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GAFPS GRANT NUMBER TF0C4785

*Global Agriculture and Food Security  
Program Trust Fund*

**Grant Agreement**

**(Additional Financing to the Food Systems Resilience Program for Eastern and  
Southern Africa – Phase 1 under the Multi-Phase Programmatic Approach)**

**between**

**REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR**

**and**

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION**

**(acting as Trustee and as a Supervising Entity of the Global Agriculture and Food  
Security Program Trust Fund)**

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**GLOBAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM TRUST FUND  
GRANT AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (“Bank”), acting as Trustee and as a Supervising Entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program Trust Fund, for the purpose of assisting in providing additional financing to the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”), the agreement No. 7157-MG and E083-MG, dated June 22, 2022, as amended (“Original Financing Agreement”) and the agreement No. 7566-MG of even or same date as this agreement (“Additional Financing Agreement”). The Recipient and the Bank hereby agree as follows:

**Article I**

**Standard Conditions; Definitions**

- 1.01. The Standard 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 Standard Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement, or as relevant in context, in the Appendix to the Original Financing 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”) and the MPA Program. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

**Article III**

**The Grant**

- 3.01. The Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed twenty million United States Dollars (\$ 20,000,000) (“Grant”) to assist in financing Part 3 of the Project.
- 3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

- 3.03. The Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust fund. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, the 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; Termination**

- 4.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the Bank has been furnished to the Bank that the execution and delivery of this Agreement on behalf of the Recipient have been duly authorized, and that this Agreement is legally binding upon it in accordance with its terms.
- 4.02. *Termination for Failure to Become Effective.* This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement, unless the Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of this Section. The Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.
- 4.03. For purposes of Section 6.02 of the Standard Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the Signature Date.

**Article V**  
**Recipient's Representative; Addresses**

- 5.01. The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its minister in charge of economy and finance.
- 5.02. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions:
- (a) the Recipient's address is:
- Ministry of Economy and Finance  
PO Box 61  
Antananarivo 101  
Republic of Madagascar; and
- (b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:
- Tresorddp.mg@gmail.com
- 5.03. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard 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:

Telex:                      Facsimile:  
248423 (MCI) or        1-202-477-6391  
64145 (MCI)

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

**REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR**

By



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**Authorized Representative**

**Name:** Rindra Hasimbelo Rabarinirinarison

**Title:** Ministre de l'Economie et des Finances

**Date:** 12-Jun-2024

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR  
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT  
acting as Trustee and as a Supervising Entity of the Global  
Agriculture and Food Security Program Trust Fund**

By



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**Authorized Representative**

**Name:** Boutheina Guermazi

**Title:** Director, Regional Integration

**Date:** 11-Jun-2024

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **Project Description**

The objectives of the Project are to increase the resilience of food systems and the Recipient's preparedness for food insecurity in Project areas, and in case of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, respond promptly and effectively to it.

The Project constitutes Phase 1 of the MPA Program and consists of the following parts:

#### **Part 1: (Re-)Building Resilient Agricultural Production Capacity**

Strengthening the productivity and resilience of food production to shocks and stressors, including by:

##### **1.1. Supporting Climate-Informed and Pluralistic Seed Systems**

Strengthening the development and delivery of improved varieties of food and fodder crops by upgrading informal seed systems, including by: (i) supporting the development of a national seed roadmap for selected crops and stress-tolerant and climate-adapted varieties; (ii) building up the capacity of seed regulators in quality assurance; (iii) identifying and addressing binding constraints impeding development of the seed value chain; (iv) increasing farmers' access to source technologies via Financing Mechanisms; (v) providing training and capacity building and marketing support to seed producers including private companies and farmer-based groups; (vi) reinforcing the technical and operational capacity of national agricultural research centers for safeguarding and ensuring the provision of pre-basic and basic seed; (vii) rehabilitating and upgrading public and community-based centers for seed multiplication, processing, storage, and marketing; and (viii) strengthening seed research by facilitating and funding collaborative research alliances with partners.

##### **1.2. Supporting Enhanced Access to Climate-Smart Agricultural Mechanization**

Enhancing smallholders' access to mechanization, including by: (i) supporting the development and delivery of equipment that can be used in land preparation, seeding (direct sowing), fertilization, weeding, harvest, the postharvest management (threshing and processing) and overall production of target crops; (ii) providing Financing Mechanisms to agricultural equipment vendors to expand their offerings, their market reach, and after-sale services; (iii) supporting the development of a digital platform linking smallholder farmers, producer groups, and agribusinesses to mechanization services; (iv) strengthening the capacity of the Center of Agriculture Mechanization; and (v) in collaboration with One

CGIAR, supporting the development of innovative agricultural equipment and machinery.

