GRANT NUMBER D-1210-GN

 Financing Agreement  

(Additional Financing For Productive Social Safety Nets Project)  

between  

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA  

and  

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  

Dated June 27, 2016
FINANCING AGREEMENT

Agreement dated June 27, 2016, entered into between REPUBLIC OF GUINEA ("Recipient") and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association") for the purpose of providing additional financing for activities related to the Original Project (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement).

WHEREAS (A) certain Donors have made available to the Recipient under the Ebola Recovery and Reconstruction Trust Fund (ERRTF) Co-financing ("Co-financing"), to assist in the financing of the Project on the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement entered into between the Recipient and the Association, acting as administrator of the ERRTF ("Co-financing Agreement");

(B) the Association has agreed, on the basis of the foregoing, inter alia, to extend a Grant to the Recipient upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, 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) constitute an integral 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, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount equivalent to eight million six hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 8,600,000) ("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 IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

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

2.04. The Payment Dates are March 15 and September 15 in each year.
2.05. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

**ARTICLE III — PROJECT**

3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through MoF in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.

3.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE IV — EFFECTIVENESS**

4.01. The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of the following:

   The Co-financing Agreement has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness or to the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals under it (other than the effectiveness of this Agreement) have been fulfilled.

4.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES**

5.01. The Recipient’s Representative is the Recipient’s minister at the time responsible for finance.

5.02. The Recipient’s Address is:

   Minister of Economy and Finance
   P. O. Box 579
   Conakry, Guinea
5.03. The Association’s Address is:

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Washington, D.C.

AGREED at Conakry, Republic of Guinea, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

By

Authorized Representative
Name: Halado Kaba
Title: Minister for Economy and Finance

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Authorized Representative
Name: Rachidi B. Hadji
Title: Country Manager for Guinea
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objectives of the Project are: (i) to provide income support to vulnerable groups; and (ii) to lay the foundations of a social safety net strategy by testing some of the building blocks necessary for a larger system.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part A. Labor Intensive Public Works Program with a Focus on Women and Youth, and Life Skills Development

1. Supporting a program of labor intensive public works aimed at generating income for vulnerable groups including targeted women and youth in selected urban and peri-urban areas ("LIPW Beneficiaries") through the implementation of small scale Subprojects consisting of labor intensive public works.

2. Supporting a training program aimed at enhancing life skills of LIPW Beneficiaries; such program includes training on civic education, citizenship, the rights and responsibilities of workers, conflict resolution, HIV/AIDS prevention and entrepreneurship.

3. Providing cash stipends ("Stipends") to such LIPW Beneficiaries for participating in such LIPW Program.

Part B. Cash Transfers to Protect Human Capital

1. Supporting the design of a pilot conditional cash transfer program ("Conditional Cash Transfer Program") aimed at transferring cash to selected households in targeted areas of the Recipient’s territory in order to improve human capital and curtail the intergenerational transmission of poverty. Future transfers would be conditional upon children’s health being regularly checked up at health centers and school attendance.

2. (i) Carrying out of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program in targeted areas of the Recipient’s territory; and (ii) supporting such Conditional Cash Transfer Program through trainings and awareness campaigns.

3. Supporting the implementation of a school feeding programs ("School Feeding Program") to provide school lunches and other nutrients to selected children in targeted areas of the Recipient’s territory.

4. (i) Carrying out of an unconditional cash transfer program ("Unconditional Cash Transfer Program") in targeted areas of the Recipient’s territory; and (ii)
supporting such Unconditional Cash Transfer Program through behavioral and productive accompanying measures including trainings and awareness campaigns.

Part C. **Project Coordination and Institutional Capacity Building**

1. Supporting the management, coordination, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of Project activities.

2. Providing of technical assistance for the development of a social protection policy and strategy and communication and awareness raising related to social protection operations and policy reforms, including supporting the response to the Ebola outbreak.

3. Strengthening the Recipient’s social safety nets system through: (i) establishing an integrated management information system; (ii) strengthening beneficiary targeting and identification systems and grievance redress mechanisms; (iii) establishing a third party payment system; and (iv) development of a beneficiary database.

