H. E. Mr Calixte NGANONGO  
Minister of Finance and Budget  
Ministry of Finance and Budget  
Brazzaville  
Republic of Congo

Re: JSDF Grant No. TF0A5775  
Republic of Congo: Support for Sustainable Livelihoods  
Promotion Project in the Pool Department Project  
Letter Agreement

Excellency:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Republic of Congo ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association ("World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided under the Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF), proposes to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed two million seven hundred and fifty thousand United States Dollars (U.S.$2,750,000) ("Grant") on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement ("Agreement"), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in the financing of the project described in the Annex ("Project").

This Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the Donors. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions (as defined in the Annex to this Agreement), the World Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the Donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement.
Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Djibrilla Adamou Issa
Country Manager for Congo
Africa Region

AGREED:
REPUBLIC OF CONGO

By

Authorized Representative

Name: 
Title: 
Date: 11' 2 FEV. 2018

Enclosures:

2. Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank out of Various Funds dated February 15, 2012 ("Standard Conditions") constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

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

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objective of the Project is to improve access to livelihoods in Select Communities of the Recipient’s Pool Department. The Project consists of the following parts:

Part I: Stimulating Improved Livelihoods

Carrying out a program of activities aimed at stimulating improved livelihoods and increasing incomes of poor households in Select Communities. Such program to include:

A. **Promotion of associative work**

   (i) Carrying out a pre-assessment with a view to establish selection criteria of the Project’s Beneficiaries, with priority to the poor and vulnerable households.

   (ii) Carrying out mobilization and sensitization activities to inform Select Communities about the Project.

   (iii) Supporting the formation and development of associations of small groups of poor women (“Women Associations”) to enable sustainable livelihoods.

   (iv) Supporting the formation of youth livelihood groups (“YLGs”), such support to include capacity building, coaching, training and operational support.

   (v) Supporting the formation of community livelihoods committees (“CLCs”) to serve as umbrella organization for all associations within the Select Communities created under the Project, including the provision of training.

B. **Create and Improve Income Generation Activities**

   (i) Provision of support to eligible Beneficiaries for the identification of Subprojects and for the preparation of livelihood business plans.

   (ii) Provision of Sub-Grants to eligible Beneficiaries for carrying out Subprojects.

   (iii) Provision of training to Beneficiaries in the areas of livestock, agriculture, fishing, environmental sustainability, small trades, entrepreneurship and marketing.

   (iv) Provision of follow-up advisory services to Beneficiaries.
Part 2: Promoting Sustainable Use of Energy with Emphasis on Household and Productive Uses

Carrying out a program of activities aimed at promoting sustainable use of energy with a focus on linkages between energy and productive uses. Such activities to include:

(i) Carrying out a detailed assessment of practices for energy production and energy uses in Select Communities, including a market assessment of alternative energy resources availability and demand.

(ii) Implementing a pilot activity in selected households in Select Communities to introduce sustainable practices of energy use, including: technical support in the introduction of improved practices for energy use in the beneficiary households through trainings; provision of equipment such as solar lanterns for the sustainable use of energy; production of best practice information for energy production and use, and maintenance and repair of training equipment.

Part 3: Project Management and Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Knowledge Dissemination

(i) Establishment of a technical team and of a steering committee, as well as the hiring of staff required for the Project.

(ii) Carrying out of a participatory monitoring and evaluation of Project activities including, inter alia, a baseline survey, a final evaluation and a strategy paper for a possible scale-up of the Project.

(iii) Supporting the dissemination of information and knowledge from the Project among Beneficiaries as well as national and international stakeholders.

2.02. Project Execution Generally. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carryout out the Project through HCREC in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”); and (c) this Article II.

2.03. Institutional and Other Arrangements.

A. Institutional Arrangement

1. HCREC

The Recipient shall designate, at all times during the implementation of the Project, HCREC to be responsible for prompt and efficient overall oversight coordination and implementation of activities under the Project, and shall take all actions necessary to enable HCREC to perform its functions.

