
LOAN NUMBER 9568-IN

Loan Agreement

(Tripura Rural Economic Growth and Service Delivery Project)

between

INDIA

and

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT**

LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between INDIA (“Borrower”) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (“Bank”). The Borrower and the Bank hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) apply to and form part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — LOAN

- 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower the amount of one hundred forty million United States Dollars (US\$140,000,000), as such amount may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion (“Loan”), to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”).
- 2.02. The Borrower may withdraw the proceeds of the Loan in accordance with Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Front-end Fee is one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the Loan amount.
- 2.04. The Commitment Charge is one quarter of one percent (0.25%) per annum on the Unwithdrawn Loan Balance.
- 2.05. The interest rate is the Reference Rate plus the Variable Spread or such rate as may apply following a Conversion; subject to Section 3.02(e) of the General Conditions.
- 2.06. The Payment Dates are April 15 and October 15 in each year.
- 2.07. The principal amount of the Loan shall be repaid in accordance with Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

- 3.01. The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Borrower shall cause the Project to be carried out by the Project Implementing Entity in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions, Schedule 2 to this Agreement and the Project Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — EFFECTIVENESS - TERMINATION

- 4.01. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the Signature Date.

ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

5.01. The Borrower's Representative is any of the following officials acting severally: The Secretary, Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary, Director, Deputy Secretary, or Under Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs of the Borrower's Ministry of Finance.

5.02. For purposes of Section 10.01 of the General Conditions:

(a) the Borrower's address is:

Secretary
Department of Economic Affairs
Ministry of Finance
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi 110 001, India; and

(b) the Borrower's Electronic Address is:

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| Facsimile: | E-mail: |
| +91-11-23094075 | secy-dea@nic.in |

5.03. For purposes of Section 10.01 of the General Conditions:

(a) the Bank's address is:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America; and

(b) the Bank's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile:
1-202-477-6391

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

INDIA

By

Manisha

Authorized Representative

Name: Manisha Sinha

Title: Additional Secretary

Date: 01-Mar-2024

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT**

By

Auguste Tano Kouame

Authorized Representative

Name: Auguste Tano Kouame

Title: Country Director

Date: 21-Feb-2024

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to enhance connectivity and access to improved services and economic opportunities for tribal areas in Tripura.

The Project consists of the following Parts:

Part 1. Strengthening Foundations for Economic Development

Support for strengthening the foundations for economic development in the tribal blocks through an integrated set of investments in agricultural livelihoods and rural roads that can both ease access to markets and to schools through financing for:

- 1.1 (a) Consultancy services to support the formation of Producer Groups (“PGs”) and Producer Organizations (“POs”), and build capacity of PGs/POs and Project staff for diversified and resilient production; (b) Grants to POs (“PO Grants”) for their establishment costs, inputs, equipment, services, working capital and demonstrations/pilots; (c) (i) Grants to Cluster Level Federations/Village Organizations (“CLFs/VOs”) (“CLF/VO Grants”); and (ii) Sub-grants to VOs (“VO Sub-grants) from CLF Grants, where needed, to establish Livelihood Service Centers (“LSCs”) for need-based products and services, Community-managed Training Centers (“CMTCs”) for need-based equipment and trainings, and a Community Resilience Infrastructure Fund (“CRIF”) which supports climate-resilient technologies and practices and climate information services, small-scale community resilient infrastructure assets and services enabling higher value addition and mechanization to improve/modernize existing production technologies and serve existing farms; (d) Sub-loans to PGs and Self Help Groups (“SHGs”) (“PG/SHG Sub-loans”) from CLF/VO Grants for livelihood-based activities; (e) partnerships between technical support agencies with Project staff, CLFs/VOs and PGs/POs for technical support on market linkages and financial services; and (f) Training, including training and service fees for community resource professionals, exposure visits and studies.
- 1.2 (a) Upgrading and rehabilitation of approximately 416.47 km (121 segments) of rural access roads and establishing pilot roadside rural transportation hubs, including, upgrading 28.35 km of earth roads and 159.21 km of brick sole roads to bituminous surface roads; and rehabilitation/strengthening of approximately 228.91 km of paved roads, across the 12 aspirational tribal blocks with a focus on climate-resilient design standards and energy-efficiency considerations; (b) strengthening management system, including developing Road Asset Management System (“RAMS”); (c) preparing an Integrated Transport Network Development Plan (“ITNDP”); (d) developing an Electronic Project Management System (“e-PMS”); and (e) design and construction supervision consultancy services.

