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Financing Agreement

(Community Livelihood Enhancement and Resilience Project)

between

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ("Recipient") and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association"). The Recipient and the Association 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 — FINANCING

- 2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient credits, which are deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions (collectively, "Financing"), in the following amounts to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"):
 - (a) an amount of twenty-five million four hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 25,400,000) (the "Credit (A)"); and
 - (b) an amount of eight million one hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 8,100,000) (the "Credit (B)").
- 2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate is one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance.
- 2.04. The Service Charge is applicable only to Credit (A) and is three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum on the amounts of Credit (A) withdrawn from the Credit Account for Credit (A).
- 2.05. The Interest Charge is applicable only to Credit (A) and is one and a quarter percent (1.25%) per annum on the amounts of Credit (A) withdrawn from the Credit Account for Credit (A).

- 2.06. The Payment Dates are March 15 and September 15 in each year.
- 2.07. The principal amount of the Credits shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.
- 2.08. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient 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 — REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension is that the Project Implementing Entity's Legislation has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed, or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the Project Implementing Entity to perform any of its obligations under the Project Agreement.
- 4.02. The Additional Event of Acceleration is that the event specified in Section 4.01 of this Agreement occurs.

ARTICLE V —TERMINATION

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

ARTICLE VI — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 6.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister of Finance.
- 6.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:
 - (a) the Recipient's address is:

Ministry of Finance 23rd Singha Road Saysettha District Vientiane Lao PDR; and

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile: 856-21-417459 E-mail: efd@mof.gov.la

- 6.03. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:
 - (a) The Association's address is:

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

(b) the Association's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile: E-mail:

1-202-477-6391 <u>laopdr@worldbank.org</u>

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

By

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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	Authorized Representative		
	Name: _	Phouthanouphet SAYSOMBATH	
	Title:	Deputy Minister of Finance	
	Date:	19-Jul-2023	
INTERNATION	AL DEVE	ELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	
By		Man	
	Authorized Representative		
	Name: _	Alexander Kremer	
	Title:	Country Manager, Lao PDR	
	Date:	13-Jul-2023	

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to improve rural livelihoods and consumption of diverse foods for targeted vulnerable communities, and to respond promptly and effectively in case of Eligible Crisis or Emergency.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Local Economic Development and Community Capacity Strengthening

1.1 Participatory Village Development Planning:

Providing technical assistance and capacity building support for:

- (i) developing and adopting updated village development planning guidelines;
- (ii) identifying village priorities and incorporating village priorities into sector plans; and
- (iii) developing village profiles covering information relevant to village context prior to village development planning preparation.

1.2 <u>Community Capacity Strengthening:</u>

- (i) Providing capacity building support to key community members with the knowledge and skills to lead the community; and
- (ii) Providing training sessions on soft skills and practical project implementation skills to targeted audiences.

1.3 Climate-resilient Community Infrastructure:

- (i) Providing trainings and community tools to villagers; and
- (ii) Providing Block Grants to eligible village communities for the construction or renovation of low-carbon and climate-resilient small infrastructure works selected through the village development planning process.

Part 2: Community Livelihoods Enhancement

2.1. <u>Development and Management of SHGs and PGs:</u>

- (i) Providing training and facilitation for step-by-step self-organization of members of different households into groups for pursuing income-generation and/or food production activities;
- (ii) Providing training to SHG and PG management committee on group management, record keeping, and fund rotation; and
- (iii) Encouraging SHG and PG members with higher technical and financial capacity to develop individual or group enterprises, focusing on the production and sales of local and climate-smart agricultural inputs and establishing PGs.

2.2. <u>Income Generation and Food Security Capacity Building:</u>

- (i) Building capacity among district staff and the Project's young graduates through in-village demonstrations with multimedia peer learning methods;
- (ii) Developing a new series of technical training modules and training methods adapted to the Beneficiaries; and
- (iii) Delivering training to SHG members on diversification of income generation and food self-production sources.

2.3. <u>Delivery of Project Grants and Management of Productive Assets:</u>

- (i) Providing Seed Grants to: SHGs for implementation of selected micro-plans; and PGs for implementation of market-oriented business plans; and
- (ii) Engaging SHGs and PGs into the maintenance of group productive assets.

Part 3: Community Nutrition Interventions

3.1 <u>Promotion of Demand for Enhanced Nutrition Practices:</u>

Adopting an integrated social and behavioral change communication approach to deliver activities targeting individuals, family and peer networks, and the whole community through:

(i) community mobilization, including supporting the establishment and training of women-led community nutrition groups ("CNGs"), equipping trained CNGs with basic cooking and food processing kits; and providing

CNG Grants to CNG members for food processing and/or nutrient powders production;

- (ii) interpersonal communication, including home visits by village facilitators and young graduates; and
- (iii) mass communication, including videos and other channels and photos sharing, multi-media peer learning, and supporting the integrated community nutrition platform.

