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RE: IDA Grant No. D5930-AF  
(COVID-19 EMERGENCY Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project)  
Disbursement and Financial Information Letter (DFIL)

Excellency:

I refer to the Financing Agreements between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (the “Recipient”), and the International Development Association (the “Association”). These legal agreements provide that the Association may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of funds of these grants (IDA Grants collectively the “Financing”). This letter constitutes such Disbursement and Financial Information Letter (“DFIL”) and may be revised from time to time.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Financing Funds, and Reporting of Uses of Grant Funds.  

(i) Disbursement Arrangements

- General Provisions. The table in Schedule 1 sets out the disbursement methods which may be used by the Recipient, information on registration of authorized signatures, processing of withdrawal applications (including minimum value of applications, processing of Direct Payments, and advances), and instructions on supporting documentation.

- Special Provision. Projects in situations of urgent need of assistance or capacity constraints: Disbursements under contracts for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services procured or selected through international open or limited competition or Direct Selection, as set out in the procurement plan, must be made only through Direct Payment and/or Special Commitment disbursement methods.

(ii) Electronic Delivery. Reference for the IDA grant, Section 11.01 of the General Conditions for IDA Financing: Investment Project Financing.
The Association may permit the Recipient to electronically deliver applications (with supporting documents) through the Association’s web-based portal (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org) “Client Connection”. This option may be effected if the officials designated in writing by the Recipient who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications have registered as users of “Client Connection”. The designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing the Form 2380, which is accessible through “Client Connection”. By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, the Recipient confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Association by electronic means. The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The Association reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, available in the Association's public website at https://worldbank.org and “Client Connection”; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

II. Financial Reports and Audits. Applicable to the IDA Grant, in line with Section 5.09 of the General Conditions for IDA Financing: Investment Project Financing

(i) Financial Reports. The Recipient must prepare and furnish to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of six (6) months period, interim unaudited financial reports (“IFR”) for the Project covering such period.

(ii) Audits. Each audit of the Financial Statements must cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal was made. The audited Financial Statements for each such period must be furnished to the Association not later than nine (9) months after the end of such period.

III. Other Information.

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the Association’s website and “Client Connection”. The Association recommends that you register as a user of “Client Connection”. From this website you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Financing, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, or if you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the Association by email at Askloans@worldbank.org.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Henry G. Kereli
Country Director
Afghanistan, South Asia Region
International Development Association

[Signature]

Abdul Hadi Arabdinal
Acting Finance Minister.
Attachments
1. Form of Statement of Expenditures (SOE) and Certificate from Monitoring Agent.
2. Form of authorized Signatories
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**Fundamental Documents and Support Documents**

- **Subsection 3.5 and 4.4**
  - Copy of Letter of Credit (Yes/No)
  - Advance from the designated account (Yes/No)
  - Advance from the specified account (Yes/No)
  - Copy of records (Yes/No)

- **Subsection 4.2 and 4.4**
  - Close date: 3 months after the closing date.
  - Application: World Bank
  - Country and Affirmation: Republic of Indonesia
  - County IDA Grant: Number 2 in Schedule 2 to the IDA

**Schedule 1: Disbursement Provisions**

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**Annexed Signatures (Subsection 3.5 and 3.2)**

The minimum value of applications for Reimbursement and Special Compensation in USD 50,000 equivalent.
**Sections and subsections refer to the “Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing”, dated February 2017.**

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Attention: Senior Regional Team Leader, WAPC
Tamil Nadu, India
Chennai-600113
No.1 Tamil Nadu Road, Taramani
The World Bank

Please provide completed and signed (a) applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents, and (b) applications for special commitments.

[Table continues with details related to disbursement guidelines and procedures for investment project financing.]
Attachment 1- Form of Statement of Expenditure and Certificate from Monitoring Agent (attached separately)
Attachment 2 – Form of Authorized Signatory Letter

[Letterhead]
Ministry of Finance
[Street address]
[City] [Country]

[DATE]

The World Bank
Country Office
Kabul, Afghanistan

Attention: Country Director

RE: IDA Grant No.__________
(COVID-19 EMERGENCY Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project)

I refer to the Financing Agreements between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (the “Recipient”), and the International Development Association (the “Association”), dated ______, providing the above Financing. For the purposes of Section 2.03 of the General Conditions as defined in the IDA Financing Agreements, any 2[one] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appear below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal and applications for a special commitment under the above Financing.

For the purpose of delivering Applications to the Association, 3[each] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appears below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient, acting 4[individually] 5[jointly], to deliver Applications, and evidence in support thereof on the terms and conditions specified by the Association.

6[This confirms that the Recipient is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Association by electronic means. In full recognition that the Association shall rely upon such representations and warranties, including without limitation, the representations and warranties contained in the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation (“Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC”), the

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2 Instruction to the Recipient: Stipulate if more than one person needs to sign Applications, and how many or which positions, and if any thresholds apply. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Association.
3 Instruction to the Recipient: Stipulate if more than one person needs to jointly sign Applications, if so, please indicate the actual number. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Association.
4 Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket if any one of the authorized persons may sign; if this is not applicable, please delete. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Association.
5 Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket only if several individuals must jointly sign each Application; if this is not applicable, please delete. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Association.
6 Instruction to the Recipient: Add this paragraph if the Recipient wishes to authorize the listed persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials and to deliver Applications by electronic means; if this is not applicable, please delete the paragraph. Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Association.
Recipient represents and warrants to the Association that it will cause such persons to abide by those terms and conditions.

This Authorization replaces and supersedes any Authorization currently in the Association records with respect to this Agreement.

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: 

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: 

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: 

Yours truly,

/ signed /