Food Price Crisis Response Trust Fund
Grant Agreement
(Second Emergency Food Security Support Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
(acting as Trustee of the Food Crisis Response Trust Fund)

Dated December 4, 2014
FOOD PRICE CRISIS RESPONSE TRUST FUND

GRANT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated December 4, 2014, entered into between the REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU (the “Recipient”), and the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, acting as Trustee of the Food Price Crisis Response Trust Fund (the “World Bank”), pursuant to Resolution No. 2008-0004 of May 29, 2008, of the Executive Directors of the IBRD and Resolution No. 2008-0002 of May 29, 2008, of the Executive Directors of IDA establishing the Food Price Crisis Response Trust Fund (the “FPCR TF”).

WHEREAS, the Recipient has requested the World Bank to provide the additional assistance towards the financing of Component 1 of the Project and by agreement of even date herewith between the World Bank and the United Nations' World Food Program; and the World Bank is agreeing to provided such assistance in an aggregate amount equal to two million one hundred fifty thousand United States Dollars (US$2,150,000).

Now, therefore, the Recipient and the World Bank hereby agree as follows:

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions


1.02. 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
The Project

2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”). To this end, the Recipient shall carry out Components 2 and 3 of the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions.

2.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

Article III
The Grant

3.01. The World Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount equal to four million eight hundred fifty thousand United States Dollars (USD4,850,000) (“Grant”) to assist in financing Components 2 and 3 of the Project.
3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

3.03. The Grant is funded out of the above mentioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust fund. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, 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.

Article IV
Effectiveness

4.01 This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the World Bank has been furnished to the World Bank that the Recipient has employed and assigned to the TCU a Project coordinator in accordance with the provisions of Section I.A.1(b) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

4.02. The Recipient shall also furnish to the World Bank an opinion or opinions satisfactory to the World Bank of counsel acceptable to the World Bank or, if the World Bank so requests, a certificate satisfactory to the World Bank of a competent official of the Recipient, showing, on behalf of the Recipient, that this Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by, and executed and delivered on its behalf and is legally binding upon it in accordance with its terms.

4.03. 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 Sections 4.01 and 4.02 of this Agreement. If, before said 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.

4.04. This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date one hundred and twenty (120) 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. The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is the Recipient’s Minister responsible for economy and regional integration.
5.02. The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Ministério da Economia e Finanças
Avenida Amilcar Cabral, Caixa Postal no. 67
Bissau
Republic of Guinea-Bissau

Phone: Facsimile:
(245) 675 2983
sepirgb@gmail.com

5.03. 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

Cable: Telex: Facsimile:
INDEVAS 248423 (MCI) or 1-202-477-6391
Washington, D.C. 64145 (MCI)
AGREED at Dakar, Senegal, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Geraldo Martins

Minister of Economy and Finance

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
Acting as Trustee of the Food Price Crisis Response Trust Fund

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Vera Songwe

Title: Country Director
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to improve food security of vulnerable populations, including children in selected areas of the Recipient’s territory.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Component 1: Support to the Most Vulnerable Population

1. School Feeding Program: Provision of support to the on-going School Feeding Program for pre-primary and primary school students (17,500 students) in the Selected Areas.

2. Food for Work Program: Provision of support to the Food-for-Work Program for the unemployed, intended at rehabilitating dikes for mangrove rice (serving approx. 2,000 ha) and drainage channels and anti-erosion banks for lowland rice (serving approx. 3,000 ha), including the provision of technical assistance and rice seeds to beneficiaries.

Component 2: Provision of Improved Agricultural Inputs and Services to Smallholders

1. Modern Agricultural Inputs: Provision of Matching Grants to eligible smallholder rice farmer groups or associations for the financing of improved seeds, chemical fertilizers and basic production tools.

2. Small Agricultural Equipment: Provision of Matching Grants to eligible smallholder rice farmer groups or associations for the financing of 250 power tillers.

3. Technical Support: Provision of capacity building and strengthening to eligible smallholder rice farmer groups and associations and to the Recipient’s civil service to support said smallholder rice farmer groups and associations.

Component 3: Project Management, and Monitoring and Evaluation

1. Project Coordination: Strengthening of the Recipient’s institutional capacity and the Technical Coordination Unit for Project coordination, management and oversight.

