Financing Agreement

(Multisectoral Early Childhood Development Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
GRANT NUMBER D424-MH

FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS ("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, which is deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions, in an amount equivalent to nine million four hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 9,400,000) ("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 April 15 and October 15 in each year.

2.05. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall: (a) carry out Part 1 of the Project through the Ministry of
Health and Human Services; (b) carry out Part 2 of the Project through the Ministry of Education, Sports and Training; (c) carry out Part 3 of the Project through the Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs; and (d) carry out Part 4 of the Project through the Ministry of Finance and the Office of the Chief Secretary, all in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — EFFECTIVENESS; 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 at the time responsible for finance.

5.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions: (a) the Recipient’s address is:

Ministry of Finance
P.O. Box D
Majuro
Republic of the Marshall Islands 96960; and

(b) the Recipient’s Electronic Address is:

Facsimile: 692-625-3607
E-mail: finsec@rmimof.com

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: E-mail:
248423 (MCI) 1-202-477-6391 cdpnpacific@worldbank.org
AGREED as of the Signature Date.

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

By: ____________________________

Authorized Representative

Name: BLENSON S. WASE
Title: MINISTER OF FINANCE
Date: MARCH 15, 2019

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By: ____________________________

Authorized Representative

Name: MICHEL KEAF
Title: COUNTRY DIRECTOR
Date: 8 MARCH 2019
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to improve coverage of multisectoral early childhood development services.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Improve Coverage of Essential Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition Services

1.1 Providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Health and Human Services ("MoHHS") to strengthen MoHHS capacity to deliver the Select Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition ("RMNCH-N") Services, including: (a) identifying essential RMNCH-N services and defining the Select RMNCH-N Services to be delivered, including conducting assessments and preparing recommendations necessary for the preparation of the delivery of the Select RMNCH-N Services; (b) conducting human resources assessments and preparing human resources plans, performance management systems, and training and coaching packages; (c) technical assistance to support forecasting, purchasing, procurement and commodity management; (d) assessing health management information system and data management needs for monitoring RMNCH-N services utilization and outcomes, including identifying gaps in the existing health management information system; and (e) development of materials for MoHHS to effectively deliver social and behavior change communication activities.

1.2 Carrying out a program of activities designed to improve and expand service delivery of Select RMNCH-N Services, including: (a) supporting MoHHS in the delivery of Select RMNCH-N Services; (b) increasing the capacity of MoHHS to deliver Select RMNCH-N Services, including the recruitment, maintenance, and development of essential health services staff to achieve a more optimal number, distribution, skills mix, and performance of health care professionals; (c) providing equipment and supplies necessary for the delivery of Select RMNCH-N Services; (d) addressing gaps in information technology systems for monitoring RMNCH-N records, service utilization, stock management and performance assessment identified through Part 1.1(d); and (e) social and behavior change communication activities identified by the Office of the Chief Secretary for delivery through MoHHS.
Part 2: Improve Coverage of Stimulation and Early Learning Activities

2.1 Carrying out a program of activities designed to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Training to manage early childhood development programs, including: (a) conducting assessments of existing capacity and developing plans and strategies for strengthening this capacity; (b) reviewing and strengthening the regulatory framework for early childhood development; (c) conducting capacity assessments and preparing plans for establishing and operationalizing public pre-schools; (d) developing training plans for Ministry of Education, Sports and Training staff; and (e) social and behavior change communication activities identified by the Office of the Chief Secretary for delivery through the Ministry of Education, Sports and Training.

2.2 Carrying out a program of activities designed to strengthen the Ministry of Education, Sports and Training’s delivery of early childhood development stimulation and learning activities in Majuro and Ebeye, and such other areas as may be agreed in writing between the Association and the Recipient, including: (a) improving existing, and developing new, resources for early stimulation and learning activities including curricula and training programs; (b) recruiting, maintaining, and training staff to deliver early stimulation and learning activities; (c) procuring and producing materials, facilities and equipment necessary for the delivery of early stimulation and learning activities; (d) supporting an increase in the number and quality of home visits conducted under the Recipient’s Caregiver Education Home Visitation Program; (e) identifying, preparing, and equipping venues for pre-schools; and (f) social and behavior change communication activities.

Part 3: Social Assistance for Early Years Families

3.1 Providing technical and administrative assistance to support the establishment, implementation and administration of a Conditional Cash Transfer Program by the Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs, to incentivize the use of services to benefit children aged between 0-59 months in Majuro and Ebeye, including but not limited to, the development of: (a) a registry of the Beneficiaries; (b) a management information system for the enrolment, compliance verification, payments and case management; (c) a grievance redress mechanism; (d) guidelines for a monitoring and evaluation framework; (e) a communications strategy and undertaking social and behavior change communication activities; and (f) a training strategy and plan for administering the Conditional Cash Transfer Program.
3.2 Providing Cash Transfers to Beneficiaries under the Conditional Cash Transfer Program.