Part D. **Prevention of the Ebola Epidemic**

Supporting the implementation of a plan to contain the Ebola epidemic, including, *inter alia*, complementary disease-specific communications campaigns, training of teachers and government officials and acquisition of critical logistical materials.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

The Recipient shall, throughout the implementation of the Project, maintain the following implementation and coordination arrangements:

(1) **Steering Committee (Comité de Pilotage)**

(a) The Recipient shall maintain, throughout the implementation of the Project, an inter-ministerial Steering Committee with functions and resources satisfactory to the Association.

(b) The Steering Committee shall be responsible for the overall oversight of the Project, including: (i) approving the Annual Work Plans and Budgets; (ii) supporting the development of a social protection policy and strategy; and (iii) advising the CFS.

(2) **Safety Net Unit (Cellule Filets Sociaux)**

(a) The Recipient shall: (i) maintain, throughout the implementation of the Project, the CFS within the MoF with functions and resources satisfactory to the Association.

(b) The CFS shall be responsible for the day-to-day technical implementation coordination and fiduciary oversight of the Project, including: (i) monitoring and evaluating activities; and (ii) consolidating progress reports and interim financial management reports.

(c) The CFS shall be headed by a social safety nets coordinator, who shall be assisted by a core team comprised of, *inter alia*: (i) a financial management specialist; (ii) a procurement specialist; (iii) a monitoring and evaluation specialist; (iv) a safeguard specialist; (v) an internal auditor; and (vi) an accountant.

(3) **Contractual and Regulatory Arrangements for the School Feeding Program under Part B**

(a) To facilitate the carrying out of Part B.3 of the Project, the Recipient shall: (i) enter into an Agreement (“WFP Agreement”) with the World Food Program, whose form and substance shall be satisfactory to the Association; (ii) ensure that the Project activities to be undertaken by the
WFP under said WFP Agreement be carried out with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, financial, and managerial standards (including environmental and social safeguards) and practices acceptable to the Association; and (iii) ensure that WFP exercise its rights and carry out its obligations under the WFP Agreement in such a manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing.

(b) Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Service Agreement or any provision thereof, or permit to be assigned, amended, abrogated, or waived, the aforementioned, or any provision thereof.

(4) **Contractual and Regulatory Arrangements for the LIPW Program under Part A**

(a) To facilitate the carrying out of the LIPW Program under Part A of the Project, the Recipient shall recruit qualified NGOs, on the basis of terms of reference, qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Association under a service agreement ("NGO Service Agreement"), whose form and substance shall be satisfactory to the Association, based on a template to be included in the PIM, to ensure that the Subprojects carried out under said Program are carried out with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, financial, and managerial standards (including environmental and social safeguards) and practices acceptable to the Association;

(b) The Recipient shall exercise its rights under each of said NGO Service Agreements in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive any of said agreements or any provisions thereof;

(c) In order to facilitate the carrying out of the LIPW Program under Part A of the Project, the Recipient shall cause such qualified NGOs, to conclude a Temporary Employment Agreement (LIPW Temporary Employment Agreement), based on a template to be included in the PIM;

(d) The Recipient shall ensure that each LIPW Temporary Employment Agreement is based upon the template included in the PIM;

(e) The Recipient shall, in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in the PIM, ensure that each such LIPW Temporary Employment Agreement is carried out with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, financial, and managerial standards and
practices acceptable to the Association, including in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines applicable to the LIPW Temporary Employment Agreement; and

(f) The Recipient shall, in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in the PIM, ensure that payment under each LIPW Temporary Employment Agreement is subject to a verification process satisfactory to the Association.

(5) Contractual and Regulatory Arrangements for the Prevention of the Ebola Epidemic under Part D

(a) To facilitate the carrying out of Part D of the Project, the Recipient shall enter into an agreement ("Ebola Response Service Agreement") with a Qualified Service Provider, whose form and substance shall be satisfactory to the Association; (ii) ensure that the Project activities to be undertaken by said Qualified Service Provider under said Ebola Response Service Agreement shall be carried out with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, financial, and managerial (including environmental and social safeguards) standards and practices acceptable to the Association; and (iii) ensure that said Qualified Service Provider exercise its rights and carry out its obligations under the Ebola Response Service Agreement in such a manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing; and

(b) Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Ebola Response Service Agreement or any provision thereof, or permit to be assigned, amended, abrogated, or waived, the aforementioned, or any provision thereof.

B. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

C. Project Implementation Manual

1. The Recipient shall, throughout the implementation of the Project:

(a) carry out the Project in accordance with the Project Implementation Manual (PIM); and

(b) adopt the Pilot Transfer Program Manual (which shall then form part of the PIM), and thereafter carry out the Project in accordance therewith, provided, however, that, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of the
Project Implementation Manual and those of this Agreement, this Agreement shall prevail.

2. The Recipient shall, not later than one (1) month after the Effective Date, update the PIM in form and substance acceptable to the Association to reflect, inter alia:

(a) detailed administrative, procurement, financial management, safeguards, monitoring and evaluation rules and procedures for the Project as well as eligibility criteria and detailed procedures for the selection and management of Subprojects under Part A of the Project, including screening for environmental and social impacts, the terms and conditions of LIPW Temporary Employment Agreements including a template thereof;

(b) the manual containing the terms and operation of the Unconditional Cash Transfer Program, including the eligibility criteria and detailed procedures for the selection of Beneficiaries under Part B of the Project ("Unconditional Cash Transfer Manual"); and

(c) the rules and procedures for the validation of the LIPW Beneficiaries list, the expanded geographic scope of activities, the extended duration of Subprojects as well as the third party payment mechanism.

3. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not amend or waive any provision of the PIM if, in the opinion of the Association, such amendment or waiver could materially and adversely affect the implementation of the Project.

D. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the applicable Safeguard Documents.

2. The Recipient shall not amend, waive or otherwise modify any provision of the Safeguard Documents without the prior written consent of the Association.

3. The Recipient shall ensure that Subprojects are screened for environmental or social impacts and are implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), and the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF).

4. The Recipient shall, based on screening and as the ESMF or RPF may require it for individual Subprojects:
(a) prepare such ESMP or RAP in accordance with the applicable ESMF or RPF, including consultation and disclosure procedures, and submit it to the Association for review and approval; and thereafter adopt and implement such ESMP or RAP prior to implementation of the Subproject; and

(b) thereafter take such measures as shall be necessary or appropriate to ensure full compliance with the requirements of such ESMP or RAP.

5. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the guidelines, procedures, timetables and other specifications set forth in the PIM.

6. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, and subject to compliance with applicable consultation and public disclosure requirements of the Association, the Recipient shall ensure that no provision of the ESMF or RPF shall be abrogated, amended, repealed, suspended or waived.

7. Without limitation upon its other reporting obligations under this Agreement, the Recipient shall cause the CFS to regularly collect, compile and submit to the Association, on a semi-annual basis, reports on the status of compliance with the ESMF, RPF, giving details of: (a) measures taken in furtherance of the ESMF or RPF; (b) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of the ESMF or RPF; and (c) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.

8. In the event that any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and those of the ESMF or RPF, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

**E. Annual Work Plans and Budgets**

1. The Recipient shall prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Association, and furnish to the Association not later than October 31st in each calendar year, for the Association's consideration, a proposed work plan of activities to be carried out for the Project for the following calendar year, such plan to include an implementation schedule and budget and financing plan ("Annual Work Plan and Budget").

2. The Recipient shall afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to review and exchange views with the Recipient on such proposed plan, and shall thereafter promptly adopt and then implement such work plan as shall have been approved by the Association, in accordance with this Agreement.
Section II. **Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation**

A. **Project Reports**

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 indicators acceptable to the Association and set forth in the Project Implementation Manual. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar quarter, and shall be furnished to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the period covered by such report.

B. **Financial Management, Financial Reports and Audits**

1. The Recipient shall maintain or cause to be maintained a financial management system in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 of the General Conditions.

