
GRANT NUMBER E347-BI

Financing Agreement

**(Additional Financing to the Eastern Africa
Regional Statistics Program for Results)**

between

REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Association”).

WHEREAS:

- (A) The Second Strategy for the Harmonization of Statistics in Africa for the period 2017 through 2026 (“SHaSA2”), is the continental strategy for the development of statistics in Africa first adopted by the African Heads of State and Government in 2009. Its vision, which is based on four strategic themes, is to generate timely, reliable, and harmonized statistical information, covering all aspects of political, economic, social, and cultural integration for Africa and guides the design and implementation of regional and national programs.
- (B) The Association entered into Financing Agreements with the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania (collectively and together with the Recipient, the “Participating Countries”), the African Union, and the East African Community to assist in financing their respective part under an Eastern Africa Regional Statistics Program For Results (“Operation”).
- (C) In implementing SHaSA2, the Recipient has adopted its third National Strategy for the Development of Statistics 2022-2026 (NSDS-3).
- (D) The Recipient has requested financing from the Association to implement selected activities under NSDS-3.

NOW THEREFORE 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 a grant, which is deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions, in an amount equivalent to fifteen million two hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 15,200,000) (“Financing”), to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”).
- 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 Payment Dates are April 15 and October 15 in each year.
- 2.05. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Operation, including 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 and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension consists of the following, namely, 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 Subsidiary Agreement.

ARTICLE V — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

- 5.01. The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of the following:
 - (a) The Recipient has caused the Project Implementing Entity to adopt the Project Operations Manual in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1(b) of Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
 - (b) The Subsidiary Agreement has been executed by the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity in accordance with the provisions of Section I.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

- 5.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date one hundred and twenty (120) days after the Signature Date.
- 5.03. For purposes of Section 10.05 (b) of the General 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 VI — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 6.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister in charge of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning.
- 6.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

- (a) the Recipient's address is:

Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning
B.P. 1830
Bujumbura
Republic of Burundi; and

- (b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

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- 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:

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AGREED as of the Signature Date.

REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

By



Authorized Representative

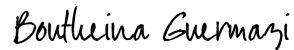
Name: H.E. Audace NIYONZIMA

Title: Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning

Date: 25-Jul-2024

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By



Authorized Representative

Name: Boutheina Guermazi

Title: Director, Regional Integration

Date: 24-Jul-2024

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Operation, including this Project, is to strengthen the regional harmonization, dissemination, and use of core economic and social statistics in Participating Countries.

The Project consists of the following activities, which shall form an additional part of the Operation:

Part 3. Burundi

(a) Harmonization, Quality, Dissemination and Use

Strengthen INSBU's capacity for data production, management, and dissemination.

(i) Improved Harmonization and Quality of Statistics

(A) Harmonized Consumer Price Index with East African Community. Support the establishment of a consumer price index (CPI) harmonized with the criteria of the East African Community (EAC), including support to INSBU to produce high-quality CPI data, training of data collection agents on the new consumer baskets, and establishment of a system for monitoring quality statistics and calculating the consumer price index.

(B) Operationalizing Regional Guidelines. Support dialogue between different units producing and using official statistics to promote regional harmonization.

(ii) Improved Dissemination and Use of Statistics

(A) Updating and Implementing a Communication Strategy. Support the update of INSBU's communications strategy to align with the regional strategy, including: (1) updating the statistics communications strategy; (2) organizing data use and research competitions among university students; (3) carrying out training in data use/visualization in sector ministries and other departments and agencies with statistics units; and (4) raising awareness among parliamentarians and policymakers.

- (B) **Data Dissemination Strategy Development.** Support the drafting and adoption of a data dissemination strategy and policy, including: (1) improving the use of open data portals for publishing statistics; (2) expanding and improving the utilization of the National Data Archive for the systemic archiving and publication of anonymized census and surveys microdata; and (3) training of staff on data documentation and anonymization that aligns with international privacy standards and the Recipient's legal framework.
- (C) **Annual Statistical Data User Satisfaction Survey.** Support INSBU to conduct an annual statistical data user satisfaction survey.