**Part 4: Strengthening Multisectoral Early Childhood Development System and Project Management**

4.1 Carrying out a program of activities designed to support system functions and activities necessary to sustain an effective multisectoral early childhood development program, including: (a) developing a multisectoral national early childhood development strategy and implementation approach; and (b) developing and implementing a national monitoring, evaluation, and learning framework.

4.2 Carrying out a program of activities designed to communicate, advocate and raise awareness of early childhood development program activities, including: (a) recruiting and maintaining a social and behavior change communication coordinator; and (b) developing a national behavior change communication strategy and associated resources for early childhood development, and coordinating implementation of the strategy.

4.3 Providing technical and operational assistance to the Project Implementation Unit on Project implementation and management.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

Early Childhood Development Cabinet Committee

1. The Recipient shall maintain the Early Childhood Development Cabinet Committee until the Closing Date, and shall provide high level strategic leadership and guidance for the Project through the Early Childhood Development Cabinet Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Project Operations Manual.

Program Steering Committee

2. The Recipient shall provide oversight, coordination, and support for Project implementation through the Program Steering Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Project Operations Manual.

3. To this end, the Recipient shall establish and thereafter maintain until the Closing Date, the Program Steering Committee, chaired by its Chief Secretary (or such other person which the Association has confirmed in writing to the Recipient as acceptable to the Association), comprised of the Secretaries, or their representatives, from, inter alia, the Office of the Chief Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs, Ministry of Health and Human Services, Ministry of Justice, Immigration, and Labor, Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce, and the Marshall Islands Council of Non-Governmental Organizations, and with an institutional framework, functions, and resources satisfactory to the Association as shall be required for the Project.

4. The Recipient shall provide technical advice and recommendations to the Program Steering Committee through the Early Childhood Development Working Group in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Project Operations Manual.

5. To this end, the Recipient shall, by no later than three months after the Effective Date, establish, and thereafter maintain until the Closing Date, the Early Childhood
Development Working Group, chaired by an early childhood development program officer (or such other person which the Association has confirmed in writing to the Recipient as acceptable to the Association), comprised of representatives from, inter alia, the Project Implementation Unit, the Ministry of Finance, the Economic Policy Planning and Statistical Office, the Ministry of Health and Human Services, Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, and the Ministry of Culture an Internal Affairs, and with an institutional framework, functions, and resources satisfactory to the Association as shall be required for the Project.

Project Implementation Unit

6. The Recipient shall establish, by no later than three months after the Effective Date, and thereafter maintain until the Closing Date, the Project Implementation Unit within the Office of the Chief Secretary with mandate, composition and resources satisfactory to the Association, which shall be responsible for providing day to day management of Project implementation in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Project Operations Manual. Without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, the Project Implementation Unit shall be headed by an early childhood development program officer, with terms of reference, qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Association, and shall also include the following minimum key staff, or be supported by specialists within the Office of the Chief Secretary or the Ministry of Finance, each with terms of reference, qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Association: (a) early childhood development program officer; (b) a monitoring and evaluation expert as required; (c) additional technical specialists as may be needed; (d) a procurement specialist; (e) a safeguards specialist; (f) a social and behavioral change communications and advocacy coordinator as required; (g) a financial management specialist; (h) support staff; and (i) early childhood development coordinators from MoHHS, Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, and Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs.

B. Project Operations Manual

1. The Recipient shall prepare and adopt, by no later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, a manual, in form and substance acceptable to the Association, setting forth the arrangements and procedures for implementation of the Project, including: (a) the institutional arrangements for day to day execution of the Project, including the division of roles and responsibilities between the Project Steering Committee, Project Implementation Unit, Early Childhood Development Cabinet Committee; Early Childhood Development Working Group, Ministry of Finance, the Economic Policy Planning and Statistical Office, the Ministry of Health and Human Services, Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, Ministry of Culture
an Internal Affairs, and the Public School System; (b) the arrangements for the implementation of the Safeguards Instruments; (c) budgeting, disbursement, and financial management arrangements; (d) procurement arrangements; (e) Project monitoring, reporting, and evaluation arrangements; (f) performance indicators for the Project; (g) the process to be followed for identifying essential RMNCH-N services and defining the Select RMNCH-N Services; (h) detailed arrangements and procedures for the Project grievance redress mechanism; (i) the process to be followed by the Ministry of Education, Sports and Training for developing a roadmap of all activities under Part 2; and (j) detailed arrangements and procedures in relation to Cash Transfers under the Conditional Cash Transfer Program, including, inter alia: (i) the modalities for Cash Transfers, including Beneficiary selection, enrolment, computation of benefit amounts and payments, and the process and hardship and vulnerability indicators to be used for identifying Beneficiaries; (ii) the establishment of a Beneficiary registry and enrolment system; (iii) Beneficiary co-responsibilities; (iv) the related compliance verification, including through the management information system; (v) exceptions to program rules; and (vi) grievance redress mechanisms (“Project Operations Manual”).