2. Monitoring and Evaluation: Strengthening of the Recipient’s institutional capacity and the Technical Coordination Unit for Project monitoring, reporting on output and impact indicators, data collection, surveys, participatory assessments and final evaluation.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Institutional and Other Arrangements

A. Overall Project Implementation

1. The Recipient shall:

(a) re-establish the Project Steering Committee, chaired by the Minister of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, with membership, functions and responsibilities satisfactory to the World Bank within one (1) month after the effectiveness of this Agreement and thereafter maintain throughout the period of implementation of the Project, a Project Steering Committee, chaired by the Minister of MoARD, with membership, functions and responsibilities satisfactory to the World Bank, including, among others, including WFP: (i) the approval of the Annual Action Plans and their related budget for Components 2 and 3 of the Project; (ii) the provision of policy guidance to the TCU; and (iii) the carrying out of the general oversight of Project implementation (including Component 1);

(b) re-establish the Technical Coordination Unit (“TCU”) and Regional Coordination Offices with structure, functions and responsibilities acceptable to the World Bank, and with competent staff in adequate numbers and with qualifications satisfactory to the World Bank within one (1) month after the effectiveness of this Agreement and thereafter maintain throughout the period of implementation of the Project, a Technical Coordination Unit (“TCU”) with structure, functions and responsibilities acceptable to the World Bank, and with competent staff in adequate numbers and with qualifications satisfactory to the World Bank, to be responsible for day-to-day coordination of the activities under Components 2 and 3 of the Project, including: (i) project planning and budgeting (annual work plans); (ii) liaison/coordination with the Project Management Unit; (iii) provision of training to Project beneficiaries; (iv) dissemination of information; and (v) Project supervision monitoring and evaluation;

(c) maintain (with extended contracts) or recruit not later than one (1) month after the effectiveness of this Agreement, and thereafter maintain throughout the period of implementation of the Project, at least three (3) regional coordinators with offices at regional level (the “Regional Agriculture Office”) reporting to the MoARD, with offices shall have structures, functions and responsibilities acceptable to the World Bank, and have competent staff in adequate numbers and with qualifications satisfactory to the World Bank; each such office to be responsible for facilitating the implementation of activities under Component 2 of the Project in the Selected Areas of its competence/jurisdiction.

B. Technical Assessment and Operations Manual

1. To facilitate the implementation of activities under Components 2 and 3 of the Project, the Recipient shall carry out a technical assessment of the prospective
activities under such Component in a manner and substance acceptable to the World Bank, and within one (1) month from the Effective Date, update, approve and adopt the respective operational procedures, guidelines and criteria for the selection and implementation of Sub-projects (the “Technical Assessment and Operations Manual”), in a manner and substance acceptable to the World Bank, including, inter alia:

(a) the identification of prospective sites for Sub-projects within the Selected Areas, and, when applicable, the determination of suitable staple crops therefor;

(b) the criteria for the identification of eligible Sub-projects and Sub-project beneficiaries (the “Sub-project Beneficiaries”), taking into account: (i) cost-sharing requirements (“matching ratios”), whether in cash or in kind; (ii) financial ceilings; (iii) technical, economic, financial, social and environmental capacity and/or feasibility; and (iv) a positive and negative list of eligible activities satisfactory to the World Bank;

(c) the procurement arrangements and financial management provisions for the flow of funds (in the event of Matching Grants), including coordination between TCU and the Steering Committee

(d) the design of a community mobilization and sensitization strategy; and

(e) the capacity need assessment of the TCU to carry out the selection, evaluation, monitoring and supervision of Sub-projects, including the development of a monitoring and evaluation system and procedures for the Project, and the carrying out of a baseline survey of prospective Sub-project Beneficiaries.

2. The Recipient shall not, suspend, amend, abrogate or waive, whether in whole or in part, any of the criteria, guidelines, and procedures set forth in the Technical Assessment and Operations Manual, in a manner which, in the opinion of the World Bank may materially and adversely affect the implementation of Components 2 and 3 of the Project.

