transfer Grants in the following year, and implement such plan after its approval by the Association; and

   (iii) carry out, on an annual basis and in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association, an independent review of the provision of livelihood support services, **inter alia**, to assess compliance of said service provision with the procedures set out in the Project Implementation Manual, including compliance with applicable ESMF procedures.

(b) (i) By January 1, 2018, the Recipient shall develop in accordance with terms of reference satisfactory to the Association, a time-bound action plan for the evaluation of delivery (such as beneficiary targeting and beneficiary support for use of grant funds) of Livelihood Transfer Grants and assessment of the impact
of such grants; and implement such plan, taking into account the Association's comments thereon; and

(ii) select and approve Livelihood Transfer Grant Beneficiaries, and implement and supervise Livelihood Transfer Grants, all in accordance with the criteria, requirements, and procedures set out in the Project Implementation Manual and take in account the results of the evaluation and assessment carried out under sub-paragraph (b)(i) above.

G. Annual Work Plan and Budget

1. The Recipient shall, not later than May 30th of each year, prepare and furnish to the Association, an annual program of activities proposed for implementation under the Project (including the Annual Public Works Plan and plan for Training) during the following EFY, together with a proposed budget for the purpose.

2. The Recipient shall exchange views with the Association on each such proposed annual work plan and budget, and thereafter, shall adopt and carry out such program of activities for such following EFY as shall have been agreed with the Association, as such plan may be subsequently revised during such following Fiscal Year with the prior written agreement of the Association.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

The Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each semester in the EFY, covering the said semester.

Section III. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing

A. General

1. Without limitation upon the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions and in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, the Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing to finance Eligible Expenditures in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each category of the following table:
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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in SDR)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods (excluding cereals), works, non-consulting services, and consulting services for the Project, Safety Net Transfers, Livelihood Transfer Grants, Operating Costs and Training</td>
<td>365,900,000</td>
<td>Such percentage of Eligible Expenditures as the Association may determine based on IFRs and documented in quarterly Notifications</td>
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<td>(2) Cereals to be provided under Safety Net Transfers</td>
<td>60,400,000</td>
<td>Such percentage of Eligible Expenditures as the Association may determine based on IFRs and documented in quarterly Notifications</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL AMOUNT</strong></td>
<td><strong>426,300,000</strong></td>
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**B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period**

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawal shall be made:
   
   (a) for payments made prior to the date of the Signature Date; and
   
   (b) under Category (2) until the Association has approved the time-bound action plan to be prepared by the Recipient pursuant to the provisions in Section 1.D.2(a) of this Schedule.

2. Eligible Expenditures financed under the Project shall not be eligible to be financed by other sources of financing, including IDA Credit Numbers 5540-ET, 5877-ET, and 6041-ET, as well as Grant Trust Fund Numbers TFA01426 and TFA03267.

3. The Closing Date is December 31, 2020.
Section IV. **Other Undertakings**

1. The Recipient shall:
   
   (a) not later than sixty (60) days after the end of each EFY quarter, prepare and furnish to the Association, commodity (food items) flow and status reports for the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, covering said quarter; and

   (b) in each EFY during Project implementation, have said commodity (food items) flow and status reports for the Project for the previous EFY year audited, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, and submitted to the Association not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

2. The Recipient shall have an independent procurement auditor, which has been appointed with terms of reference acceptable to the Association, carry out an annual audit (starting in 2018 and in accordance with terms of reference satisfactory to the Association) of the procurement activities carried out under the Project and submit the procurement audit report to Association within six (6) months after the end of each EFY.

3. Within twelve (12) months from the Effective Date, the Recipient shall consolidate the management of: (a) the rural productive safety net program, encompassing support to be provided to chronically food insecure households; and (b) the program for transitory food insecure households in response to economic and/or weather related shocks, to improve operational efficiencies.
Section 1. Definitions

1. "Affected Person" means a person who, as a result of: (i) the involuntary taking of land under the Project, is affected in any of the following ways: (A) relocation or loss of shelter; (B) loss of assets or access to assets; or (C) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not the affected person must move to another location; or (ii) the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas, suffers adverse impacts on his or her livelihood.

2. "Annual Public Works Plan" means the annual public works plan to be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section I.E.2(a) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.


4. "Category" means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

5. "EFY" means the Fiscal Year of the Recipient which commences on July 8 and ends on July 7.

6. "Environmental and Social Management Framework" or "ESMF" means the framework disclosed in the Recipient’s country on July 7, 2017, and in the Association’s Infoshop on June 30, 2017, prepared by the Recipient and approved by the Association, setting out two environmental and social management procedural frameworks: (a) a framework for the Public Works Subprojects under Part 1(b) of the Project, which includes: (i) integrated pest management procedures; (ii) small dam management procedures; (iii) procedures for assessment of potential impact on physical cultural resource sites; and (iv) an environmental and social screening process that will enable the Recipient to identify and assess potential adverse environmental and social impacts, and offset and reduce them to acceptable levels, or enhance positive impacts, and in accordance with which ESMPs will be prepared and submitted to the Association for its approval, as the same may be amended from time to time with the prior written approval of the Association; and (b) a framework for complementary livelihoods support services under Part 2 of the Project, which sets out a strategic assessment approach to identify activities that may give rise to significant potential impacts if adopted at scale, to assess such impacts, develop environmental...
guidelines (where appropriate) and procedures of monitoring, managing and mitigating such impact.