2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Project Operations Manual.

3. The Recipient shall obtain from the Association written agreement prior to assigning, amending, abrogating, or waiving the Project Operations Manual, or any provision thereof, or permitting any entity participating in the implementation of the Project to do so.

4. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Project Operations Manual and those of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

C. Cash Transfers

1. To facilitate the carrying out of Part 3.2 of the Project, the Recipient, through the Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs, shall ensure that the selection and enrolment of Beneficiaries and the provision of Cash Transfers are conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Project Operations Manual and in a manner satisfactory to the Association.

2. Without limitation to the generality of Section I.C.1 above, the Recipient, through the Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs, shall ensure that no Beneficiary shall be eligible to receive a Cash Transfer unless the Recipient shall have documented
that the following requirements, and such further requirements as may be elaborated in the Project Operations Manual, have been satisfied:

(a) the Beneficiary has been selected on the basis of a targeting system that targets up to ten percent (10%), or such other percentage as may be agreed in writing between the Association and the Recipient, of the most vulnerable families in Majuro and Ebeye, or such other areas as may be agreed in writing between the Association and the Recipient, with pregnant women and/or children aged 0-59 months, as assessed using the process and hardship and vulnerability indicators detailed in the Project Operations Manual; and

(b) the provision of Cash Transfers is contingent on the Beneficiary’s compliance with co-responsibilities relating to the enrolment and participation in early childhood development activities, all in accordance with the requirements of the Project Operations Manual.

D. Memorandum of Understanding.

To facilitate the carrying out of Part 3 of the Project, the Recipient shall sign a Memorandum of Understanding, in form and substance acceptable to the Association, between the Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, the Ministry of Health and Human Services, the Majuro Atoll Local Government, Kwajalein Atoll Local Government, and Marshall Islands Social Security Administration, detailing the division of responsibilities and cooperative arrangements for implementing Part 3 of the Project.

E. Safeguards.

1. The Recipient shall ensure that:

(a) the Project is carried out with due regard to appropriate health, safety, social, and environmental practices and standards, and in accordance with the Safeguards Instruments;

(b) for each activity under the Project for which the Environmental and Social Management Framework (“ESMF”) provides for the preparation of an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (“ESIA”) and/or Environmental and Social Management Plan (“ESMP”):
(i) proceed to have such ESIA, and/or ESMP as appropriate: (A) prepared and disclosed in accordance with the ESMF; (B) consulted upon adequately with people affected by the Project as per the ESMF, and submitted to the Association for review and approval; and (C) thereafter adopted, prior to implementation of the activity; and

(ii) take such measures as shall be necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with the requirements of such ESIA, and/or ESMP in a manner satisfactory to the Association;

2. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure, and cause to ensure, that none of the provisions of the Safeguard Instruments is abrogated, amended, repealed, suspended or waived. In case of any inconsistencies between the provisions of any of the Safeguard Instruments and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

3. The Recipient shall ensure that: (a) all consultancies related to technical assistance, design and capacity building under the Project, the application of whose results could have environmental, social and health and safety implications, shall only be undertaken pursuant to terms of reference reviewed and found satisfactory by the Bank; and (b) such terms of reference shall require the technical assistance, design and capacity building activities to take into account the requirements of the Safeguards Instruments, applicable Safeguards Policies, and EHS Guidelines.

4. Without limitation upon its other reporting obligations under this Agreement, the Recipient shall:

(a) take all measures necessary on its part to regularly collect, compile, and submit to the Association, as part of the Project Reports, and promptly in a separate report whenever the Association may require, information on the status of compliance with the Safeguard Instruments. Such information shall include: (i) measures taken in furtherance of the Safeguard Instruments; (ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of the Safeguard Instruments; and (iii) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions;

(b) promptly furnish to the Association a copy of each progress report prepared and submitted by any entity (including any engineer) supervising the Project’s civil works, the Project’s contractors and/or subcontractors; and

(c) promptly upon receipt, the Recipient shall furnish to the Association any notification received from any entity (including any engineer) supervising
the Project’s civil works, the Project’s contractors and/or subcontractors regarding any incident that have might occurred during Project implementation.