C. Sub-project Agreements

1. In the carrying out of Sub-projects, the Recipient shall conclude an agreement with each Sub-project Beneficiary (or the appropriate representative thereof), whereby the Recipient shall agree to provide to each Sub-project Beneficiary goods, works, services and/or a Sub-grant, as the case may be, from the proceeds of the Grant, on a non-reimbursable basis, and on terms and conditions satisfactory to the World Bank (the “Sub-project Agreement”), including the eligibility criteria set forth in Technical Assessment and Operations Manual, the details of disbursement schedules and procurement procedures as set forth in Section III of this Schedule, the details of any further environmental and social safeguards as may be needed, and the following additional terms and conditions:

(a) require the TCU to ensure the execution of the Sub-projects by the Sub-project Beneficiaries with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance
with sound technical, financial, managerial and environmental standards and
practices, and maintain adequate records thereof;

(b) ensure the right of the Recipient to inspect by itself, or jointly with the World
Bank, if the World Bank shall so request, the goods, works, sites, plants and
the operation thereof, and any relevant records and documents related to the
Sub-projects;

(c) obtain from the Sub-project Beneficiaries all such information, as the World
Bank shall reasonably request relating to the implementation of their
respective Sub-projects (including their implementation performance);

(d) suspend or terminate the right of any Sub-project Beneficiary to benefit from
the use of the goods, works or services, and/or its right to any amounts under
the respective Sub-grant, upon failure by such Sub-project Beneficiary to
perform its obligations under the Sub-project Agreement; and

(e) promptly inform the Recipient and the World Bank of any condition which
interferes or threatens to interfere with the progress of any Sub-project, or the
performance by the relevant Sub-project Beneficiary of its obligations under
the relevant Sub-project Agreement.

2. The Recipient shall exercise its rights under each Sub-project Agreement in such a
manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the World Bank and to
accomplish the purposes of the Grant, and, except as the World Bank shall otherwise
agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive any of the Sub-project
Agreement, or any provision thereof.

D. Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)

1. (a) The Recipient has updated, approved, adopted and publicly disclosed an
environmental and social management framework (ESMF) setting out the
environmental and social guidelines, rules and procedures applicable to the
Sub-projects’ eligibility screening processes, as well as the mitigation
measures to be applied during the implementation thereof, including:
(i) guidelines for the appropriate use and management of pesticides; (ii) a pest
management plan; and (iii) generic dam safety measures that might be
required; and

(b) The Recipient undertakes not to amend, suspend, waive, or abrogate, whether
in whole or in part, the ESMF in a manner which, in the opinion of the World
Bank may materially and adversely affect the implementation of the Project.

2. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall carry out or
cause the Sub-project to be carried out in accordance with the environmental and
social guidelines, rules and procedures defined in the ESMF.

3. The Recipient shall ensure that: (a) all measures necessary for the carrying out of the
ESMF mitigation measures with respect to Sub-projects are taken in a timely manner;
and (b) the Project Reports referred to in Section II of this Schedule will include
adequate information on monitoring the measures defined in the ESMF with respect
to each such Sub-project.
4. The Recipient shall:

(a) prior to commencing any Sub-project and when required under the ESMF, carry out an environmental and social impact assessment in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank;

(b) in the event that an environmental and social impact assessment of a Sub-project determines that such a Sub-project, if carried out, would have in the opinion of the World Bank a potential for adverse environmental impact, not approve such a Sub-project until an appropriate action under the ESMF has been discussed and agreed upon by the Recipient and the World Bank to mitigate such potential adverse impact; and

(c) thereafter, cause the relevant Sub-project Beneficiary to carry out the agreed mitigation actions referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above.

E. Communication Strategy and Annual Action Plan

1. In carrying out Components 2 and 3 of the Project, the Recipient shall:

(a) within one month from the Effective Date, prepare an updated strategy for the communication to stakeholders and the enhancement of public awareness regarding the objectives of and activities under the Project, including a time bound action plan therefore;

(b) provide said strategy to the World Bank for its review and comments; and

(c) thereafter, take all necessary actions to implement said strategy taking into consideration the World Bank's view thereon.

2. The Recipient undertakes to:

(a) prepare, by no later than October 31 each year, commencing on October 31, 2014, and furnish to the Project Steering Committee for approval and the World Bank for review and comments, a draft annual action plan (the “Annual Action Plan”) for the following calendar year, which plan shall identify Project activities by component and sub-component, and their related expenditures and financing sources; and

(b) thereafter, implement the project activities during the respective calendar year pursuant to such plan as so discussed with the World Bank, and agreed and approved by the Project Steering Committee.

F. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Components 2 and 3 of the Project are carried out in accordance with the provisions of 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”).
Section II. **Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation**

A. **Project Reports; Completion Report**

1. (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 set forth below in sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph. 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 performance indicators referred to above in sub-paragraph (a) consist of the following:

      (i) seven thousand, five hundred (17,500) students under school feeding program for a period of 160 days;

      (ii) take home rations for 2,500 girl students for a period of 160 days.

      (iii) generation of employment for 250,000 work days (100 days per participant for 2,500 farmer participants) and provision of food rations to 17,500 direct and indirect farmer households under the Food-for-Work Program; and

      (iv) provision of agricultural inputs to at least 4,000 smallholder farmers involved in rice cultivation.

2. 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.

B. **Financial Management; Financial Reports; Audits**

1. The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

2. The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for Component 2 and 3 of 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, which reports shall:

   (a) set forth sources and uses of funds for Components 2 and 3 of the Project, both cumulative and for the period covered by said report, showing separately funds provided under the Grant, and explains variances between the actual and planned uses of such funds; and

   (b) describe the use of funds by activity/components, both cumulative and for the period covered by said report, and explains variances between the actual and planned Project implementation.

3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements for Components 2 and 3 of the Project 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 (6) months after the end of such period.

Section III. Procurement

A. General

1. Procurement and Consultant Guidelines. All goods, works, 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:


   (b) the provisions of this Section III, 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”).

2. Definitions. The capitalized terms used below in 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.

B. Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods and Works

1. International Competitive Bidding. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, goods and works shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

2. Other Methods of Procurement of Goods and Works. The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods and works for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan: (a) Limited International Bidding; (b) National Competitive Bidding subject to the following additional provisions: (i) 4 (four) weeks will be provided for preparation and submission of bids, after the issuance of the invitation for bids or availability of the bidding documents, whichever is later; (ii) for all procurement of goods and works, standard bidding documents acceptable to the Association will be used; (iii) bids will be advertised in national newspapers with wide circulation and will be presented and submitted in one envelope; (iv) bid evaluation and bidder qualifications criteria will be clearly specified in the bidding documents; (v) no preference margin will be granted to domestic bidders; (vi) no eligible firm, whether foreign or domestic, will...
be excluded from the competition; and (vii) the results of the bid evaluation and of
the award of the contract, and procedures for bidders to object, will be published;
(c) Shopping; and (d) Community Participation procedures which have been found
acceptable to the World Bank.

C. Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services

1. Quality- and Cost-based Selection. Except as otherwise provided in
paragraph 2 below, consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded
on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection. For purposes of paragraph 2.7 of
the Consultant Guidelines, the short list of consultants for consulting services
estimated to cost less than US$75,000 equivalent, per contract, may include only
consultants from the country of the Recipient.

2. Other Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services. The following methods,
other than Quality- and Cost-based Selection, may be used for procurement of
consultants' services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement
Plan: (a) Least Cost Selection; (b) Selection based on Consultants' Qualifications;
(c) Single-source Selection; (d) Established Private or Commercial Practices which
have been found acceptable to the World Bank; (e) Selection of Service Delivery
Contractors which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; and (f) Selection
of Individual Consultants.

D. Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions

The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the
Association's Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the
Association.

Section IV. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

A. General

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the
provisions of (a) Article III of 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 table in paragraph 2 below.

2. The following 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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<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods, works, consultants' services, Matching Grants under Subcomponent 2.1 of the Project</td>
<td>1,300,000</td>
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<td>(2) Goods, consultants' services and/or training and workshops under Subcomponent 2.2 of the Project</td>
<td>2,500,000</td>
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<td>(3) Goods, consultants' services and Incremental Operating Costs under Component 3 of the Project</td>
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<td>(4) Unallocated</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL AMOUNT</strong></td>
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**B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period**

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement.

2. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06(c) of the Standard Conditions is June 30, 2015.
APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Annual Action Plans” means the plan to be prepared by the Recipient through the TCU setting out the activities to be carried out on each calendar year of Project implementation in accordance with the provision of Section I.E.2(a) of Schedule 3 to this Agreement.


3. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.