2. Technical team

The Recipient shall, no later than two months after the Effective Date establish a technical team composed of a monitoring and evaluation expert, and accountant and an administrative assistant, with terms of reference, experience and qualification acceptable to the World Bank to support the implementation of the Project.
3. SCMM

The Recipient shall cause HCREC to establish and maintain at all times during the implementation of the Project a steering committee monitoring mechanism ("SCMM") with a composition, mandate, staffing and other resources satisfactory to the World Bank. SCMM shall be responsible for, inter alia, providing policy guidance and overseeing the Project’s implementation and coordination.

4. PIU

The Recipient shall maintain the PIU throughout Project implementation in form and substance and with resource, functions and staff in adequate numbers and with qualifications satisfactory to the World Bank. The PIU shall be responsible for the fiduciary, safeguards and monitoring and evaluation aspects of the Project.

5. Implementing Partners

(a) For the purposes of supporting the implementation of the Project, the Recipient, through HCREC, shall select candidate Implementing Partners in accordance with the eligibility criteria set forth in the Operations Manual, including: (i) that each candidate Implementing Partner has the legal capacity to contract under the laws of the Recipient; and (ii) that each candidate Implementing Partner has proven experience in comparable activities in the territory of the Recipient.

(b) Following selection of the Implementing Partners, the Recipient through HCREC, shall enter into a partnership contract agreement with each Implementing Partner ("Partnership Contract Agreement"), in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank. The Recipient shall ensure that each Partnership Contract Agreement shall maintain, at all times during Project implementation, provisions to the following effect:

(i) a description of the functions to be undertaken by the Implementing Partner;

(ii) the Implementing Partner’s obligation to carry out its part of the Project with due diligence and efficiency, in conformity with appropriate administrative, technical, environmental and social practices, under the supervision of qualified and experienced management assisted by competent staff in adequate numbers, and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and of the Operations Manual;

(iii) the Implementing Partner’s obligation to carry out its Part of the Project in accordance with the Anti-Corruption Guidelines;

(iv) the Implementing Partner’s obligation to procure the goods and services required for the Project in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of this Annex, as said provisions may be further elaborated in the Operations Manual;

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(v) the Implementing Partners’ obligation to furnish all such information as the Recipient or the World Bank shall reasonably request;

(vi) the Implementing Partners’ obligation to promptly inform the Recipient and the World Bank of any condition which interferes or threatens to interfere with the progress of the Project and the performance of its obligations under the Partnership Contract Agreement; and

(vii) the Implementing Partners’ obligation to neither take nor concur in any action which would have the effect of amending, abrogating, assigning or waiving the Partnership Contract Agreement.

(c) The Recipient, through HCREC, shall exercise its rights and carry out its obligations under a Partnership Contract Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the World Bank and to accomplish the purposes of the Project. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree in writing, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive a Partnership Contract Agreement or any of its provisions.

(d) The Partnership Contract Agreement shall include a provision stipulating that in the case of conflict between the Partnership Contract Agreement and this Agreement, the latter shall apply.

B. Other Arrangements


(a) The Recipient, through HCREC, shall prepare in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the World Bank and furnish to the World Bank for review:

(i) A manual, providing details of arrangements and procedures for the implementation of the Project, including the following matters: (A) capacity building activities for sustained achievement of the Project’s objectives; (B) arrangements on financial management, setting forth the detailed policies and procedures for financial management under the Project; (C) procurement management procedures; (D) institutional administration, coordination and day to day execution of Project activities; (E) monitoring and evaluation; and (F) reporting (“Operations Manual”);

(ii) guidelines for screening and assessing potential environmental and social impacts of Project activities (including Subprojects) and designing appropriate mitigation, management and monitoring measures in respect of said impacts; as well as guidelines on the procurement, transportation, storage, application of pesticides, including disposal of used pesticides containers;

(iii) the eligibility criteria, guidelines and detailed procedures for the selection and approval of Subprojects and for provision and management of Sub-
Grants under Part 1. B. (ii) of the Project (including a Sub-Grant Agreement template);

(iv) the guidelines for establishment of CLFs;

(v) such other technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the Project.