2. Without limitation on the provisions of Part A of this Section, the Recipient shall prepare and furnish to the Association as part of the Project Report, interim unaudited financial reports for the Project covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, no later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each quarter.

3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09(b) of the General Conditions. Each 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 Association not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

4. The Recipient shall maintain operational throughout the implementation of the Project a computerized accounting system within the CFS, in form and substance acceptable to the Association.

Section III. **Procurement**

A. **General**

1. **Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services.** All goods, works and non-consulting services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Section I of the Procurement Guidelines, and with the provisions of this Section.

2. **Consultants’ Services.** All consultants’ services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with
the requirements set forth or referred to in Sections I and IV of the Consultant Guidelines, and with the provisions of this Section.

3. **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used below in this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the Association 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.

B. **Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services**

1. **International Competitive Bidding.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, goods, works and non-consulting services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services.** The following table specifies the methods of procurement, other than International Competitive Bidding, which may be used for goods, works and non-consulting services. The Procurement Plan shall specify the circumstances under which such methods may be used:

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<th>Procurement Methods</th>
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<td>(a) National Competitive Bidding, subject to the provision below*;</td>
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<td>(b) Shopping;</td>
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<td>(c) Direct Contracting; and</td>
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<td>(d) Procurement from UN Agencies</td>
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*National Competitive Bidding shall be subject to the following additional provisions: (i) four weeks will be provided for preparation and submission of bids, after the issuance of the Invitation for Bids or availability of the bidding documents, whichever is later; (ii) for all procurement of goods and the standard bidding documents (SBD) published by the World Bank for International Competitive Bidding will be used and modified in order to adapt it to the current situation; (iii) bids will be advertised in national newspapers with wide circulation; (iv) bids will be presented and submitted only in one internal envelope (no system with two envelopes will be used); (v) bid evaluation, bidder qualifications criteria, and the contract award criteria will be clearly specified in the bidding documents; (vi) no preference margin will be granted to domestic bidders; (vii) eligible firms, including foreign firms, will not be excluded from the competition; (viii) the procedures will include the publication of the results of evaluation and of the award of the contract, and provisions for bidders to protest; (ix) procurement audit will
be included in the terms of reference of financial audits of the project; and (x) if the Recipient’s procurement code does not apply to small contracts, the procedures will require that for such contracts, a competitive method be used (reference for example to the Shopping method referenced above).

C. Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services

1. **Quality- and Cost-based Selection.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality and Cost-based Selection.

2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services.** The following table specifies methods of procurement, other than Quality and Cost-based Selection, which may be used for consultants’ services. The Procurement Plan shall specify the circumstances under which such methods may be used:

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<td>(a) Least Cost Selection;</td>
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<td>(b) Selection based on Consultants’ Qualifications;</td>
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<td>(c) Selection of Individual Consultants;</td>
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<td>(d) Single-source Selection; and</td>
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<td>(e) Selection of UN Agencies</td>
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D. Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions

The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the Association’s Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the Association.

E. Transitional Provisions in respect of Procurement

1. Notwithstanding the terms and conditions of the Original Financing Agreement and to the extent that the procurement of any goods, works or consultants’ services to be financed, at least in part, out of the proceeds of the Original Financing was or will be initiated on or after June 30, 2015, the Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the provisions of this Agreement set forth or referred to in: (a) Section I.B (Anti-Corruption) of this Schedule 2 (including the related provisions under the General Conditions) shall apply to the proceeds of the Original Financing utilized to finance such goods or consultants’ services, and (b) Section III (Procurement) of this Schedule (including the related provisions under the General Conditions) shall apply to the procurement of such goods or consultants’ services.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section I.B (Anti-Corruption) and Section III (Procurement) of this Schedule 2: (i) to the extent that the procurement of any goods, works, or consultants' services to be financed out of the proceeds of the Original Financing was initiated prior to June 30, 2015; and (ii) there are no proceeds remaining under the Original Financing to finance such goods or consultants’ service; then, on an exceptional basis only and subject to the Association’s prior no-objection, Section I.C of this Schedule 2 shall not apply to the proceeds of the Financing utilized to finance such goods, works, or consultants’ services, and Section III of this Schedule shall not apply to the procurement of such goods, works, or consultants’ services; provided, however, that the provisions of Section I.B (Anti-Corruption) and Section III (Procurement) of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement shall apply, respectively, to the proceeds of the Financing utilized to finance such goods, works, or consultants’ services and to the procurement of such goods, works, and consultants’ services.