Part 2. Investing in Services to Develop Human Capital

Support for investments to increase the average years of educational attainment and enhanced preparedness for labor market transitions for students in the twenty-three (23) tribal blocks and especially in the twelve (12) priority tribal blocks through financing for: (a) training of primary school teachers on Teaching at Right Level (“TaRL”); (b) in-service teacher training and structured lesson plans/guidebooks informed by data/evidence from State Level Achievement Surveys (“SLAS”) and Teacher Subject Knowledge Assessments (“TSKA”); (c) roll-out of school-based vocational education aligned with

students' aspirations, aptitude, and industry demand; and (d) improvements and expansion of facilities in the senior secondary schools in the twelve (12) aspirational tribal blocks.

Part 3: Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Service Delivery

Support to strengthen capacity of local institutions in the tribal blocks for improved service delivery through financing for: (a) strengthening the capacity for need-based village planning; (b) strengthening citizen engagement and grievance redress; and (c) improving field level monitoring systems in the twenty three (23) tribal blocks to more effectively coordinate and deliver on services; including through financing of: (i) training and capacity building of tribal elected representatives, lower tier officials and community institutions for need-based village planning; (ii) core-competency training in, inter alia, IT and procurement, for lower tier officials in the agriculture, education and road sectors; (iii) consultancy services and technical support for digital infrastructure and decision support system, a mobile based citizen service platform and improve an existing beneficiary management and grievance redress system; and (iv) Project management costs associated with setting up dedicated Project Management Unit and Project Implementation Units, including, inter alia, incremental operating costs, monitoring and evaluation.

Part 4: Contingent Emergency Response

Provision of immediate response to an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, as needed.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

1. To facilitate the carrying out of the Project, the Borrower shall make the proceeds of the Loan available to the Project Implementing Entity (“PIE”) in accordance with the Borrower’s standard arrangements for developmental assistance to the states of India. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any provision of this Agreement, including the instructions that the Bank shall have specified by notice to the Borrower pursuant to Section III.A of this Schedule 2, were to be found inconsistent with the Borrower’s standard arrangements for development assistance to the states of India, the provisions of this Agreement and related instructions shall govern.
2. The Borrower shall at all times protect its own interests and the interests of the Bank to accomplish the purposes of the Loan.

B. Contingent Emergency Response

1. In order to ensure the proper implementation of contingent emergency response activities under Part 4 of the Project (“Contingent Emergency Response Part”), the Borrower and/or the PIE, as the case may be, shall ensure that:
 - (a) a manual (“CERC Manual”) is prepared and adopted in form and substance acceptable to the Bank, which shall set forth detailed implementation arrangements for the Contingent Emergency Response Part, including: (i) any structures or institutional arrangements for coordinating and implementing the Contingent Emergency Response Part; (ii) specific activities which may be included in the Contingent Emergency Response Part, Eligible Expenditures required therefor (“Emergency Expenditures”), and any procedures for such inclusion; (iii) financial management arrangements for the Contingent Emergency Response Part; (iv) procurement methods and procedures for the Contingent Emergency Response Part; (v) documentation required for withdrawals of Financing amounts to finance Emergency Expenditures; (vi) a description of the environmental and social assessment and management arrangements for the Contingent Emergency Response Part; and (vii) a template Emergency Action Plan;
 - (b) the Emergency Action Plan is prepared and adopted in form and substance acceptable to the Bank;
 - (c) the Emergency Response Part is carried out in accordance with the CERC Manual and the Emergency Action Plan; provided, however, that in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the CERC Manual or the Emergency Action Plan and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail; and
 - (d) neither the CERC Manual or the Emergency Action Plan is amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived without the prior written approval by the Bank.