3.2 Promotion of Community Sourced Nutritious Food:

- (i) supporting home nutrition gardening through promoting tested nutrient-dense and climate-resilient crops suitable for cultivation in areas with limited water and land access for home consumption and group cooking, providing training to the Project staff, district agriculture and forestry office staff, selected CNG members in setting up pesticide-free gardens and composting, and providing trained CNG members with initial seed and seedlings; and
- (ii) supporting goat dairy production and use through training to existing goat farmers in selected villages in raising, feeding, and milking goats, and providing the said farmers with milking set, mineral blocks, milking record books.

Part 4: Project Management, Capacity Building and Monitoring and Evaluation

Providing: (i) technical and operational assistance for the day-to-day management of the Project and its monitoring and evaluation system; and (ii) support for the improved sustainability and institutionalization of the approaches and principles of the Project through: the carrying out of a review on embedding community-based poverty reduction interventions in MAF core programs, development of a communication strategy for the Project and tools for outreach and fundraising; and preparation for additional phases of the Project activities.

Part 5: Contingent Emergency Response

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

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Subsidiary Agreement

- 1. To facilitate the carrying out of the Project, the Recipient shall make the proceeds of the Financing available to the Project Implementing Entity under a subsidiary agreement between the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity ("Subsidiary Agreement"), under terms and conditions acceptable to the Association, which shall include, *inter alia*:
 - (a) the proceeds of the Financing shall be made available by the Recipient to the Project Implementing Entity on a non-reimbursable grant basis;
 - (b) the Project Implementing Entity shall: (i) carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with appropriate technical, economic, financial, managerial, environmental and social standards and practices; including in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the PIM, the ESCP (including management tools and instruments referred to therein), and the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines applicable to recipients of Financing proceeds other than the Recipient; and (ii) provide, promptly as needed, the resources required for such purpose;
 - (c) the Project Implementing Entity shall ensure that any goods, works and/or services to be financed out of the Financing are procured in accordance with the Procurement Regulations and as further specified in the Project Implementation Manual;
 - (d) the Project Implementing Entity shall: (i) maintain a financial management system and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Association, both in a manner adequate to reflect the operations and financial condition of the Project Implementing Entity, including the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project; (ii) retain all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing expenditures under the Project until at least the later of one (1) year after the Recipient and the Association have received the audited financial statements covering the period during which the last withdrawal from the Financing Account was made, and two (2) years after the Closing Date; (iii) prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the Association interim unaudited financial reports not later than forty-five (45) days after

the end of each quarter covering the quarter; and (iv) have its records, accounts and financial statements audited annually by independent auditors acceptable to the Association, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association, and promptly furnish the statements as so audited to the Recipient and the Association, but in any event not later than six (6) months after the end of the Recipient's Fiscal Year;

- (e) the Project Implementing Entity shall enable the Recipient and the Association to inspect the Project, its operation and any relevant records and documents:
- (f) the Project Implementing Entity shall permit the Association to make the Subsidiary Agreement and all financial statements audited pursuant to paragraph (d) above available to the public in accordance with the Association's policies on access to information;
- (g) the Project Implementing Entity shall maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Association and set forth in the PIM, the progress of the Project and the achievement of its objective;
- (h) the Project Implementing Entity shall prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the Association all such information as the Recipient, or the Association shall reasonably request relating to the foregoing; and
- (i) the Recipient shall have the right to suspend or terminate the right of the Project Implementing Entity to use the proceeds of the Financing or obtain a refund of all or any part of the amount of the Financing then withdrawn, upon the Project Implementing Entity's failure to perform any of its obligations under the Subsidiary Agreement.
- 2. The Recipient shall exercise its rights under the Subsidiary Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate, or waive the Subsidiary Agreement or any of its provisions.

B. Environmental and Social Standards

1. The Recipient shall take, and shall cause the Project Implementing Entity, to take, all measures necessary to comply with, or all measures necessary to enable the Project Implementing Entity to comply with the provisions of Section I.E of the Schedule to the Project Agreement.