(b) The Recipient, through HCREC, shall afford the World Bank a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Recipient on said Operations Manual, and thereafter, shall adopt such operations manual, as shall have been approved by the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient, through HCREC, shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Operations Manual; provided, however, that in case of any conflict between the provisions of the Operations Manual and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

(d) Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient, through HCREC, shall not amend, abrogate or waive any provision of the Operations Manual.

2. Sub-Grants under Part 1. B. (ii) of the Project

(a) The Recipient shall make Sub-Grants to Beneficiaries for Subprojects in accordance with eligibility criteria, guidelines and procedures set forth in the Project Implementation Manual.

(b) Each Subproject shall be eligible for financing upon the Recipient’s determination, on the basis of an appraisal conducted in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Project Implementation Manual, that the Subproject consists of eligible expenses and that the Beneficiary satisfies the eligibility criteria specified in the Project Implementation Manual.

(c) The Recipient shall make each Sub-Grant under a Sub-Grant Agreement with the respective Beneficiary on terms and conditions acceptable to the World Bank, which shall include the following:

(i) The Sub-Grant shall be made on a non-reimbursable grant basis.

(d) The Recipient shall obtain rights adequate to protect its interests and those of the World Bank, including the right to:

(i) suspend or terminate the right of the Beneficiary to use the proceeds of the Sub-Grant, or obtain a refund of all or any part of the amount of the Sub-Grant then withdrawn, upon the Beneficiary’s failure to perform any of its obligations under the Sub-Grant Agreement; and
(ii) require each Beneficiary to:

(A) carry out its Subproject with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, economic, financial, managerial, environmental and social standards and practices satisfactory to the World Bank, including in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines applicable to recipients of credit proceeds other than the Recipient;

(B) provide, promptly as needed, the resources required for the purpose;

(C) procure the goods and services to be financed out of the Sub-Grant in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;

(D) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate in accordance with indicators acceptable to the World Bank, the progress of the Subproject and the achievement of its objectives;

(E) (1) maintain a financial management system and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the World Bank, both in a manner adequate to reflect its operations, including the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Subproject; and (2) at the World Bank’s or the Recipient’s request, have such financial statements audited by independent auditors acceptable to the World Bank, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the World Bank, and promptly furnish the statements as so audited to the Recipient and the World Bank, and permit the World Bank to make such statements as so audited available to the public, along with the Sub-Grant Agreement;

(F) enable the Recipient and the World Bank to inspect the Subproject, its operation and any relevant records and documents; and

(G) prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the World Bank all such information as the Recipient or the World Bank shall reasonably request relating to the foregoing.

(e) The Recipient shall exercise its rights and carry out its obligations under each Sub-Grant Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the World Bank and to accomplish the purposes of the Grant. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive any Sub-Grant Agreement or any of its provisions.

3. Annual Work Plan and Budget

(a) The Recipient, through HCREC, shall prepare and furnish to the World Bank not later than November 30 of each Fiscal Year during the implementation of the Project, a work plan and budget containing all activities (including Subprojects) proposed to be included in the Project (including Safeguards Instruments applicable to said activities) during the following Fiscal Year, and a proposed financing plan for expenditures required for such activities, setting forth the proposed amounts and sources of financing.
(b) Each such proposed work plan and budget shall specify any Training activities that may be required under the Project, including: (i) the type of Training; (ii) the purpose of the Training; (iii) the personnel to be trained; (iv) the institution or individual who will conduct the Training; (v) the location and duration of the Training; and (vi) the cost of the Training.

(c) The Recipient, through HCREC, shall afford the World Bank a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Recipient on each such proposed work plan and budget and thereafter ensure that the Project is implemented with due diligence during said following Fiscal Year in accordance with such work plan and budget as shall have been approved by the World Bank ("Annual Work Plan and Budget").

(d) The Recipient, through HCREC, shall not make or allow to be made any change(s) to the approved Annual Work Plan and Budget without prior approval in writing by the World Bank.

4. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the ESMF and all Safeguard Documents. To this end, the Recipient shall take the following measures:

(a) If any activities would, pursuant to the ESMF, require the carrying out of an ESMF, no such activities shall be implemented unless and until an ESMF for such activities has been: (A) prepared, in accordance with the ESMF and furnished to the World Bank; (B) disclosed locally as required by the ESMF; and (C) approved by the World Bank and publicly disclosed; and

2. Without limitation upon its other reporting obligations under this Agreement, the Recipient shall regularly collect, compile and submit to the World Bank every calendar semester, reports, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, on the status of compliance with the Safeguard Instruments, giving details of:

(a) measures taken in furtherance of such Safeguard Instruments;

(b) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of such Safeguard Instruments; and

(c) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.

3. The Recipient shall afford the World Bank a reasonable opportunity to review the reports prepared under paragraph 2 of this Section 4, and thereafter shall carry out or cause to be carried out, with due diligence, all remedial measures agreed with the World Bank so as to ensure the proper implementation of the Project in accordance with the Safeguard Instruments.
2.04. **Donor Visibility and Visit.** (a) The Recipient shall take or cause to be taken all such measures as the World Bank may reasonably request to identify publicly the Donor’s support for the Project.

(b) For the purposes of Section 2.09 of the Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall, upon the World Bank’s request, enable the representatives of the Donor to visit any part of the Recipient’s territory for purposes related to the Project.

2.05. **Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation.** (a) The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar quarter, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the period covered by such report.

(b) The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the Closing Date.

2.06. **Financial Management.** (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard 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 World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

2.07. **Procurement**

(a) **General.** All goods, non-consulting services and consultants’ services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in:


(ii) Sections I and IV of the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (revised July 2014) (“Consultant Guidelines”) in the case of consultants’ services; and

(iii) the provisions of this Section, as the same shall be elaborated in the procurement plan prepared and updated from time to time by the Recipient for the Project in
accordance with paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines ("Procurement Plan").

(b) **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used in the following paragraphs of this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the World Bank 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.

(c) **Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods and Non-consulting Services**

(i) Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, goods and non-consulting services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

(ii) The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods and non-consulting services for those contracts which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Shopping, and (B) Direct Contracting.

(d) **Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services**

(i) Except as otherwise provided in item (ii) below, consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

(ii) The following methods, other than Quality- and Cost-based Selection, may be used for the procurement of consultants' services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Selection based on a Fixed Budget; (B) Least Cost Selection; (C) Selection based on Consultants' Qualifications; (D) Single-source Selection of consulting firms; (E) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (F) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

(e) **Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions.** The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank’s Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.

**Article III**

**Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds**

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may 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 World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the following table. The table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant ("Category"), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

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3.02. Withdrawal Conditions. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement.

3.03. Withdrawal Period. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is June 3, 2020.

Article IV
Effectiveness; Termination

4.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the World Bank has been furnished to the World Bank that the conditions specified below have been satisfied.

The Operations Manual referred to in Section 2.03 B.1 of this Annex has been prepared and adopted by the Recipient through the PNDDR.

4.02. Except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, this Agreement shall enter into effect on the date upon which the World Bank dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 4.01 (“Effective Date”). If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the World Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective, the World Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.
4.03. *Termination for Failure to Become Effective.* This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date 90 days after the date of this Agreement, unless the World Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of this Section. The World Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.

**Article V**  
**Recipient’s Representative; Addresses**

5.01. *Recipient’s Representative.* The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its minister responsible for planning and integration.

5.02. *Recipient’s Address.* The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Ministry of Planning and Integration  
B.P. 4119  
Brazzaville  
Republic of Congo

Facsimile:

(242) 22 281 43 69

5.03. *World Bank’s Address.* The World Bank’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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

Telex:  
248423 (MCI) or  
64145 (MCI)  
Facsimile:  
1-202-477-6391
APPENDIX

1. "Annual Work Plan and Budget" means each work plan approved by the World Bank under Section 2.03. B. 3 of the Annex to this Agreement for inclusion in the Project.


3. "Beneficiary" means a natural person or legal person legally established in the Recipient’s territory which will benefit from in kind assistance for the purposes of carrying out a Subproject (as defined hereinafter).

4. "CLC" or “Community Livelihood Committee” means a federation of associations formed within Select Communities under the Project.