**1.3. Strengthening Agricultural Production, Price, and Weather Data Management and Information Systems**

Supporting the development of data and digital information systems including by: (i) developing systems for collecting, assessing, managing, and disseminating information and advice among actors ranging from smallholder producers to livestock herders, agroprocessors, and policymakers, including conducting an agricultural census; and (ii) building capacity at the national level for agrometeorological and hydrometeorological services (public, private, and academic ones) to: (a) gather data on hydrometeorological phenomena to complement regional and global data and infrastructure for climate risk management; and (b) provide impact-based forecasting, warning, and advisory services to farming communities.

**Part 2: Supporting the Sustainable Development of Natural Resources for Resilient Agricultural Landscapes**

Promoting participatory planning and more sustainable, community-led natural resources and irrigation infrastructure management including by:

**2.1. Promoting Participatory Planning and Strengthening the Knowledge Base**

Promoting participatory planning and strengthening the knowledge base for more sustainable and resilient natural resources management including by: (i) supporting planning and capacity building relating to the sustainable management of watersheds, including the preparation of watershed, sub-watershed, and local management plans; (ii) supporting institutional and community-based capacity for sustainable natural resource management, including among water users' associations; (iii) supporting forest management and landscape restoration, including the rehabilitation of degraded lands, reforestation, fire management, terracing, agroforestry, and productive forestry for energy and construction wood; (iv) supporting planning, mapping, data collection, and knowledge generation for enhancing climate resilience and increasing carbon sequestration; (v) supporting the generation of baseline data on soil carbon, forest cover, land use, water use and demand, water and sediment flow, the status and diversification of livelihoods, and greenhouse gas emissions from land use and land use change; and (vi) raising awareness among program beneficiaries of the negative impacts of bushfires, slash-and-burn agriculture, and excessive burning or charcoal production in risky zones.

2.2. **Investing in Sustainable Land and Water Management for Enhanced Climate Resilience**

Supporting investments in productive assets with a focus on water resources management, water services, and watershed management for climate adaptation and mitigation, including: (i) practices that promote soil and water conservation including agronomic measures and climate-smart agriculture practices; (ii) stream and groundwater control including small-scale storage; (iii) rainwater harvesting, natural catchment protection, riverbank restoration, agroforestry, silvopastoral systems, and sustainable rural energy to restore forest cover and groundwater recharge; and (iv) natural-resources based livelihoods such as nontimber forest products, beekeeping, green charcoal, and nature-based tourism.

2.3. **Improving Water Management and Irrigation Services**

Supporting the rehabilitation and improvement of existing gravity-fed irrigation sites and supporting the adoption of energy-efficient small-scale irrigation systems including by: (i) supporting the rehabilitation and sustainable management of public infrastructure such as dams and dykes that are highly vulnerable to climate shocks and susceptible to seeing their performance deteriorate due to a lack of regular upkeep; (ii) facilitating the operationalization of the Hydro-Agricultural Network Maintenance Fund (FRERHA) so that major infrastructure can benefit from regular maintenance and be repaired when damaged; and (iii) contributing to improving water governance by building the capacity of water users' associations.

**Part 3: Improving Market Connectivity and Access for Smallholders**

Promoting the inclusion of smallholder farmers and rural communities in crop and livestock value chains and more efficient food markets by:

3.1. **Promoting Diversification and Value Addition for Better Income, Nutritional, and Health Outcomes**

Supporting the development, adaptation, and delivery of agroprocessing technologies that enhance the availability and quality of healthy food products, and related income opportunities, including by supporting, via Financing Mechanisms, School Feeding Programs, activities, materials and equipment that: (i) enhance the nutritional value of rice through improved varieties, and improved processing methods; and (ii) facilitate the development of innovative food products using tubers, cereals, and legumes and feed products to be promoted in villages, towns, and urban markets, including via nutritional centers and, where appropriate, to be scaled up at the regional level.

3.2. **Rehabilitation and Decentralized Maintenance of Rural Feeder Roads for Improved Market Access and Resilient Value Chains**

Financing the rehabilitation of infrastructure to improve the transportation of agricultural products to markets, and rural producers' access to market opportunities, including by rehabilitating feeder roads that small-scale producers, including rural women, use to access inputs and outputs markets.

3.3. **Construction and Rehabilitation of Public Laboratories and Equipment**

Financing the rehabilitation and construction of public laboratories as well as the procurement of equipment to enable public laboratories to take part in quality and sanitary and phytosanitary standard controls, epidemio-surveillance, seed certification, fertilizer and pesticide quality control, and other agrifood value chain support functions.