2. The Borrower and/or the PIE, as the case may be, shall ensure that the structures and arrangements referred to in the CERC Manual are maintained throughout the implementation of the Contingent Emergency Response Part, with adequate staff and resources satisfactory to the Bank.
3. The Borrower and/or the PIE, as the case may be, shall ensure that:
 - (a) the environmental and social instruments required for the Contingent Emergency Response Part are prepared, disclosed and adopted in accordance with the CERC Manual and the ESCP, and in form and substance acceptable to the Bank; and
 - (b) the Contingent Emergency Response Part is carried out in accordance with the environmental and social instruments in a manner acceptable to the Bank.
4. Activities under the Contingency Emergency Response Part shall be undertaken only after an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

1. The Borrower shall cause the PIE to furnish to the Bank each Project Report, in a format agreed with the Bank, not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.
2. The Borrower shall cause the PIE to prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank no later than thirty (30) months from the Effective Date, a consolidated mid-term review report for the Project, in accordance with the provision of paragraph 2 of Section II of the Schedule to the Project Agreement.

Section III. Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds

A. General

1. Without limitation upon the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions and in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, the Borrower may withdraw the proceeds of the Loan to: (a) finance Eligible Expenditures; and (b) pay: (i) the Front-end Fee; and (ii) each Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar premium; in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each Category of the following table:

| Category | Amount of the Loan Allocated (expressed in USD) | Percentage of Expenditures to be financed (inclusive of Taxes) |
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| (1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Incremental Operating Costs, and Training for Parts 1 (other than Parts 1.1(b), 1.1(c)(i), 1.1(c)(ii), and 1.1(d) of the Project), 2 and 3 of the Project | 113,280,000 | 80% |

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| (2) PO Grants for Part 1.1(b) of the Project, CLF/VO Grants for Part 1.1(c)(i) of the Project, VO Sub-grants for Part 1.1(c)(ii) of the Project, and PG/SHG Sub-loans for Part 1.1(d) of the Project | 26,370,000 | 80% |
| (3) Emergency Expenditures | 0 | 100% |
| (4) Front-end Fee | 350,000 | Amount payable pursuant to Section 2.03 of this Agreement in accordance with Section 2.07 (b) of the General Conditions |
| (5) Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar premium | 0 | Amount due pursuant to Section 4.05 (c) of the General Conditions |
| TOTAL AMOUNT | 140,000,000 | |

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A above, no withdrawal shall be made:

- (a) for payments made prior to the Signature Date, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after July 1, 2022, for Eligible Expenditures under Category (1); or
- (b) for Eligible Expenditures under Category (2) unless the Society for TRESP has adopted the Community Operational Manual (“COM”) acceptable to the Bank; or
- (c) for Emergency Expenditures under Category (3), unless and until all of the following conditions have been met in respect of said expenditures:
 - (i) (A) the Borrower, and/or the Project Implementing Entity, as the case may be, has/have determined that an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred, and has/have furnished to the Bank a request to withdraw Loan amounts under Category (3); and (B) the Bank has agreed with such determination, accepted said request and notified the Borrower, and the Project Implementing Entity, as the case may be, thereof; and
 - (ii) the Borrower, and/or the Project Implementing Entity, as the case may be, has/have adopted the CERC Manual and Emergency Action Plan, in form and substance acceptable to the Bank.

2. The Closing Date is June 30, 2029.

SCHEDULE 3

Commitment-Linked Amortization Repayment Schedule

The following table sets forth the Principal Payment Dates of the Loan and the percentage of the total principal amount of the Loan payable on each Principal Payment Date (“Installment Share”).

Level Principal Repayments

| Principal Payment Date | Installment Share |
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| On each April 15 and October 15 Beginning October 15, 2028 through April 15, 2033 | 9.09% |
| On October 15, 2033 | 9.10% |

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Animal Resource Development Department” or “ARDD” means the PIE’s Animal Resource Development Department, or any successor thereto.
2. “Annual Work Plan and Budget” means the work plan and budget (including related cash forecasts) for the implementation of the Project accepted by the Bank, referred to in Section I.E of the Schedule to the Project Agreement; and “Annual Work Plans and Budgets” means, collectively, all such plans and budgets.
3. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means, for purposes of paragraph 6 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, 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.
4. “Beneficiary” means an eligible PO, CLF/VO, VO, or PG/SHG under a respective PO Grant, CLF/VO Grant, VO Sub-grant, or PG/SHG Sub-loan, as the case may be, and “Beneficiaries” means more than one Beneficiary.
5. “Block Project Management Unit” or “BPMU” means the Block Project Management Unit referred to in Section I.A.6 of the Schedule to the Project Agreement, or any successor thereto.
6. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
7. “CERC Manual” means the manual referred to in Section B.1(a) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as such manual may be updated from time to time with the agreement of the Bank, and which is an integral part of the Project Implementation Plan.
8. “CLF/VO Grant Agreement” means the agreement to be entered into by and between the Society for TRESP, through the TRLM, and a CLF or VO, as the case may be, setting forth the terms and conditions of the CLF/VO Grant, pursuant to the provisions of Section I.C of the Schedule to the Project Agreement, and as set forth in the PIP.
9. “CLF/VO Grant” means a grant made under Part 1.1(c)(i) of the Project to a CLF or VO, as the case may be, to establish LSCs for need-based products and services, CMTCs for need-based equipment and trainings, a CRIF which supports climate-resilient technologies and practices and climate information services, and small-scale community resilient infrastructure assets and services enabling higher value addition and mechanization to improve/modernize existing production technologies and serve existing farms, as set forth in the respective CLF/VO Grant Agreement, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.C of the Schedule to the Project Agreement, and as set forth in the PIP.