5. "CLF" or “Community Livelihood Funds” means a revolving fund at the community level established under Project to support eligible Beneficiaries in taking up individual livelihood activities in Select Sectors.


7. "Environmental and Social Impact Assessment” or “ESIA” means a site-specific report, to be prepared by the Recipient in accordance with the parameters laid down in the ESMF (as hereinafter defined) and acceptable to the World Bank, identifying and assessing the potential environmental and social impacts of the activities to be undertaken for the activities under the Project, evaluating alternatives, and designing appropriate mitigation, management, and monitoring measures, and including the actions needed to implement these measures.

8. "Environmental and Social Management Framework” or “ESMF” means the Recipient’s environmental and social management framework, dated April 13, 2017, setting forth the procedures to be used for the preparation and approval of a site-specific Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and/or Environmental and Social Management Plan for any site where there exists environmental and/or social issues of a type and scale sufficient to trigger the World Bank’s safeguard policies.

9. “Environmental and Social Management Plan” and “ESMP” each means an environmental and social management plan for the Project to be prepared and implemented in accordance with the ESMF and pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.03. B. 4. of the Annex to this Agreement; and “ESMPs” means more than one ESMP.

10. “Environmental and Social Management Plan” or “ESMP” means a site-specific environmental and social management plan to be prepared by the Recipient in accordance with the parameters laid down in the ESMF and acceptable to the World Bank, setting forth a set of mitigation, monitoring, and institutional measures to be taken during the implementation and operation of the activities under 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.

11. “HCREC” or « Haut Commissariat à la Reinsertion des Ex-Combattants » means a commission for the reinsertion of ex-combattants.

12. “Implementing Partners” means non-governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, professional associations, or other public or private entities operating pursuant to the laws of the Recipient selected to support the implementation of the Project.

13. “Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental expenses, based on annual budgets approved by the World Bank, incurred by the Recipient on account of Project implementation, management, and monitoring, including for office space rental, utilities, and supplies, bank charges, communications, vehicle operation, maintenance, and insurance, building and equipment maintenance, advertising expenses, travel and supervision, salaries and statutory contributions of contractual and temporary staff, but excluding salaries, fees, honoraria, and bonuses of members of the Recipient’s civil service.

14. “Operations Manual” means the manual referred to in Section 2.03 B.1 of the Annex to this Agreement.

15. “Pest Management Plan” or “PMP” means the Recipient’s plan, dated April 13, 2017, agreed with the World Bank and setting out the measures to be taken for the development and implementation of integrated pest management and safe handling of pesticides in the course of Project implementation, as the same may be modified from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank, and such term includes any schedules or annexes to such Plan.


18. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated June 28, 2017 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.

19. “Safeguard Document” means an ESMP, a PMP or other supplemental social and environmental safeguard documents as required under the terms of the ESMF; and the term “Safeguard Documents” means, collectively, all such documents.

20. “Safeguards Instruments” means, collectively, the ESMF and the Safeguard Documents.

21. “Select Communities” means the communities of Koubola, Linzolo, Yalavounga, Kinkembo, Missafou and Mindouli Matessama, or as defined in the Operations Manual.

22. “Selected Sectors” means the agriculture, livestock, fishing and small trades sectors.

24. “Steering Committee” or “SCMM” means the Recipient’s inter-ministerial committee to be established in accordance with Section 2.03 A. 3. of the Annex to this Agreement.

25. “Sub-Grant Agreement” means an agreement entered into or to be entered into between the Recipient and an eligible Beneficiary in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.03 B. 2. of the Annex to this Agreement as further elaborated in the Operations Manual.

26. “Subproject” means a sub-project for development activities which meet the eligibility criteria set forth in the Operations Manual, to be selected in accordance with procedures, methodologies and processes set forth in said Operations Manual.

27. “Training” means the training and training-related activities included in the Annual Work Plan, including seminars, workshops and study tours, travel and subsistence allowances for training participants, trainers’ fees, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials and other activities incidental to the preparation and implementation of training activities.

28. “Women Associations” means associations of poor women organized in each Select Community on the basis of their social affiliation and activities chosen.

29. “YLG” or “Youth Livelihood Group” means an association of youths between the ages of 18 and 25.