5. “ESMF” means the environmental and social management framework to be updated, approved and adopted by the Recipient in terms satisfactory to the World Bank, pursuant to Section I.D.1 of the Schedule 2 to this Agreement, for purposes of screening selecting and implementing Sub-projects, which document shall describe the environmental and social planning, Sub-projects’ review and approval procedures, environmental and social mitigation measures, monitoring and training requirements, and any other technical and institutional arrangements as may be required.

6. “Food-for-Work Program” means the activities under the Recipient’s PRRO program implemented by the WFP, aimed at providing food assistance to the unemployed in exchange/compensation of their community work for the rehabilitation of rice fields and/or irrigation infrastructure therefor.

7. “Incremental Operating Costs” means the incremental expenditures for office supplies, vehicle operation and maintenance, maintenance of equipment, communications costs, office rental expenses and utilities, consumables, transport, accommodation and per diems, and banking costs, incurred by the TCU and/or the Project Steering Committee in connection with the management and coordination of the Project, which expenditures would not have been incurred absent the Project, but excluding salaries, benefits and overheads of the Recipient’s civil servants.

8. “Matching Grant” means each of the grants to be made available to the Sub-project Beneficiaries out of the Grant funds pursuant to the Sub-project Agreements for the financing of Sub-projects under subcomponent 1 of Component 2 of the Project; and the term “Matching Grants” means collectively all such grants.

9. “Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development” or the acronym “MoARD” mean the Recipient’s Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development and/or any successor thereto.
10. “Ministry of Finance” and the acronym “MoF” mean the Recipient’s Ministry of Finance and/or any successor thereto.


12. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated March 21, 2014 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.

13. “Project Steering Committee” means the committee to be maintained pursuant to Section I.A.1(a) of the Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and in charge of the general oversight of Project implementation.

14. “PRRO” means the Recipient’s Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) implemented by WFP pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding dated July 21, 2006, entered into by and among the Recipient, on the one hand, and WFP, the United Nation’s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), on the other hand, for purposes of: (i) increasing enrolment and attendance rates at pre-primary and primary schools in the most vulnerable areas of the country; (ii) improving household food security in target areas through the rehabilitation of land and creation of community assets; and (iii) strengthening capacities of government and local non-governmental organizations to establish and manage food-assistance and hunger-reduction programs.

15. “Selected Areas” means the Recipient’s administrative regions of Bafata, Biombo, Cacheu, Gabu, Oio, and the Recipient’s autonomous sector of Bissau, as well as any other areas, sectors or regions that the World Bank may agree from time to time.

16. “School Feeding Program” means the activities under the Recipient’s PRRO program implemented by the WFP, aimed at providing daily nutrition assistance (two meals a day) to primary and pre-primary student.


18. “Sub-grant” means each of the grants to be made available to the Sub-project Beneficiaries out of the Grant funds pursuant to the Sub-project Agreements for the financing of Sub-projects under subcomponent 1 of Component 2 of the Project; and the term “Sub-grants” means collectively all such grants.

19. “Sub-project Agreement” means each of the agreements to be entered into by a Sub-project Beneficiary and the TCU, pursuant to the term, conditions and procedures set forth in Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and the Technical Assessment and Operations Manual, and the term “Sub-project Agreements” means collectively one or more of such agreements.
20. “Sub-projects” means the development activities to be carried out by a Sub-project Beneficiaries under Subcomponents 1 and 2 of Component 2 of the Project, which satisfy the eligibility criteria set out in the Technical Assessment and Operations Manual for the financing under Matching Grants. The term “Sub-project” means, individually, each of such developmental activities.

21. “Sub-project Beneficiary” means eligible smallholder rice farmer groups or associations selected on the basis of the eligibility criteria defined in the Technical Assessment and Operations Manual for the carrying out of a Sub-project under Subcomponents 1 and 2 of Component 2 of the Project, and the term “Sub-project Beneficiaries” means collectively one or more of said selected smallholder rice farmer groups or associations.

22. “Technical Assessment and Operations Manual” means the updated assessment report and procedural manual to be developed and adopted for the implementation of Sub-projects under Subcomponent 1 and Component 2 of the Project pursuant to Section I.B.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

23. “Technical Coordination Unit” and the acronym “TCU” mean the unit to be maintained within the Department of Rural Engineering, MoARD, pursuant to Section I.A.1(b) of the Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