10. “Cluster Level Federation/Village Organization” or “CLF/VO” each means a group comprised of poor rural households, duly established, managed by an executive committee elected by said group, which is eligible to receive a CLF/VO Grant under Part 1.1(c)(i) of the Project, as set forth in the PIP.
11. “Community Operational Manual” or “COM” means the manual satisfactory to the Bank, to be prepared and adopted as part of the Project Implementation Plan in accordance with the provisions of Section I.B of the Schedule to the Project Agreement setting forth institutional arrangements, procedures and criteria for selection, appraisal and implementation of: (a) PO Grants; (b) CLF/VO Grants; (c) VO Sub-grants; and (d) PG/SHG Sub-loans, including template agreements, as such manual may be amended from time to time with the prior concurrence of the Bank.
12. “Community Resilience Infrastructure Fund” or “CRIF” means a fund to be established at the CLF level to support the targeted community institutions in livelihood diversification, climate-resilient technologies and practices, climate information services, small-scale infrastructure services and mechanization to improve/modernize existing production technology and serving existing farms, using climate-resilient design standards and energy-efficiency considerations wherever possible.
13. “Community-managed Training Centers” or “CMTCs” means community-managed training centers for need-based equipment and trainings.
14. “Contingent Emergency Response Part” means any activity or activities to be carried out under Part 4 of the Project to respond to an Eligible Crisis or Emergency.
15. “Department of Education” or “DoE” means the PIE’s Department of Education, or any successor thereto.
16. “Department of Fisheries” means the PIE’s Department of Fisheries, or any successor thereto.
17. “Department of Information Technology” or “DoIT” means the PIE’s Department of Information Technology, or any successor thereto.
18. “Directorate of Agriculture and Horticulture, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department” or “DoA/H” means the PIE’s Directorate of Agriculture and Horticulture, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department, or any successor thereto.
19. “District Project Management Unit” or “DPMU” means the District Project Management Unit referred to in Section I.A.6 of the Schedule to the Project Agreement, or any successor thereto.
20. “Electronic Project Management System” or “e-PMS” means a digital system for monitoring physical and financial progress, and compliance to environmental and social requirements of civil works contracts.
21. “Eligible Crisis or Emergency” means an event that has caused, or is likely to imminently cause, a major adverse economic and/or social impact to the Borrower and/or the Project Implementing Entity, associated with a natural or man-made crisis or disaster.

