Ms. Tracy J. Miller  
Agreement Officer  
USAID/Afghanistan  
U.S. Embassy  
Great Massoud Circle  
Kabul, Afghanistan  

Dear Ms. Miller:

AFGHANISTAN  
Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (TF050576)  
USAID's reference 306-G-00-12-00016-00  
Amendment No.18 to Letter Agreement dated March 31, 2012

We refer to the Letter Agreement dated March 31, 2012 between the United States Agency for International Development (the “Donor”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association (collectively, the “Bank”) (the “Letter Agreement”) pursuant to which the Donor has made available to the Bank as a grant the sum of one billion four hundred seventy million one hundred sixty nine thousand and eighty United States Dollars (US$1,470,169,080) (the “USAID Contribution”) for the purpose of contributing to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (“ARTF”, and the “Trust Fund”).

We also refer to the agreement dated June 20, 2002 between the Government of the United States of America through the United States Agency for International Development, and the Bank (your ref. EEE-G-00-02-00025-00), as amended to date, pursuant to which the Donor has made available one billion three hundred sixty nine million nine hundred ninety one thousand and one hundred ninety five United States Dollars (US$1,371,991,195) for the purpose of contributing to the ARTF. The aggregate contribution to ARTF from USAID equals two billion eight hundred forty two million one hundred sixty thousand and two hundred seventy five United States Dollars (US$2,842,280,275).

We acknowledge the intention of the Donor, to increase its contribution to the Trust Fund by an additional one hundred twenty thousand United States Dollars (US$120,000) (the “USAID Additional Contribution”) to the Trust Fund. After the USAID Additional Contribution has been received by the Bank, the aggregate contribution to the ARTF from USAID will be two billion eight hundred forty two million two hundred eighty thousand and two hundred seventy five United States Dollars (US$2,842,280,275).
Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 7(a) of the Annex to the Letter Agreement, we acknowledge the Donor’s expression of preference that the USAID Additional Contribution, i.e., one hundred twenty thousand United States Dollars (US$120,000), to be used for the purpose of the Research and Analysis Program under the Trust Fund. The Bank will use its discretion to ensure that the USAID Additional Contribution supports the preference expressed by the Donor under the ARTF.

Promptly following confirmation of this amendment to the Letter Agreement by you, the Donor, will deposit the USAID Additional Contribution, i.e., one hundred twenty thousand United States Dollars (US$120,000), into a bank account designated by the Bank.

All the terms and conditions of the Letter Agreement that have not been amended hereby shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Each of the undersigned represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Amendment and act in accordance with these terms and conditions. The Bank and the Donor are each requested to sign and date this Amendment, and upon possession by the Bank of this fully signed Amendment, this Amendment will become effective as of the date of the last signature. The Bank shall disclose this Amendment in accordance with the Bank’s Policy on Access to Information. By entering into this Amendment, the Donor consents to such disclosure.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen N. Ndegwa
Acting Country Director for Afghanistan
South Asia Region

CONFIRMED AND AGREED
UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

By: Tracy J. Miller
Name: Tracy J. Miller
Title: Agreement Officer
USAID/Afghanistan
Date: 21st October 2016
Stephen Ndegwa
Acting Country Director for Afghanistan
Southeast Asia Region
The World Bank (WB), Afghanistan

Subject: USAID Contribution to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF)

No.: TF050576: USAID Grant No.: AID-306-G-00-12-00016-00
Modification No.: 16

Dear Mr. Ndegwa,

Under the authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) hereby amends its grant to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("IBRD" or "the Grantee"), to increase the total amount granted to the Grantee by the sum of USD $120,000 ("the USAID Grant") as the United States contribution to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund Administration (Trust Fund No. TF050576). The total amount obligated under this grant is therefore increased from USD $1,573,419,080 to USD $1,573,539,080. The USAID Fiscal Data for the USAID Grant is set forth in Attachment 1.

USAID hereby states its preference that $120,000 of the Grant be earmarked for disbursement to the World Bank to co-fund a Service Delivery Indicator Survey in primary schools of Afghanistan.

The USAID obligation is effective as of the date of this letter and will apply to expenditures made by the Grantee in furtherance of program objectives of ARTF.

This contribution is made to the Grantee on condition that the funds will be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Annex 2 (the WB amendment No.:18 to their Letter Agreement dated March 31, 2012). All attachments and annexes to this letter constitute an integral part of the USAID Grant.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Tracy Miller
Grant Officer

1 The term "USAID Grant" refers to the USAID contribution to ARTF described in this letter.
Attachment 1

1. USAID Fiscal Data

Total Obligated Amount: $1,573,419,080.00
Current Obligated Amount: $120,000.00
Revised Total Obligation: $1,573,539,080.00

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Attachment 2: WB Amendment No.: 18.