3.4. **Strengthening Priority Value Chains and Linkages to Regional Markets**

Strengthening priority value chains and linkages to regional markets including, *inter alia*: (i) supporting investments in cold chain facilities, post-harvest storage infrastructure, and other infrastructure bottlenecks that affect priority value chains; (ii) establishing a platform for the aggregation, marketing, and promotion of export-ready products; (iii) updating standards and best practice guidelines to align them with regional and international ones; (iv) capacity building of farmers, farmer organizations, government officials, and agribusiness entrepreneurs for the adoption or dissemination of new or more demanding practices and standards; and (v) promoting the digitalization of government services and information and communication system including, *inter alia*, by supporting the development of integrated agricultural data platforms and piloting traceability systems.

**Part 4: Project Coordination, Knowledge Management, and Dissemination**

Supporting Project coordination, knowledge management, and dissemination including by:

4.1. **Project Coordination and Management**

Supporting all aspects of Project management and monitoring and evaluation including, *inter alia*, activities relating to Project startup, monitoring and evaluation, knowledge management, communications, and compliance with fiduciary, procurement, environmental, and social requirements including corporate commitments, as well as Resettlement Costs.



4.2. **Enabling Climate-Informed Policies, Institutions, and Regional Coordination**

Facilitating climate-informed and cross-cutting policy efforts relating to food systems resilience, including regional-level efforts, including by: (i) enhancing the regulatory and policy framework for digital agriculture; (ii) strengthening public agricultural support programs and creating incentives for the adoption of climate-smart agriculture; (iii) supporting efforts toward the regional harmonization of national food security policies, regional knowledge sharing, and intraregional food trade; (iv) strengthening institutional, professional, and technical capacities of government agencies; (v) supporting the capacity to monitor and track deforestation, land-use change and greenhouse gas emissions; (vi) financing the development and deployment of digital technologies; (vii) supporting performance assessments of public policies and programs, and identifying ways in which public spending and policies can be reoriented to better align with sustainability, resilience, gender-equity, and core objectives of the MPA Program; and (viii) strengthening the knowledge and skills of key research and technical staff across public institutions via the provision of technical short-term and long-term training for the staff of the Recipient's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and key research and technical institutions.

**Part 5: Contingent Emergency Response**

- 5.1 Providing: (i) Unconditional Cash Transfers to vulnerable households to strengthen their resilience against price surge of petroleum products and basic necessities; and (ii) institutional capacity-building to FID, including Operating Costs and Project management costs.
- 5.2 Providing immediate response to an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, as needed.

**Part 6: Support to Locust Response and Climate-Smart Livestock Systems**

- 6.1 Strengthening locust management at the national level, through locust surveillance and monitoring, ground and aerial control measures, Training and capacity building.
- 6.2 Supporting climate resilient livestock systems, through financing of Financing Mechanisms, climate smart technologies and practices, animal restocking, and financing of goods and services to improve veterinary services, community-led and climate-resilient activities, and related capacity-building of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock to track animal disease and pest outbreaks and promote use of animal manure.

## SCHEDULE 2

### Project Execution

#### Section I. Institutional and Other Arrangements

##### A. Institutional Arrangements

The Recipient shall maintain throughout Project implementation the following institutional arrangements, as further described in the Project Implementation Manual:

##### 1. Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MinAE)

The Recipient shall vest responsibility for overall coordination and implementation of the Project in the MinAE, with the support of other relevant ministries and, at the regional level, of the regional directorates of agriculture and livestock.

##### 2. Project Steering Committee (PSC)

- (a) The Recipient shall maintain the Project Steering Committee (PSC) with a mandate, composition, and resources acceptable to the Bank.
- (b) The PSC shall be responsible for providing strategic oversight of the Project and, among other tasks as further described in the Project Implementation Manual, review and approve the draft Annual Work Plan and Budget.
- (c) The PSC shall include representation from key stakeholders including, *inter alia*, the Secretary General of the MinAE, and representatives from the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry in charge of Finance (MEF); as well as representatives of regional governors, producers and local communities and organizations. The PSC shall be chaired by the Secretary General of the MinAE. The PSC shall meet in ordinary sessions twice a year, or once every six months, at the invitation of its chairperson.

##### 3. Project Implementing Unit (PIU)

- (a) The Recipient shall maintain a PIU with a mandate, composition and resources acceptable to the Bank.
- (b) The PIU shall be responsible for the coordination and implementation of the Project, including planning, quality oversight, implementation, procurement, financial management and disbursement, accounting, financial and technical reporting, monitoring and evaluation of the Project,

including the environmental and social standards aspects, and ensuring the auditing of the Project accounts.

