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Mr. Richard Crothers  
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United States of America

**Re: Federal Republic of Somalia**  
**GFDRR Trust Fund Grant No. TF0A9767**  
**Inclusive Community Resilience and Gender-based Violence**  
**Pilot Project**  
**Letter Agreement**

Dear Mr. Crothers:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of International Rescue Committee Inc (IRC) (“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 Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), proposes to extend to the Recipient for the benefit of the Federal Republic of Somalia (and Somaliland) (“Member Country”), a grant in an amount not to exceed United States Dollars one million two hundred thousand (USD 1,200,000) (“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 BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT and  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Bella Bird  
Country Director for Somalia  
Africa Region

AGREED:

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, INC

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative  
Richard Crothers  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Country Director  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
01-Apr-2019  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosures:

- (1) Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various Funds, dated February 15, 2012.
- (2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with the "Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing", dated February 2017.

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**ANNEX**

**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.

**Article II  
Project Execution**

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objective of the Project is to improve access to financial resources and to gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response services for women in targeted communities.

The Project consists of the following components:

Component 1: Economic and Social Empowerment and Violence Prevention

Strengthening the longer-term resilience vulnerable populations, particularly women, including piloting the implementation of Economic and Social Empowerment (EASE) model, *inter alia*: (a) improving access to financial services through a village savings and loan associations scheme (“Village Savings and Loan Associations” or “VSLA”); (b) facilitating a discussions group series to engage with VSLA members and male partners to reflect financial decisions and goals, women’s value in the households and alternatives to violence; and (c) conducting business skills development training including, basic literacy and numeracy.

Component 2: Strengthening Local Capacity to Provide Holistic GBV Response Services.

Improving the delivery of holistic, multi-sectoral response interventions for survivors of Gender-based Violence (GBV) including: (a) building the capacity of local partner organizations and community based organizations, and services related to maternal and child health centers; (b) facilitating the provision of competent, compassionate and confidential care, training on clinical care of sexual assault survivors, psychological support and case management, and related training; (c) conducting updated mapping of local service providers, facilitating capacity building trainings and on-the-job coaching to local partners and regional working group meetings; and (d) provision of key inputs, including material and operating costs to facilitate ongoing quality service provision, and monitoring quality of service provision.

Component 3: Strengthening Local Capacity to Advocate for Women’s Protection and Participation in Communities

Strengthening local capacity for advocacy, in particular: (a) Building the capacity of the relevant government departments, ministries and agencies and community-based actors to advance women’s social and economic empowerment programming, advocacy and efforts for women’s improved

protection; (b) identifying and addressing key gaps in capacity, staffing and resources to improve government representative's capacity to lead activities and conduct effective project management and oversight; (c) strengthening the capacity of relevant community-based organizations to lead engagement with local authorities; (d) creation of safe spaces where women's groups and community-based organization will develop and lead psychosocial and social integration activities for women and girls, including survivors of GBV; and (e) provision of training in advocacy to the respective women's groups and relevant community-based organizations.

**Component 4: Project Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation and Knowledge Generation and Dissemination**

Strengthening the capacity for Project coordination and oversight, including: (a) conducting an EASE model acceptability study, feasibility study, and producing a series of on-job tools, and testing and adapting the use of said EASE model for Somalia. (b) introducing a monitoring and evaluation system for quantitative and qualitative feedback on Project implementation

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 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 and as of July 1, 2016 ("Anti-Corruption Guidelines"); and (c) this Article II.

2.03. ***Institutional and Other Arrangements***

(a) To facilitate Project implementation, the Recipient shall not later than sixty (60) days after the date of this Agreement, establish a collaboration arrangement(s) or memoranda of understanding with the relevant government departments, ministries, departments and agencies, including Puntland's Ministry of Women Development and Family Affairs, Puntland's Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, the Federal Ministry of Finance, and relevant ministries, departments and agencies at the federal level.

(b) **Program Implementation Manual**

1. The Recipient shall: (a) carry out the Project in accordance with the Program implementation manual, containing detailed guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the EASE model, including criteria and other arrangements for the VSLs; and (b) except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree in writing, not amend or waive, or permit to be amended or waived any provision of the Program Implementation Manual.
2. In case of a conflict between the provisions of the Program Implementation Manual and this Agreement, those of this Agreement shall prevail.

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 the indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of six calendar months, 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.

2.05. **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 one month after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall, upon the World Bank's request, 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 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.

2.06. **Procurement**

All goods and consulting 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 the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016, revised November 2017 ("Procurement Regulations"), and the provisions of the Recipient's procurement plan for the Project ("Procurement Plan") dated May 29, 2018, provided for under Section IV of the Procurement Regulations, as the same may be updated from time to time in agreement with 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 "Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing", dated February 2017, 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:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</b>	<b>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</b>
(1) Goods, consulting services, Training and Operating Costs under the Project	1,200,000	100%
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	1,200,000	

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 December 17, 2021.

**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 the Recipient's Country 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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