C. Contingent Emergency Response

- 1. In order to ensure the proper implementation of contingent emergency response activities under Part 5 of the Project ("Contingent Emergency Response Part"), the Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to ensure that:
 - a manual ("CERC Manual") is prepared and adopted in form and (a) substance acceptable to the Association, 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 Association;
 - (c) the Contingent 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 Association.
- 2. The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to 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 Association.
- 3. The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to 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 Association; and
- (b) the Contingent Emergency Response Part is carried out in accordance with the environmental and social instruments in a manner acceptable to the Association.
- 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

The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

Section III. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing

A. General

Without limitation upon the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions and in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, the Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing to finance Eligible Expenditures in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each Category of the following table:

Category	Amount of the Credit (A) Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Amount of the Credit (B) Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Block Grants, CNG Grants, Seed Grants, Operating Costs and Training and Workshops	25,400,000	8,100,000	100% 100% of disbursed amount with respect to Block Grants, CNG Grants and Seed Grants
(2) Emergency Expenditures	0	0	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	25,400,000	8,100,000	

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

- 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section, no withdrawal shall be made:
 - (a) for payments made prior to the Signature Date; or
 - (b) for Emergency Expenditures under Category (2), unless and until all of the following conditions have been met in respect of said expenditures:
 - (i) (A) the Recipient has determined that an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred, and has furnished to the Association a request to withdraw Financing amounts under Category (2); and (B) the Association has agreed with such determination, accepted said request and notified the Recipient thereof; and
 - (ii) the Recipient has adopted the CERC Manual and Emergency Action Plan, in form and substance acceptable to the Association.
 - 2. The Closing Date is December 31, 2027.

SCHEDULE 3

Repayment Schedule

I. REPAYMENT OF CREDIT (A)

Date Payment Due	Principal Amount of the Credit (A) repayable (expressed as a percentage)*
On each March 15 and September 15:	
commencing September 15, 2028, to and including March 15, 2048	1.65%
Commencing September 15, 2048, to and including March 15, 2053	3.40%

^{*} The percentages represent the percentage of the principal amount of Credit (A) to be repaid, except as the Association may otherwise specify pursuant to Section 3.05 (b) of the General Conditions.

II. REPAYMENT OF CREDIT (B)

Date Payment Due	Principal Amount of the Credit (A) repayable (expressed as a percentage)*
On each March 15 and September 15	
commencing September 15, 2029, to and including September 15, 2034	8.33334%
on March 15, 2035	8.33326%

^{*} The percentages represent the percentage of the principal amount of Credit (B) to be repaid, except as the Association may otherwise specify pursuant to Section 3.05 (b) of the General Conditions.

APPENDIX

Definitions

- 1. "Annual Work Plan and Budget" means the plan and budget which have received the Association's no-objection in accordance with Section I.C of Schedule to this Agreement as said plan and budget may be modified from time to time with the prior written no-objection of the Association.
- 2. "Anti-Corruption Guidelines" means, for purposes of paragraph 5 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.
- 3. "Beneficiary" means, either (i) a village community selected to receive a Block Grant; (ii) a SHG or a Producer Group selected to receive Seed Grant, or (iii) a CNG selected to receive CNG Grant; in accordance with the eligibility criteria and procedures set forth in the Project Implementation Manual; and "Beneficiaries" means, collectively, all such Beneficiaries.
- 4. "Block Grant" means a grant to be made available by the Project Implementing Entity out of the proceeds of the Financing, as specified in the Annual Work Plan and Budget, to an eligible village community; and "Block Grants" means, collectively, all such grants.
- 5. "Category" means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 6. "CERC Manual" means the manual referred to in Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as such manual may be updated from time to time with the agreement of the Association and which is an integral part of the Project Implementation Manual.
- 7. "Community Nutrition Group" or "CNG" means a group of community members established and operating in accordance with the PIM; and "Community Nutrition Groups" or "CNGs" means, collectively, all of the said groups.
- 8. "CNG Grant" means a grant to be made available by the Project Implementing Entity out of the proceeds of the Financing, as specified in the Annual Work Plan and Budget, to an eligible CNG; and "CNG Grants" means, collectively, all such grants.
- 9. "Credit (A)" means the credit in the amount referenced in Section 2.01(a) of this Agreement and the Credit for purposes of paragraph 24 of the General Conditions.

- 10. "Credit (B)" means the credit in the amount referenced in Section 2.01(b) of this Agreement and the Credit for purposes of paragraph 24 the General Conditions.
- 11. "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 Recipient, associated with a natural or man-made crisis or disaster.
- 12. "Emergency Expenditures" means any of the eligible expenditures set forth in the CERC Manual in accordance with the provisions of Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and required for the Contingent Emergency Response Part.
- 13. "Emergency Action Plan" means the plan referred to in Section I.C 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.
- 14. "Environmental and Social Commitment Plan" or "ESCP" means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated May 19, 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 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.
- "Environmental and Social Standards" or "ESSs" means, collectively: (i) 15. "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"; ana (x) "Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure"; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Association.

