Ms. Rosa Cañete  
Executive Director  
Fundación Intermon Oxfam  
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Dominican Republic  

Re: Dominican Republic: Good Governance Practices for the Dominican Republic Project  
GPSA Grant No TF015862  

Dear Ms. Cañete:  

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of Fundación Intermon Oxfam ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("the World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by multiple donors ("Donors") under the Global Partnership for Social Accountability Trust Fund ("GPSA Trust Fund"), proposes to extend to the Recipient for the benefit of the Dominican Republic ("Member Country"), a grant from the GPSA Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed seven hundred twenty-seven thousand nine hundred eighty-four United States Dollars, (U.S.$ 727,984) ("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 GPSA 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. Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature; provided, however, that the offer of this Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received the countersigned copy of this Agreement within 90 days after the date of signature of this Agreement by the World Bank, unless the World Bank shall have established a later date for such purpose.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By

Sophie Sirtaine
Country Director
Caribbean Country Management Unit
Latin America and the Caribbean Region

AGREED:

FUNDACION INTERMON OXFAM

By: Authorized Representative

Name: Rasa Cacute Alonso

Title: Directora Pus

Date: 14/01/2014

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 this Agreement.

(a) "CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA" means a non-profit association, with legal personality and duly registered in the Member Country’s public registry of civil associations, established and operating pursuant to Decree No. 357-90, dated September 17, 1990.

(b) "CSO" means a civil society organization legally established and operating in the Member Country’s territory and selected according to criteria agreed between the Recipient and the World Bank; and "CSOs" means the plural thereof.

(c) "FEDECARES" means a non-profit association, with legal personality and duly registered in the Member Country’s public registry of civil associations, established and operating pursuant to Decree No. 303-91, dated August 15, 1991.

(d) “Relevant Actors” means CSOs, citizens and other stakeholders’ beneficiaries of the Project activities.

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objective of the Project is to empower the Member Country’s civil society to strengthen governance by promoting transparency and accountability in government budget practices.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Provision of Citizen Feedback on the Member Country’s National Budget Cycle

Strengthening the capacity of the Recipient to establish partnerships and create tools for social accountability to monitor the Member Country’s national budget decisions, through, *inter alia*:

(a) The development of social audit tools to monitor the Member Country’s national budget, particularly in relation to the quality and timelines of the disseminating budget information.

(b) The carrying out of an analysis on relevant topics related to the Member Country’s national budget, including, budget cycles, annual and multiyear budgets.
(c) The establishment of a working group comprised of Relevant Actors to, *inter alia*: (i) strengthen an IT platform to monitor budget decisions; (ii) design a methodology to manage budget information in selected CSOs or consortia of CSOs.

**Part 2: Applying Social Accountability Tools to Empower Local and Regional Stakeholders to Increase Accountability of Member Country’s Budget Allocations for the for agriculture, education, housing and drinking water and sanitation sectors**

Empowering local stakeholders of the Member Country’s education, agriculture, housing and water and sanitation sectors to increase policy accountability of sectorial budget allocation, including, *inter alia*:

(a) The design and implementation of platforms and/or observatories to facilitate the dialogue among Relevant Actors on budget decisions and evidence-based policy-making in the Member Country’s agriculture education, housing and water and sanitation sectors;

(b) The development of applications for web and smartphone to facilitate the dissemination of the information resulting from the implementation of the platforms and/or observatories under Part 2 (a) of the Project.

(c) The preparation and dissemination of tools and mechanisms to participate in the Member Country’s budget decision making process in the agriculture, education, housing, and water and sanitation sectors.

(d) The carrying out of workshops with Relevant Actors and the Member Country’s government service providers to facilitate discussions on budget proposals, action plans and recommendations for the Member Country’s agriculture sector education, housing and water and sanitation sectors.

**Part 3: Knowledge and Learning**

Carrying out: (a) dissemination activities to Relevant Actors in other sectors/areas on the use of social accountability mechanisms, (including social auditing tools, social media, access to information, and monitoring and evaluation) to strengthen the framework of governance, transparency and public resource management; and (b) implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the activities financed by the grant including audits.

2.02. **Project Execution Generally.** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project with the assistance of CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA and FEDECARES, all 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) the CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA Agreement; (d) the FEDECARES Agreement; and (e) this Article II.

2.03. **Institutional and Other Arrangements.** (a) Prior to the implementation of the Project activities, the Recipient shall: (i) enter into an agreement with CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA and FEDECARES under terms and conditions acceptable to the World Bank (the “CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA Agreement” and “FEDECARES Agreement” respectively), which shall include, *inter alia*: (A) CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA and FEDECARES respective roles and responsibilities, including their obligation to carry out the technical implementation of their respective activities under the Project; and (B) the
conditions for the Recipient’s payment, out of the proceeds of the Grant, of limited operating costs related to CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA and/or FEDECARES discharge of its responsibilities; and (ii) exercise its rights and carry out its obligations under the respective CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA Agreement and FEDECARES Agreement in such manner as to protect the interest of the Recipient and the Bank, to accomplish the purposes of the Financing;

(b) unless the Recipient and the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate, terminate, waive or fail to enforce the respective CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA Agreement or FEDECARES Agreement or any of their provisions thereof.

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 Donors’ 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, take all measures required on its part to enable the representatives of the Donors to visit any part of the Member Country’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 semester, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than one month 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 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 semester, covering the semester, 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 such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one (1) fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period. The Recipient shall ensure that the audited financial statements are made publicly available in a timely fashion and in a manner acceptable to the World Bank.

2.07. Procurement. All goods, non-consulting services, and/or consulting services required for the Project and to be financed, fully or partially, out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the “Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, dated January 2011 (“Procurement Guidelines”), and the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, dated January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”).

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2.08. Any contract for Eligible Expenditures to be financed in full or in part out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be included in the procurement plan prepared by the Recipient and approved by the World Bank in accordance with the Procurement Guidelines and the Consultant Guidelines, prior to initiating the procurement process for any such contract.

Article III
Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

3.01. Eligible Expenditures. (a) The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (i) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (ii) this Section; and (iii) 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 100% of consisting of Eligible Expenditures consisting of consultant’s services, goods, Training and Operating Costs (including audits).

(b) For purposes of this Section the following terms:

   (i) “Training” means expenditures incurred by the Recipient to conduct training, including purchase and publication of materials, rental of facilities, course fees, and travel and subsistence of trainees; and

   (ii) “Operating Costs” means reasonable recurrent expenditures incurred by: (a) the Recipient required for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Project; and (b) the CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA and the FEDECARES required for the implementation of some of the activities under the Project, including salaries of staff of the Recipient, CIUDAD ALTERNATIVA and FEDECARES working on the Project, office rental, supporting staff for the project, transportation, basic utilities (electricity, water), and communications expenses (telephone, internet access, among others), but excluding salaries of officials of the Member Country’s civil service; and any other reasonable expenditures as may be agreed upon by the World Bank.

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 countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.

3.03. Withdrawal Period. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is five (5) years after the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.

3.04. Other Undertakings. The Recipient undertakes that the proceeds of the Grant shall not be used to finance the following goods; art, furniture, carpet, vehicles and generators.

Article IV
Recipient’s Representative; Addresses

4.01. Recipient’s Representative. The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Executive Director.
4.02. **Recipient's Address.** The Recipient's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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4.03. World Bank's Address. The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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