- (c) The Recipient shall recruit or appoint and thereafter maintain experts on grants, on environment and natural resources management, social aspects, as further detailed in the Project Implementation Manual and the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan.

4. Regional Implementation Units (RIUs)

The Recipient shall maintain RIUs which shall be responsible for day-to-day implementation of activities in regions where the Project operates, with a mandate, composition, and resources acceptable to the Bank, as further described in the Project Implementation Manual and the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan. Each RIU will be led by and housed in the relevant regional directorate of agriculture and livestock with the assistance of relevant ministries and other institutions. RIUs shall be responsible for coordination and implementation of the Project, including planning, quality oversight, implementation, procurement, financial management and disbursement, accounting, financial and technical reporting, monitoring and evaluation of the Project, including the environmental and social standards aspects. RIUs shall report to the PIU.

5. Sectoral Ministries

To facilitate Project implementation, the Recipient, through the PIU or the relevant RIU by delegation, shall maintain a memorandum of understanding with the sectoral line ministries involved in the Project under terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank, which shall set out, *inter alia*, agreed roles and responsibilities of sectoral ministries under the Project and compliance with the Anti-Corruption Guidelines, for purposes of Project implementation.

**B. Project Implementation Manual**

- 1. By no later than three (3) months after the Effective Date of the Additional Financing Agreement, the Recipient shall update the Project Implementation Manual to incorporate this Financing, and thereafter maintain, in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Bank, said Project Implementation Manual or PIM, containing detailed Project arrangements and procedures for: (a) institutional coordination and day-to-day execution of the Project; (b) monitoring, evaluation, reporting and communication; (c) administration, procurement, financial management and accounting; (d) grievance redress; and (e) such other administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements, and procedures as shall be required for purposes of implementation of the Project.

2. Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree in writing, the Recipient shall not amend, waive or otherwise modify the Project Implementation Manual, or any provision thereof if, in the opinion of the Bank, such amendment, waiver or other modification may materially and adversely affect the implementation of the Project.
3. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and the Project Implementation Manual, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

**C. Financing Mechanisms**

*[Intentionally left blank for purposes of this Agreement]*

**D. Annual Work Plan and Budget**

For purposes of implementation of the Project, the Recipient shall:

- (a) prepare a draft annual work plan and budget (“AWPB”) for each January 1 through December 31 period (“Fiscal Year”), setting forth, *inter alia*: (i) a detailed description of the planned activities under the Project for the following Fiscal Year; (ii) the sources and proposed use of funds therefor; (iii) procurement arrangements therefor; and (iv) responsibility for the execution of said Project activities, budgets, start and completion dates, outputs and monitoring indicators to track progress of each activity;
- (b) not later than November 30 of each Fiscal Year, furnish the draft AWPB to the Bank for its review, and promptly thereafter finalize the AWPB, taking into account the Bank’s comments thereon; and
- (c) by December 31 of each Fiscal Year, adopt and implement the final AWPB after obtaining the Bank’s approval thereon.

**E. Environmental and Social Standards.**

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.
2. Without limitation upon paragraph 1 above, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (“ESCP”), in a manner acceptable to the Bank. To this end, the Recipient shall ensure that:
  - (a) the measures and actions specified in the ESCP are implemented with due diligence and efficiency, as provided in the ESCP;
  - (b) sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP;

- (c) policies and procedures are maintained, and qualified and experienced staff in adequate numbers are retained to implement the ESCP, as provided in the ESCP; and
  - (d) the ESCP, or any provision thereof, is not amended, repealed, suspended or waived, except as the Bank shall otherwise agree in writing, as specified in the ESCP, and ensure that the revised ESCP is disclosed promptly thereafter.
- 3. Without limitation upon the provisions of paragraph 2 above, if sixty (60) days prior to the Closing Date, the Bank determines that there are measures and actions specified in the ESCP which will not be completed by the Closing Date, the Recipient shall: (a) not later than thirty (30) days before the Closing Date, prepare and present to the Bank, an action plan satisfactory to the Bank on the outstanding measures and actions, including a timetable and budget allocation for such measures and actions (which action plan shall be deemed to be considered an amendment of the ESCP); and (b) thereafter, carry out said action plan in accordance with its terms and in a manner acceptable to the Bank
- 4. In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- 5. The Recipient shall ensure that:
  - (a) all measures necessary are taken to collect, compile, and furnish to the Bank through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Bank, information on the status of compliance with the ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein, all such reports in form and substance acceptable to the Bank, setting out, *inter alia*: (i) the status of implementation of the ESCP; (ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the implementation of the ESCP; and (iii) corrective and preventive measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions; and
  - (b) the Bank is promptly notified of any incident or accident related to or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, in accordance with the ESCP, the environmental and social instruments referenced therein and the Environmental and Social Standards.
- 6. The Recipient shall establish, publicize, maintain and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances of Project-affected people, and take all measures necessary and

appropriate to resolve, or facilitate the resolution of, such concerns and grievances, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.

**Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation**

The Recipient shall ensure that each Project Report is furnished to the Bank not later than one month after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

**Section III. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds**

**A. General**

The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; and (b) this Section; to finance Eligible Expenditures in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each Category of the following table.

<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, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training under Parts 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4 of the Project	20,000,000	100% withdrawable upon Effective Date of the Grant
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	20,000,000	

**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 Signature Date.
2. The Closing Date is June 30, 2027.

## APPENDIX

### Section I. Definitions

1. “Additional Financing Agreement” means the agreement No. 7566-MG between the Recipient and the International Development Association for the Project, of even or same date as this agreement.
2. “Annual Work Plan and Budget” or “AWPB” means the annual work plan and budget to be prepared by the Recipient including a program of activities and budget proposed for inclusion for the Project during the following fiscal year, as described in Section I.D. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
3. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means, for purposes of paragraph 2 of the Appendix to the Standard 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. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
5. “Center of Agriculture Mechanization” means *Centre de Fabrication et de Formation et d’Application du Machinisme et de la Mécanisation Agricole (CFFAMMA)*.
6. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated April 26, 2024, 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 Recipient 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.
7. “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 African 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.

8. “Financing Mechanisms Manual” means the manual referred to in Section I.C. of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement.
9. “Financing Mechanisms” means the financing mechanisms provided under Parts 1.1, 1.2 and 3.1 of the Project subject to compliance of the eligibility criteria set out in the Financing Mechanisms Manual, including *inter alia*, matching grants and other credit support mechanisms such as loan guarantee facilities.
10. “Fiscal Year” means the fiscal year of the Recipient commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31 of each year.
11. “FRERHA” means Hydro-Agricultural Network Maintenance Fund.
12. “GBV” means gender-based violence.
13. “MEF” or “Ministry of Economy and Finance” means the recipients ministry responsible for finance, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Bank.
14. “MinAE” or “Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for agriculture and livestock, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Bank.
15. “Ministry of Environment” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for the environment, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Bank.
16. “MPA Program” means the multiphase programmatic approach program designed to increase the resilience of food system and preparedness for food insecurity in participating countries.
17. “One CGIAR” means the integration strategy of CGIAR to achieve interconnected and partnership-driven research towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
18. “Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental expenditures incurred by the Recipient and agreed to by the Bank in the Annual Work Plan and Budget which are directly associated with implementation of the Project.
19. “Original Financing Agreement” means the agreement No. 7157-MG and E083-MG, between the Recipient and the International Development Association for the Project, dated June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, as amended.



20. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 20 of the Appendix to the Standard Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated September 2023.
21. “Project Implementation Manual” or “PIM” means the manual described in Section I.B. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, satisfactory to the Bank and adopted by the Recipient for the purposes of the Project, as such manual may be revised from time to time with prior written consent of the Bank.
22. “Project Implementing Unit” or “PIU” means the project implementing unit referred to in section I.A.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
23. “Project Steering Committee” or “PSC” means the Project steering committee described in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
24. “Regional Implementation Units” or “RIUs” means the regional implementation units described in section I.A.4 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
25. “SEA-SH” means sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment.
26. “Signature Date” means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Bank signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to “the date of the Grant Agreement” in the Standard Conditions.
27. “School Feeding Programs” means Eligible Expenditures under the Project to: (i) strengthen the school feeding system in the Recipient’s territory based on local production and nutritious foods, (ii) support for the sustainable development of natural resources for resilient food systems, and (iii) provide technical support for an integrated food security policy and crisis response.
28. “Standard Conditions” means the “International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Association Standard Conditions for Grant Financing Made by the Bank out of Trust Funds”, dated February 25, 2019.
29. “Training” means the activities provided under the Project, including seminars, workshops, knowledge sharing activities and study tours, and covers the following costs associated with such activity (other than those for consultants’ services) travel and subsistence expenditures and other travel-related allowances for training participants such as *per diems* and reasonable accommodation costs, costs associated with securing the services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other costs directly related to training preparation and implementation, all based on Annual Work Plan and Budget acceptable to the Bank.