- 16. "Fiscal Year" means the Recipient's fiscal year, which commences on January 1 and closes on December 31 of each year.
- 17. "General Conditions" means the "International Development Association General Conditions for IDA Financing, Investment Project Financing", dated December 14, 2018 (revised on August 1, 2020, April 1, 2021, and January 1, 2022).
- 18. "Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry" or "MAF" means the Recipient's Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry or any successor thereto.
- 19. "Operating Costs" means reasonable costs required for the day-to-day coordination, administration, operation and supervision of Project activities, including leasing and/or routine repair and maintenance of vehicles, equipment, facilities and office premises, fuel, office supplies, utilities, consumables, communication expenses (including postage, telephone and internet costs), translation, operating costs of information campaigns including media costs; printing and photocopying expenses, bank charges, publications and advertising expenses, insurance, Project-related meeting expenses, Project-related travel, subsistence and lodging expenses, and other administrative costs and costs of contractual staff directly related to the Project, but excluding consulting fees and salaries, bonuses, fees and honoraria or equivalent payments of members of the Recipient's civil service.
- 20. "Poverty Reduction Fund" or "PRF" means the entity established and operating pursuant to the Recipient's Decree of the Prime Minister on the Establishment of the Poverty Reduction Fund, No.10/PM, dated January 10, 2012 and Decree of the Prime Minister on the Organizational Structure and Operations of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, No. 603/PM dated October 15, 2021, and possessing administrative, managerial, technical and financial autonomy under the Recipient's laws and regulations, for purposes of supporting small-scale village investment and services and strengthening local capacity for village development, and any successor thereto acceptable to the Association.
- 21. "Procurement Regulations" means, for purposes of paragraph 85 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", dated November 2020.
- 22. "Producer Group" or "PG" means a group of farmers or local input suppliers established and operating in accordance with the PIM; and "Producer Groups" means all such groups.
- 23. "Project Implementing Entity" means the Poverty Reduction Fund.
- 24. "Project Implementing Entity's Legislation" means, collectively the Recipient's Decree of the Prime Minister on the Establishment of the Poverty Reduction Fund,

- No.10/PM, dated January 10, 2012; and Decree of the Prime Minister on the Organizational Structure and Operations of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, No. 603/PM dated October 15, 2021.
- 25. "Project Implementation Manual" or "PIM" means the manual to be adopted by Project Implementing Entity for the implementation of the Project containing detailed arrangements and procedures for: (a) institutional coordination and day-to-day execution of the Project; (b) guidelines for formation, training and operation of CNGs, PGs, and SHGs; (c) eligibility criteria, appraisal, approval and administration arrangements and procedures for provision of Block Grants, CNG Grants, and Seed Grants to the Beneficiaries; (d) disbursement and financial management; (e) procurement; (f) environmental and social risks and impacts management; (g) monitoring and evaluation, reporting and communication; (h) detailed grievance redress mechanisms; and (i) such other administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the Project; as said manual may be modified from time to time with the prior written no-objection of the Association, and such term includes any schedules to such manual.
- 26. "Self-Help Group" or "SHG" means a group of poor and vulnerable household members established and operating in accordance with the PIM; and "SHGs" means all of the said groups.
- 27. "Seed Grant" means a grant to be made available by the Project Implementing Entity out of the proceeds of the Financing, as specified in the Annual Work Plan and Budget, to an eligible SHGs or a Producer Group; and "Seed Grants" means, collectively, all such grants.
- 28. "Signature Date" means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Association signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to "the date of the Financing Agreement" in the General Conditions.
- 29. "Sub-grant" means a Block Grant, a CNG Grant, or a Seed Grant; and "Sub-grants" means, collectively, all such Sub-grants.
- 30. "Sub-grant Agreement" means an agreement to be entered into between the Project Implementing Entity and a Beneficiary for the purpose of implementing Sub-project; and "Sub-grant Agreements" means, collectively, all such agreements.
- 31. "Sub-project" means a set of specific activities under Parts 1.3, 2.3 and 3.1 of the Project to be carried out by a respective Beneficiary utilizing the proceeds of a Sub-grant; and the term "Sub-projects" means all such sub-projects.

32. "Training and Workshops" means the reasonable costs of goods and services required for the participation of personnel involved in training and educational activities, workshops and study tours under the Project as set forth in the respective Annual Work Plan and Budget, including travel and subsistence costs for training, workshop and study tour participants, costs associated with securing the services of trainers, rental of training and workshop facilities, preparation and reproduction of training and workshop materials, scholarships, and other costs directly related to training or education course, workshop or study tour preparation and implementation, but excluding fees of consultants.