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RESTRUCTURING PAPER

ON A

PROPOSED PROJECT RESTRUCTURING

OF

HEALTH SECTOR SUPPORT PROJECT

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HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION SOUTH ASIA

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I. BASIC DATA

Product Information

Project ID	Financing Instrument
P160846	Investment Project Financing
Original EA Category	Current EA Category
Partial Assessment (B)	Partial Assessment (B)
Approval Date	Current Closing Date

Organizations

Borrower	Responsible Agency
People's Republic of Bangladesh	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Project Development Objective (PDO)

Original PDO

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen the health, nutrition and population (HNP) sector's core management systems and delivery of essential HNP services with a focus on selected geographical areas.

Summary Status of Financing (US\$, Millions)

Ln/Cr/Tf	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Closing	Net Commitment	Disbursed	Undisbursed
IDA-63020	28-Jun-2018	20-Sep-2018	25-Oct-2018	31-Dec-2022	8.33	7.79	.32
IDA-D3610	28-Jun-2018	20-Sep-2018	25-Oct-2018	31-Dec-2022	41.67	38.59	2.59
IDA-61270	28-Jul-2017	28-Aug-2017	02-Oct-2017	31-Dec-2022	500.00	303.31	203.85
TF-A6941	05-Nov-2018	05-Nov-2018	05-Nov-2018	31-Dec-2022	100.91	93.56	7.35
TF-A4355	28-Jul-2017	28-Aug-2017	02-Oct-2017	31-Dec-2021	15.00	13.08	1.92

Policy Waiver(s)

Does this restructuring trigger the need for any policy waiver(s)?

No

II. SUMMARY OF PROJECT STATUS AND PROPOSED CHANGES

This project paper seeks approval of the Country Director to process an extension of the closing date of the Health Sector Support Project (HSSP). HSSP is co-financed by IDA (Cr. 6127-BD, Cr. 6302-BD, Grant D361-BD), Global Financing Facility (GFF, TF0A4355) grant, and a Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF, TF0A6941) grant. The closing dates of the IDA credits and grant are being extended by one year from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023, while the GFF grant is being extend by 21 months from December 31, 2021 to September 20, 2023. The GFF grant is largely disbursed with only 12.8% balance available, which the team expects to be disbursed during calendar year 2022. The MDTF grant will be extended once the administration agreements between IDA and the five contributing partners are amended. This is currently under process. The restructuring is being processed based on a request sent by the Economic Relations Division of the Government of Bangladesh dated November 15, 2021.

Summary of project status: Overall progress towards achievement of the Project Development Objective (PDO) of HSSP is rated as Moderately Satisfactory. Out of the seven PDO indicators, three have achieved the end-of-project targets and the remaining four are on track. Eighty-two percent of planned annual targets, or Disbursement-Linked Results (DLRs) under components 1 to 3, have been reported to be achieved during the first five years since the program was started. In addition, there are 19 DLRs that are currently being verified and additional disbursements are expected. Component 4 is supporting delivery of health, nutrition and population services for the displaced Rohingya population (DRP). Four United Nations (UN) agencies are supporting implementation of this component under agreements with the government. Implementation progress of component 4 is satisfactory and 93% of the allocations (IDA Cr. 6302-BD and grant D361-BD) has been disbursed. There is no pending audit report.

Proposed change and rationale for it: HSSP mobilizes resources to the government's Fourth Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Program (4th HPNSP). The closing date of the Sector Program is being extended by one-year as implementation progress was adversely impacted due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Consequently, HSSP closing date is being extended to allow sufficient time for the remaining DLRs to be achieved and verified to enable disbursement of project funds.

Changes to the MDTF grant agreement: along with the extension of the IDA and GFF end dates the grant agreement for the MDTF will be modified to increase the total grant amount from US\$100.9 million to US\$120.3 million. This increase of US\$19.36 million is based on planned tranches received from the MDTF partners, as documented in the administration agreements, and is allocated for the same set of DLRs as financed by the IDA credit and GFF grant (see attached table 1). This modification does not require processing an Additional Financing as the original HSSP project was approved by the World Bank Board with a financing gap of US\$200 million, which this MDTF is filling.

III. DETAILED CHANGES

LOAN CLOSING DATE(S)

Ln/Cr/Tf	Status	Original Closing	Revised Closing(s)	Proposed Closing	Proposed Deadline for Withdrawal Applications
IDA-61270	Effective	31-Dec-2022		31-Dec-2023	30-Apr-2024
IDA-63020	Effective	31-Dec-2022		31-Dec-2023	30-Apr-2024
IDA-D3610	Effective	31-Dec-2022		31-Dec-2023	30-Apr-2024
TF-A4355	Effective	31-Dec-2021		30-Sep-2023	30-Jan-2024
TF-A6941	Effective	31-Dec-2022		31-Dec-2022	30-Apr-2023