Section IV. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing

A. General

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions, this Section, and such additional instructions as the Association shall 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 Association and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the table in paragraph 2 below.

2. The following table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts of the Financing 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 Financing Allocated (expressed in SDR)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants’ services, Training and Operating Costs under Parts A and C of the Project</td>
<td>5,000,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(2) Stipends under Part A.3 of the Project</td>
<td>3,600,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(3) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants’ services, Training, Stipends and Operating Costs under Part D of the Project</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>8,600,000</td>
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B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section no withdrawal shall be made for:

   (a) payments made prior to the date of this Agreement;

   (b) under Category (3), unless and until the Association is satisfied that the following conditions have been met:

   (i) the Recipient has determined that an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred, has furnished to the Association a request to include activities under Part D of the Project in order to respond to said Eligible Crisis or Emergency, and the Association has agreed with such determination, accepted said request and notified the Recipient thereof;

   (ii) the Recipient has adequate staff and resources, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.A. of this Schedule 2 to this Agreement, for the purposes of said activities; and
(iii) the Recipient has made the necessary revisions to the PIM in form, substance and manner acceptable to the Association.

2. The Closing Date is September 30, 2019.
APPENDIX

Section I. Definitions

1. "Annual Work Plan and Budget" has the meaning given to such term in Section I.E.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.


3. "Beneficiaries" means eligible households selected to participate in the Unconditional Cash Transfer Program under Part B of the Project and registered through an identification system.

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

5. "CFS" means the Safety Net Unit (Cellule Filets Sociaux-CFS) established by the MoF's ministerial order no. A/2012/1340/MEF/CAB/SGG on March 9, 2012, to coordinate Project implementation, as amended.


7. "Co-financing" means, for purposes of the Standard Conditions, an amount of Four Million Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (US$4,350,000), to be provided by the Co-financier to assist in financing the Project.

8. "Co-financing Agreement" means the agreement concluded between the Recipient and the Co-financier providing for the Co-financing.

9. "Conditional Cash Transfer Program" has the meaning given to such term in Part B.1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

10. "Conditional Cash Transfer" means a transfer of funds under the Cash Transfer Program in the form of grants on behalf of the Recipient to a selected beneficiary, and made in accordance with the provisions of the Pilot Transfer Program Manual.


12. "Displaced Persons" means a person who, on account of the execution of the Project, has experienced or would experience direct economic and social impacts
caused by: (a) the involuntary taking of land, resulting in: (i) relocation or loss of shelter; (ii) loss of assets or access to assets; or (iii) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not such person must move to another location; or (b) the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas, resulting in adverse impacts on the livelihood of such person.

13. “Ebola Response Service Agreement” means the agreement described in Part I.A.(5) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, concluded between the Recipient and a Qualified Service Provider for the purposes of carrying out Part D of the Project.

14. “Eligible Crisis or Emergency” means an event related to the Ebola epidemic that has caused, or is likely to cause, a major adverse economic and/or social impact to the Recipient.

15. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” means the Recipient’s document, dated April 2012, which: (i) sets out the modalities to be followed by the Recipient in assessing the potential adverse environmental and social impacts of the Project, and the measures to be taken to offset, reduce or mitigate such adverse impacts; and (ii) consists, inter alia, of sections dealing with environmental and social screening processes for the Project as well as for the preparation of environmental and social management plans.

16. “Environmental and Social Management Plan” means the document to be prepared by the Recipient in connection with any activity under the Project pursuant to the Environmental and Social Management Framework: (i) describing the potential adverse environmental and social impacts of such activity during planning, design, construction and operation; and (ii) outlining monitoring and mitigation measures, as well as institutional arrangements and budget for carrying out these measures.