22. “Emergency Action Plan” means the plan referred to in Section I.B.1(b) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, detailing the activities, budget, implementation plan, and monitoring and evaluation arrangements, to respond to the Eligible Crisis or Emergency.
23. “Emergency Expenditures” means any of the eligible expenditures set forth in the CERC Manual referred to in Section I.B.1(a) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and required for the Contingent Emergency Response Part.
24. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated May 29, 2023 as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof, which sets out the material measures and actions that the Borrower shall carry out or cause to be carried out to address the potential environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project, including the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and any environmental and social instruments to be prepared thereunder.
25. “Environmental and Social Standards” or “ESSs” means, collectively: (i) “Environmental and Social Standard 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts”; (ii) “Environmental and Social Standard 2: Labor and Working Conditions”; (iii) “Environmental and Social Standard 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management”; (iv) “Environmental and Social Standard 4: Community Health and Safety”; (v) “Environmental and Social Standard 5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement”; (vi) “Environmental and Social Standard 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources”; (vii) “Environmental and Social Standard 7: Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities”; (viii) “Environmental and Social Standard 8: Cultural Heritage”; (ix) “Environmental and Social Standard 9: Financial Intermediaries”; (x) “Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure”; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Bank.
26. “Executive Committee” or “EC” means the committee referred to in Section I.A.2 of the Schedule to the Project Agreement.
27. “Fiscal Year” or “FY” means the Borrower’s fiscal year, which begins on April 1 of each calendar year and ends on March 31 of the next calendar year.
28. “General Conditions” means the “International Bank for Reconstruction and Development General Conditions for IBRD Financing, Investment Project Financing”, dated December 14, 2018 (revised on August 1, 2020, December 21, 2020, April 1, 2021, and January 1, 2022).
29. “Incremental Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental expenses incurred by the PIE, the Society for TRESP, the PMU, the PIUs, the PIAs, the DPMUs, and the BMMUs, on account of managing, implementing, monitoring and/or evaluating the Project, which expenditures would not have been incurred absent the Project, including, but not limited to: incremental staff salaries, per diem and allowances, office rent, office supplies, utilities, conveyance, travel and boarding/lodging allowances, operating and maintenance expenditures of office equipment and vehicles, bank charges, insurance, advertising, media projections, newspaper subscriptions, periodicals, and printing and stationary costs

- incurred for the purposes of Project activities; but excluding salaries, fees, honoraria, bonuses, and any other salary supplements of members of the PIE's civil service.
30. "Integrated Transport Network Development Plan" or "ITNDP" means a plan to develop transport infrastructure interconnecting rural communities, district level wholesale markets, state level trade hubs and regional markets.
 31. "IT" means information technology.
 32. "km" means kilometers.
 33. "Livelihood Service Centers" or "LSCs" means centers that provide need-based facilities and services for value addition and market access.
 34. "Personal Data" means any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual. An identifiable individual is one who can be identified by reasonable means, directly or indirectly, by reference to an attribute or combination of attributes within the data, or combination of the data with other available information. Attributes that can be used to identify an identifiable individual include, but are not limited to, name, identification number, location data, online identifier, metadata and factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of an individual.
 35. "PG/SHG Sub-loan Agreement" means the sub-loan agreement to be entered into by and between a CLF or a VO and a PG or a SHG, as the case may be, including individual members of a PG or a SHG, setting forth the terms and conditions of the PG or SHG Sub-loan, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.C of the Schedule to the Project Agreement, and as set forth in the PIP.
 36. "PG/SHG Sub-loan" means a sub-loan made under Part 1.1(d) of the Project from a CLF or VO Grant to a PG or a SHG, as the case may be, for farm and non-farm livelihood-based activities, as set forth in the respective PG/SHG Sub-loan Agreement, as the case may be, and as set forth in the PIP.
 37. "PO Grant Agreement" means the agreement to be entered into by and between the Society for TRESP and a PO, setting forth the terms and conditions of the PO Grant in accordance with the provisions of Section I.C of the Schedule to the Project Agreement, and as set forth in the PIP.
 38. "PO Grant" means a grant made under Part 1.1(b) of the Project to a PO for its establishment costs, inputs, equipment, services, working capital and demonstrations/pilots related to farm agriculture machines and technologies or other small scale irrigation investments in rehabilitation, improvement or modernization of existing schemes and water use efficiency, as set forth in the PO Grant Agreement, and as set forth in the PIP.
 39. "Procurement Regulations" means, for purposes of paragraph 84 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", dated November 2020.

