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Re: Republic of Tajikistan  
Health Services Improvement Project  
HRITF Grant No. TF014871  
Amendment No. I to the Grant Agreement

Excellency:

We refer to the Grant Agreement dated September 20, 2013 ("Agreement") between the Republic of Tajikistan ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("Association"), acting as administrator of the Health Results Innovation Trust Fund, for the above-mentioned grant ("Grant").

Pursuant to recent discussions between the Recipient and the Association, the Association proposes to amend the Agreement to update the Project Development Objective, the Project description and a defined term.

Accordingly, the Agreement is amended as follows:

1. Schedule I to the Agreement is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety to read as Attachment I of this amendment.

2. Every reference to the terms "MOH" and "Ministry of Health" is replaced throughout the Agreement by the terms "MoHSP" and "Ministry of Health and Social Protection", respectively.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing amendment by signing and dating this letter in the space provided below. This amendment letter shall be executed in two counterparts each of which shall be an original and one of which shall be returned to us. The provisions set forth in this amendment letter will become effective as of the date of the countersignature, upon receipt by the Association of one fully executed original of this letter.
Please also note that the Project Paper will be disclosed on the Association’s external website as per the Association’s policy on Access to Information.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

By:

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Date: August 7, 2015

Attachments
Attachment 1

“SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to contribute to the improvement of the coverage and quality of basic primary health care (PHC) services in selected districts.

The Project consists of the following parts:

**Component 1. Performance-Based Financing**

(a) Implementation of the PBF Scheme for maternal and child health and non-communicable disease services, by providing quarterly performance-based payments to Eligible PHC Facilities in districts identified in the PBF Manual, based on their performance on a set of criteria agreed upon in writing by the MoHSP and the PHCs and specified in the PBF Manual acceptable to the Association.

(b) Support of the PBF Scheme Costs of the first level verification and independent verification of the PBF Scheme.

(c) Provision of technical assistance to support implementation of comprehensive PHC financing reforms, including refining the model for implementing PBF in central rayon health centers and city PHC facilities.

(d) Support of community-service provider discussions based on the results of citizen scorecards.

**Component 2: Primary Health Care Strengthening**

**Sub-component 2.1 Quality Improvement**

Training of primary health care doctors and nurses from the districts participating in the PBF Scheme and other selected comparison districts in the six month family medicine training program and providing them with continuous medical education on clinical treatment protocols for maternal and child health care and selected non-communicable diseases.

**Sub-component 2.2 Physical Infrastructure Improvements**

Supporting the improvement of PHC infrastructure in the Project districts by providing basic medical equipment and supplies, and performing rehabilitation and reconstruction works for selected PHC facilities.

**Component 3: Project Management, Coordination, and Monitoring and Evaluation**

Support for Project implementation and management at the central, regional and district levels, including provisions for Training and Incremental Operating Costs.”