5. The Recipient shall maintain, throughout Project implementation, and publicize the availability of a grievance redress mechanism, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, to hear and determine fairly and in good faith all complaints raised in relation to the Project, and take all measures necessary to implement the determinations made by such mechanism in a manner satisfactory to the Association.

F. **Annual Work Plans and Budgets.**

1. The Recipient shall prepare and furnish to the Association not later than:

   (a) four (4) months after the Effective Date (or such later date as the Association may agree); and

   (b) August 31 of each year for every subsequent year during the implementation of the Project (or such later date as the Association may agree);

   for the Association’s no-objection, an Annual Work Plan and Budget containing all eligible Project activities and corresponding expenditures, inclusive of Operating Costs, proposed to be included in the Project in the Recipient’s following calendar year, including a specification of the source or sources of financing for all corresponding expenditures, and environmental and social safeguard measures taken or planned to be taken in accordance with the provisions of Section I.C of this Schedule.

2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Annual Work Plan and Budget accepted by the Association for the Recipient’s respective calendar year; provided, however, that in the event of any conflict between the Annual Work Plan and Budget and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

3. The Recipient shall not make or allow to be made any change to the Annual Work Plan and Budget without prior no-objection in writing by the Association.

**Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation**
1. The Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

2. **Mid-Term Review**

The Recipient shall: (a) not later than December, 2022 (or such other date as the Association may agree in writing), prepare and furnish to the Association a mid-term report, in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request, documenting progress achieved in the carrying out of the Project during the period preceding the date of such report, taking into account the monitoring and evaluation activities performed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Section II, and setting out the measures recommended to ensure the continued efficient carrying out of the Project and the achievement of its objective during the period following such date; and (b) review with the Association such mid-term report, on or about the date one month after its submission, carry out a mid-term review of the Project, and thereafter take all measures required to ensure the continued efficient implementation of the Project and the achievement of its objectives, based on the conclusions and recommendations of the mid-term report and the Association’s views on the matter.

**Section III. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing**
A. General

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: (a) finance Eligible Expenditures; and (b) repay the Preparation Advance; 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 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, consulting services, Operating Costs, and Training and Workshops for the Project</td>
<td>7,610,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(2) Cash Transfers under Part 3.2 of the Project</td>
<td>1,120,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(3) Refund of Preparation Advance</td>
<td>670,000</td>
<td>Amount payable pursuant to Section 2.07 (a) of the General Conditions</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>9,400,000</td>
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B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A above, no withdrawal shall be made:

(a) for payments made prior to the Signature Date; or

(b) under Category (2) unless and until the Association has received evidence to its satisfaction that:
(i) the following aspects of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program have been developed: (A) a management information system for the enrolment, compliance verification and payments; (B) a grievance redress mechanism; and (C) guidelines for a monitoring and evaluation framework, all as satisfactory to the Association;

(ii) the Memorandum of Understanding has been finalized and signed in accordance with Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; and

(iii) the Project Operations Manual has been prepared and adopted in accordance with Section I.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

2. The Closing Date is December 31, 2024.
APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Annual Work Plans and Budgets” means the annual work plans and budgets (including related cash forecasts) for the implementation of the Project, referred to in Section I.F.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

2. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means, for purposes of paragraph 5 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, 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 and as of July 1, 2016.

3. “Beneficiary” means a household that has been declared eligible and enrolled as a beneficiary to receive Cash Transfers under Part 3.2 of the Project, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and the requirements of the Project Operations Manual; and “Beneficiaries” means, collectively, all such Beneficiaries.

4. “Caregiver Education Home Visitation Program” means the Ministry of Education, Sports and Training’s home visitation program, whereby home visits are conducted to targeted families with children ages 0-4 years for the purposes of providing caregiver education on stimulation and early learning activities, and good caregiver practices.

5. “Cash Transfer” means a cash payment made out of the proceeds of the Financing to a Beneficiary under Part 3.2 of the Project, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and the requirements of the Project Operations Manual; and “Cash Transfers” means, collectively, all such cash payments.

6. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

7. “Chief Secretary” means the head of the Recipient’s Chief Secretary Office, established and appointed in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Marshall Islands 1979.

8. “Conditional Cash Transfer Program” means the program referred to in Part 3 of the Project, as set forth in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
9. “Early Childhood Development Cabinet Committee” means the Recipient’s Early Childhood Development Cabinet Committee, established by the Recipient’s Cabinet on June 5, 2018.

