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His Excellency Imad Najib Fakhoury
Minister of Planning and International Cooperation
Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
Amman
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Re: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: MDTF Grant No. TF0A0198
Strengthening Accountability for Improved Education Services in Jordan

Excellency:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association (collectively, the "World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors under the Middle East and North Africa (MNA) Region-wide Technical Assistance Multi-Donor Trust Fund ("Donors"), proposes to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed five hundred eighty seven thousand eight hundred United States Dollars (U.S.$587,800) ("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 return 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Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received the countersigned copy of this Agreement within ninety (90) days after the date of signature of this Agreement by the World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
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Ferid Belhaj
Country Director for Jordan
MENA Region

AGREED:

HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

By:

Authorized Representative

Name: Imad N. Falhouri
Title: Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation
Date: 23 June 2015

Enclosures:

(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
(5) “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
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; and the following additional terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Development Coordination Unit" and "DCU", each means the unit established for the implementation of the Recipient’s Second Education Reform for the Knowledge Economy Project described in the Loan Agreement, dated December 30, 2009, between the Recipient and the Bank (Loan Number 7702 JO).

(b) "Education Quality and Accountability Unit" and "EQAU", each means the unit to be established within the Recipient’s Minister responsible for education which shall play a key role in raising educational performance in the Recipient’s territory.

(c) "Operating Costs" means the incremental operating costs under the Project incurred by the Recipient for purposes of Project management and implementation, of communication, translation and interpretation, printing, procurement-related advertising, office supplies, banking charges, and local transportation, and salaries of contractual and temporary staff, but excluding salaries of the Recipient’s civil servants, and other miscellaneous costs directly associated with Project implementation subject to the prior written approval by the World Bank.

(d) "Quality Indicator National Framework" means the national framework that sets out the standards for effective school indicators.

(e) "Training" means the reasonable costs of: (i) training materials and rental of training facilities and equipment; (ii) tuition fees, travel, accommodation and *per diem* of trainers and trainees; and (iii) any other expenses related to training to be carried out under the Project.

(f) "Working Group on Accountability" means the group reporting to the Recipient’s minister responsible for education vested with the responsibility to ensure that all operational levels are held accountable with the overall school-based quality assurance strategy.

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objective of the Project is to improve governance of the education sector through the establishment of an accountability and quality assurance mechanism to incentivize stakeholders in the system and improve learning in the Recipient’s public schools. The Project consists of the following parts:
Part A. Establishment of the EQAU

Support the establishment of the EQAU through the acquisition of goods, including, inter alia: (a) office equipment; and (b) information technology hardware and software.

Part B. Capacity Building for the EQAU

Carrying out of a three-stage learning community approach training program to: (a) increase the number of trained professional staff; (b) refine the core evaluation instruments and procedures; and (c) enable the overall mentor/trainee ratio not to exceed 3 to 1, through: (i) a pre-induction program of reading; (ii) an induction program of teaching; (iii) a mentored learning program using Quality Indicator National Framework; and (iv) workshops.

Part C. Knowledge Exchange

Carrying out of knowledge exchange activities with foreign countries to allow the Working Group on Accountability and other key staff the Recipient to: (a) establish link and network with international bodies; and (ii) disseminate the acquired knowledge nationally within a wider group of members.

Part D. Communications for Advocacy and Awareness

Carrying out a program of activities to build stakeholders’ awareness of the education reform and promote its goals throughout the process through high level meetings and workshops for staff at all levels of the Recipient’s ministry in charge of education.

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 through the Development Coordination Unit (DCU) 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. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.02 above, the Recipient shall, throughout Project implementation, maintain the DCU with functions, staffing and resources satisfactory to the World Bank to ensure overall coordination of the Project, including procurement and financial management thereof.

2.04. 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 (1) calendar semester, 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 (6) months after the Closing Date.
2.05. **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 audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one (1) fiscal year of the Recipient or any other period as agreed with the World Bank. 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.

2.06. **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.** Goods and non-consulting services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of: (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) Quality-based Selection; (B) Selection under a Fixed Budget; (C) Least Cost Selection; (D) Selection based on Consultants' Qualifications; (E) Single-source Selection of consulting firms; (F) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (G) 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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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1) Goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services (including audits), Training and Operating Costs under the Project</td>
<td>587,800</td>
<td>100%</td>
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| TOTAL AMOUNT | 587,800 | |

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 December 31, 2016.
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 Minister responsible for planning.

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

Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation
Post Office Box 555
Amman, 11118
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Facsimile:

962-6-464 9341

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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