7. “ESMP” means an environmental and social management plan to be prepared by the Recipient in accordance with the principles and guidance set out in the ESMF and RPF, and acceptable to the Association, setting forth a set of mitigation, monitoring, and institutional measures to be taken during the implementation and operation of the Project to eliminate adverse environmental and social impacts, offset them, or reduce them to acceptable levels, and including the actions needed to implement these measures.


9. “Kebele” means the lowest tier of government in the Recipient’s administrative system, as established according to the relevant Regional legislation.

10. “Livelihood Transfer Grant” means a grant made or to be made by the Recipient to a Livelihood Transfer Grant Beneficiary under Part 2(a) of the Project and pursuant to the eligibility criteria and governing procedures as set out in the Project Implementation Manual and referred to in Section I.F.1(a)(ii) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; and the term “Livelihood Transfer Grants” means the plural thereof.

11. “Livelihood Transfer Grant Beneficiary” means an individual meeting the poverty threshold or vulnerability status as set out in the Project Implementation Manual; and the term “Livelihood Transfer Grant Beneficiaries” means the plural thereof.

12. “MoANR” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, or any successor thereto.

13. “MoFEC” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation, or any successor thereto.

14. “MoLSA” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, or any successor thereto.

15. “National Disaster Risk Management Commission” means the commission reporting to the Deputy Prime Minister responsible for food management and for early warning systems, or any successor thereto.
16. "Notification" means the notification to be sent by the Association to the Recipient, as set out in the Additional Information/Instructions of Schedule 1 in the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, notifying the Recipient about the percentages of one or more Category of Eligible Expenditures, which will be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing, together with other resources that are being, or may be, administered by the Association, taking into account the availability of all financial resources for which financing shall have been made available for such Categories of Eligible Expenditures from time to time, and any donor partner’s view with respect thereto.

17. "Operating Costs" means incremental costs incurred by the Project Implementing Agencies on account of the Project coordination, implementation and monitoring, including expenditures for vehicles operation and maintenance, office supplies and consumables, utilities, communication, translation and interpretation, bank charges, Project-related national and international travel, including per diem and accommodation, but excluding salaries of the Recipient’s civil servants, and other miscellaneous costs directly associated with the Project implementation, all based on periodic budgets acceptable to the Association.

18. "Procurement Regulations" means, for purposes of paragraph 87 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations IPF Borrowers”, dated July 2016.

19. "Project Implementation Manual” means the manual, satisfactory to the Association, and referred to in Section I.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as such manual may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement of the Association.

20. "Project Implementing Agencies” means, collectively, the National Disaster Risk Management Commission, MoANR, MoFEC and MoLSA and their counterparts at the lower levels, each of which shall implement their respective Project implementation activities pursuant to the requirements under this Agreement and the Project Implementation Manual.

21. "Public Works Sub-project" means an activity to be implemented under Part 1(b) of the Project pursuant to the requirement of this Agreement and in accordance with the selection criteria and procedures set forth in the Project Implementation Manual and referred to in Section I.E of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

22. "RAP” means a resettlement action plan, acceptable to the Association and to be prepared by the Recipient pursuant to the requirements of the RPF for compensation, resettlement and rehabilitation of Affected Persons as a result of development of Public Works Sub-projects, as such plan may be amended from time to time with the prior written approval of the Association, and such term includes any schedules to such plan.

24. “Regional Cabinet” means the executive branch of the government of each Region, and the term “Regional Cabinets” means the plural thereof.

25. “RPF” means the resettlement policy framework, disclosed in the Recipient’s territory on July 7, 2017, and in the Association’s Infoshop on June 30, 2017, prepared by the Recipient and outlining the policies and procedures to be implemented in the event that specific activities implemented under a Public Works Sub-project have potentially negative impacts on the livelihoods, assets and land of Affected Persons, as the said framework may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time with the prior written approval of the Association, and such term includes any schedules to such document.

26. “Safeguards Document” means an ESMP or RAP, and the term “Safeguards Documents” means, collectively, all such documents.

27. “Safety Net Transfer” means a safety net benefit to be provided to a Beneficiary under Part 1(a) of the Project in the form of cash, electronic payments, food vouchers, and/or food, all in accordance with the requirements and procedures set out in the Project Implementation Manual; and the term “Safety Net Transfers” means the plural thereof.

28. "Safety Net Transfer Beneficiary" means an individual, or a household selected or to be selected to receive a Safety Net Transfer pursuant to the selection criteria set out in the Project Implementation Manual; and the term “Beneficiaries” means the plural thereof.

29. “Signature Date” means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Association signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to “the date of the Financing Agreement” in the General Conditions.

30. “Social Development Plan” means the document disclosed in the Recipient’s country on July 7, 2017, and in the Association’s Infoshop on July 7, 2017, outlining challenges to those affected by the Project (with focus on groups identified as vulnerable and/or historically underserved) and recommendations identified in an enhanced social assessment and consultation carried out in 2017, as the said plan may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time with the prior written consent of the Association, and such term includes any schedules to such document.
31. “Training” means Project related national and international study tours, training courses, seminars, workshops, and other training activities, not included under service providers’ contracts, including: costs of training materials, space and equipment rental, travel, and accommodation; per diem costs of trainees and trainers; trainers’ fees; and other training related miscellaneous costs.

32. “Woreda” means one of the tiers of government in the Recipient’s administrative system, as established pursuant to the relevant legislation issued by the Region.

33. “Zone” means one of the intermediate tiers of the Recipient’s administration, as established pursuant to the relevant legislation issued by the Region.