10. “Early Childhood Development Working Group” means the Recipient’s working group as established by the Project Steering Committee, described in Section I.A.4 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.


13. “Environmental and Social Impact Assessment” or “ESIA” means any environmental and social impact assessment prepared by the Recipient in accordance with the ESMF, satisfactory to the Association, and disclosed on the Association’s website, as said instrument may be updated from time to time.

14. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” or “ESMF” means the Republic of Marshall Islands Multisectoral Early Childhood Development Project Environmental and Social Management Framework, prepared by the Recipient, satisfactory to the Association, and disclosed on the Association’s website on November 2018, setting out the principles, rules, guidelines and procedures to screen and assess the environmental and social impacts (including health and safety issues) of Project activities, adopt measures to avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset environmental and social adverse risks and impacts, procedural, budget and institutional arrangements and actions needed to implement these measures, and information on the agency or agencies responsible for addressing the Projects’ risks and impacts; as well as for the preparation of environmental and social management plans, as such framework may be amended by the Association from time to time, with the prior written agreement of the Association.

15. “Environmental and Social Management Plan” or “ESMP” means any environmental and social management plan, prepared by the Recipient in accordance with the ESMF, satisfactory to the Association, and disclosed on the Association’s website, as said instrument may be updated from time to time.


21. "Memorandum of Understanding" means the memorandum of understanding to be entered into between the Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, the Ministry of Health and Human Services, the Majuro Atoll Local Government, and Marshall Islands Social Security Administration, as described in Section I.D. of Section II of this Agreement.

22. "Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs" mean's the Recipient' Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs, or any successor thereto.


25. "Ministry of Health and Human Services" means the Recipient's Ministry of Health and Human Services, or any successor thereto.

27. “Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce, or any successor thereto.

28. “Office of the Chief Secretary” means the Recipient’s Chief Secretary Office, established pursuant to Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Marshall Islands 1979, or any successor thereto.

29. “Operating Costs” means reasonable incremental expenditures incurred on account of Project implementation and based on Annual Work Plans and Budgets approved ex ante by the Association, including leasing and/or routine repair and maintenance of vehicles, equipment, facilities and office premises, fuel, office supplies, utilities, consumables, communication expenses (including postage, telephone and internet costs), translation, printing and photocopying expenses, bank charges, publications and advertising expenses, insurance, meeting expenses, travel, subsistence and lodging expenses, service delivery contractors for Parts 1.2, 2.2, and 3.2 of the Project, administrative staff, project implementation support personnel, and other administrative costs directly related to the Project, exclusive of salaries of the Recipient’s civil service, sitting fees, bonuses, fees and honoraria or equivalent payments.

30. “Preparation Advance” means the advance referred to in Section 2.07 (a) of the General Conditions, granted by the Association to the Recipient pursuant to the letter agreement signed on behalf of the Association on June 28, 2018 and on behalf of the Recipient on July 9, 2018.

31. “Project Implementation Unit” means the Recipient’s unit within the Office of the Chief Secretary responsible for providing day to day management of Project implementation, as described in Section I.A.6 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

32. “Project Steering Committee” means the Recipient’s Committee established by the Recipient’s Cabinet on December 21, 2018, as described in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

33. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 87 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018.

34. “Public School System” means the Recipient’s Public School System within the Ministry of Education, Sports and Training, established pursuant to the Marshall Islands Public School System Act 2013 [14 MIRC Ch.3], or any successor thereto.
35. "Safeguard Instruments" means collectively, the ESMF, and any ESIA or ESMP, and "Safeguard Instrument" means any of such Safeguards Instruments.

36. "Safeguard Policies" means, the Operational Policies (Ops) and Bank Procedures (BPs) of the Bank, namely OP/BP 4.01 (Environmental Assessment), OP/BP 4.04 (Natural Habitats), OP/BP 4.09 (Pest Management), OP/BP 4.10 (Indigenous Peoples), OP/BP 4.11 (Physical Cultural Resources), OP/BP 4.12 (Involuntary Resettlement), OP/BP 4.36 (Forests), and OP/BP 4.37 (Safety of Dams); they can be found at https://policies.worldbank.org.

37. "Select Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition Services" and "Select RMNCH-N" Services" means the package of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition services to be identified and defined under Part 1.1 of the Project, to the satisfaction of the Association.

38. "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.

39. "Training and Workshops" means activities to be carried out by the Recipient, based on terms of reference acceptable to the Association, for facilitating, conducting, and/or undertaking domestic and overseas training and workshops under the Project, the reasonable costs of which include: costs of training or workshop materials; equipment and venue rental; and per diem, accommodation, and transportation for those attending the training or workshop, and honoraria for trainers.