40. “Producer Group” or “PG” means a group of individuals organized around a common economic activity, formed for purposes of enhancing sustainable agricultural production and access to services and markets; and "PGs" means more than one such Producer Group.
41. “Producer Organization” or “PO” means a group of individuals organized around a common economic activity, a cooperative thereof and/or a registered company operating under the laws of the Borrower and the Project Implementing Entity, formed or established for purposes of enhancing agri, agri-allied, and non-farm business production and access to services and markets; and “POs” means more than one such Producer Organization.
42. “Project Implementation Plan” or “PIP” means the manual prepared and adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section I.B.1 of the Schedule to the Project Agreement, which sets forth the implementation arrangements for the Project, including, *inter alia*: (a) the details of the Project activities including results framework and overall budget; (b) the Project implementation arrangements; (c) the format of the interim unaudited financial reports to be submitted under the Project; (d) the Project’s administrative, accounting, auditing, reporting, and financial management requirements, set forth in the Project’s financial management manual, and Community Operations Manual; (e) procurement requirements set forth in the Project’s procurement manual; (f) the Project’s environmental and social safeguard requirements; (g) the Project’s monitoring and evaluation, and reporting requirements; and (h) procedures for the collection, storage, usage, and/or processing of Personal Data, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section I.G of the Schedule to the Project Agreement; as such manual may be amended from time to time with the prior concurrence of the Bank.
43. “Project Implementation Unit” or “PIU” means each Project Implementation Unit in each of the Project Implementing Agencies, each PIU to be responsible for management and coordination of implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the Respective Part of the Project, and “Project Implementation Units” or “PIUs” means more than one of such units.
44. “Project Implementing Agencies” or “PIAs” means the following departments of the State of Tripura: TWD, Public Works Department (“PWD”), Department of Education (“DoE”), Directorate of Agriculture and Horticulture, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department (“DoA/H”), Animal Resource Development Department (“ARDD”), Department of Fisheries, Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission (“TRLM”), and Department of Information Technology (“DoIT”), and “Project Implementing Agency” means any of the Project Implementing Agencies.
45. “Project Implementing Entity” or “PIE” means the Borrower’s State of Tripura.
46. “Project Management Unit” or “PMU” means the Project Management Unit referred to in Section I.A.4 of the Schedule to the Project Agreement.
47. “Public Works Department” or “PWD” means the Public Works Department of the PIE, or any successor thereto.
48. “Respective Part of the Project” means the Part of the Project to be carried out by the PIE and each Project Implementing Agency, respectively, all as set forth in the PIP.

49. “Road Asset Management System” or “RAMS” means a repository of data for road standard and condition, traffic volume, and location of logistics facilities and markets.
50. “Self Help Group” or “SHG” means a group of rural poor women who come together to resolve their common problems and improve their living conditions through savings and lending amongst group members to address their emergent credit needs.
51. “Signature Date” means the later of the two dates on which the Borrower and the Bank signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to “the date of the Loan Agreement” in the General Conditions.
52. “Society for TRESP” means an autonomous society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860, established under the Tribal Welfare Department, or any successor thereto.
53. “State Level Achievement Surveys” or “SLAS” means periodic sample-based student assessments conducted by the PIE to assess student performance on learning outcomes.
54. “State” means an administrative subdivision of the Borrower.
55. “Teacher Subject Knowledge Assessments” or “TSKAs” means anonymous and confidential sample-based assessments for teachers to identify learning and professional development needs in their core subject, associated subjects, and pedagogical areas.
56. “Teaching at Right Level” or “TaRL” means a data-driven remediation model to support students acquire foundational literacy and numeracy skills.
57. “Training Centers” or “TCs” means centers that provide need-based training facilities and services to producers.
58. “Training” means reasonable costs of trainings, seminars, workshops, conferences, study tours, conducted in the territory of the Borrower and/or overseas, including: (a) fees of training institutions and courses; (b) training and service fees for community resource professionals; (c) domestic and international travel costs, lodging costs, and subsistence/per diem allowances for both trainers and trainees; (d) rental of training facilities; and (e) preparation, purchase or reproduction of training materials.
59. “Tribal Welfare Department” or “TWD” means the Tribal Welfare Department of the State of Tripura, or any successor thereto.
60. “Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission” or “TRLM” means the Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission, or any successor thereto.
61. “Tripura” means the Borrower’s State of Tripura which is the Project Implementing Entity.
62. “VO Sub-grant Agreement” means the agreement to be entered into by and between a CLF and a VO, where needed, setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to the VO Sub-grant, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.C of the Schedule to the Project Agreement, and as set forth in the PIP.

63. “VO Sub-grant” means a sub-grant made under Part 1.1(c)(ii) of the Project from a CLF Grant to a VO, where needed, to establish LSCs for need-based products and services, CMTCs for need-based equipment and trainings, a CRIF which supports climate-resilient technologies and practices and climate information services, and small-scale community resilient infrastructure assets and services enabling higher value addition and mechanization to improve/modernize existing production technologies and serve existing farms, as set forth in the VO Sub-grant Agreement, and as set forth in the PIP.