18. “LIPW Beneficiaries” means the beneficiaries of the Labor Intensive Public Works who shall be selected using a proxy means testing exercise and registered using biometric data, and shall receive a LIPW Beneficiary identity number in order to facilitate payments.


20. “MoU” means the Recipient’s ministry in charge of urbanism, habitation and construction.


22. “NGO Service Agreement” means the agreement to be concluded between the Recipient and qualified NGOs, based on a template to be included in the PIM for
the carrying out of Part A of the Project, described in Section I.A(4) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

23. "Operating Costs" means the reasonable incremental operating expenses, based on Annual Work Plans and Budgets approved by the Association, incurred on account of operation and maintenance incurred in connection with the implementation of the Project, including costs related to office, vehicles and office equipment, water and electricity utilities, telephone, office supplies, bank charges, additional staff costs, travel and supervision costs, per diem, but excluding the salaries and indemnities of officials and public servants of the Recipient's civil service.


25. "Original Project" means the Project described in Schedule 1 to the Original Financing Agreement.

26. "Pilot Transfer Program Manual" means a manual, in form and substance acceptable to the Association, adopted by the Recipient and incorporated to the PIM containing detailed guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program, including in the areas of monitoring and evaluation, procurement, disbursement, coordination, social and environmental safeguards, financial, administrative and accounting procedures, and such other administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the proper implementation of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program.


28. "Procurement Plan" means the Recipient's procurement plan for the Project, dated May 2, 2014, and referred to in paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of said paragraphs.

29. "Project Implementation Manual" or "PIM" means a manual, in form and substance acceptable to the Association, to be updated by the Recipient, containing detailed guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Project, including in the areas of monitoring and evaluation, procurement, disbursement, coordination, social and environmental safeguards, financial, administrative and accounting procedures, and such other administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the Project
30. "Qualified Service Provider" means an entity with a mandate, qualifications, resources and capacity acceptable to the Association selected to carry out Part D of the Project.

31. "Resettlement Action Plan" or "RAP" means the Recipient’s document prepared and disclosed in accordance with the Resettlement Policy Framework with respect to the Project, which, inter alia: (i) contains a census survey of Displaced Persons and valuation of assets; (ii) describes compensation and other resettlement assistance to be provided, consultation to be conducted with Displaced Persons about acceptable alternatives, institutional responsibilities for the implementation and procedures for grievance redress, and arrangements for monitoring and evaluation; and (iii) contains a timetable and budget for the implementation of such measures.

32. "Resettlement Policy Framework" or 'RPF" means the Recipient’s Resettlement Policy Framework document, dated April 2012, containing guidelines, procedures, timetables and other specifications for the provision of compensation, rehabilitation and resettlement assistance to Displaced Persons under the Project.

33. "Safeguard Documents" means collectively or individually the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) as well as the Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) and the Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) prepared in connection with the Project, if any.

34. "Steering Committee” means the committee established by the MoF ministerial order A/2014/589/MEF on March 13, 2014, for the purposes of providing overall oversight of the Project.

35. “Stipends” has the meaning given to such term in Part A.3 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

36. “Subprojects” means investments under the LIPW program described in Part A.1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

37. “Temporary Employment Agreement” means an agreement to be concluded between a qualified NGO (on behalf of the Recipient) and an eligible LIPW Beneficiary, based on a template to be included in the PIM for the carrying out of Part A of the Project, described in Section I.A(4) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

38. “Training” means the reasonable costs of training under the Project, based on the Annual Work Plans and Budgets approved by the Association, and attributable to
seminars, workshops, and study tours, along with travel and subsistence allowances for training participants, services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other activities directly related to course preparation and implementation.

39. “Unconditional Cash Transfer Manual” means the manual governing the implementation of the Unconditional Cash Transfer Program described in Section 1.C(2) (b) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

40. “Unconditional Cash Transfer Program” means a cash transfer program with soft conditionalities in rural areas where poverty rates are highest and human development capital limited.

41. “World Food Program” and “WFP” each means a specialized agency of the United Nations established in 1961 for the purpose of fighting hunger worldwide.

42. “WFP Agreement” has the meaning given to such term under Section I.A(3)(a) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.