(b) **Availability and New Data Sources**

Support the accessibility of new data sources through data collection activities.

(i) **Improved Availability of Census Data**

Population Census. Support the Central Census Bureau in carrying out the general census of population, housing, agriculture, and livestock in Burundi, including: (1) the preparatory work, including the purchase of equipment and training of field officers; (2) field enumeration; (3) implementation of post census survey; (4) data analysis; and (5) final dissemination of results.

(ii) **Improved Availability of Household-based Survey Data**

Household Living Conditions Survey. Support INSBU in carrying out a survey to assess household living conditions in 2025/26, and a household-based informal sector and informal employment survey to improve source data for national accounts and inform policies to improve earnings in the informal sector.

(iii) **Improved Availability of Enterprise-based Survey Data**

Better Enterprise Data. Support the update of the registry of business, including the digitalization of enterprises' economic and financial data collection systems and creation of an updated system for comprehensive business information.

(iv) Improved Availability of Agricultural Statistics

Better Agricultural Statistics. Support the carrying out of a comprehensive agricultural survey to produce information on farm typologies, agricultural and livestock yields, the impacts of and resilience to climate change, usage of inputs, and adoption of climate-resilience practices and technologies, characteristics of fields, and access to resources.

(v) Improved Availability of Price and Macroeconomic Statistics

Price and Macroeconomics Statistics. Support the production of a monthly CPI, including the expansion of the CPI to include more markets in urban and rural areas, and the use of recent primary data and collection of additional information and source data to improve national accounts (including data on prices, public finances, the external sector, and monetary and financial sector).

(vi) Gained Experience with Big Data Sources and New Technologies

Integrating Technological Innovations into Data Collection Efforts. Support the use of existing technologies and innovations through: (1) development of systems for rapid response phone surveys; (2) survey experimentation on more accurate and cost-effective ways of collecting information from households; (3) continued adoption of tools and platforms to increase the speed and quality of data collection; (4) introduction of statistical innovations such as imputation and SWIFT; and (5) capacity-building on small area estimation to produce a granular poverty map based on the 2024 Census and the 2020 HBS.

(c) **Infrastructure and Institutional Development**

Support the modernization and strengthening of INSBU and other data-provider agencies through staff training, institutional development, upgrading information and communications technology (ICT) equipment, to create adequate conditions for data production.

(i) Upgraded IT and Statistical Infrastructure

Provide IT and equipment for statistical operations, including the provision of equipment to INSBU and construction of a data center and conference and training rooms, support to the construction of an energy efficient building, and provision of computer equipment to selected sectoral ministries to improve their data collection.

(ii) Enhanced Institutional Capacity and Development

Establish a system of continued direct and professional education for statisticians in different data-providing agencies, including the determination of the needed skill mix in modern statistical work, development of new job descriptions, design of training and re-training programs including distance learning, and support to the implementation of the statistics law through development of policies or implementation decrees.

(d) Project Management

Support project management and implementation activities for this Part 3, including *inter alia*; implementation supervision, establishment and operation of the Project Management Unit, procurement, and financial management, including audits, management of environmental and social aspects, monitoring, and evaluation.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

1. Project Management Unit

The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to establish and maintain, throughout the Project implementation period, a Project Management Unit (“PMU”) with composition, mandate, and resources satisfactory to the Association as detailed in the Project Operations Manual. To this end, the PMU shall:

- (a) be responsible for day-to-day coordination of Project activities in close collaboration with the national statistical system, including: (i) carrying out Project financial management and procurement activities; (ii) monitoring and evaluating Project activities and preparing Annual Work Plans and Budgets; (iii) preparing Project Reports and monitoring and evaluation reports; (iv) ensuring compliance with the Environmental and Social Standards and the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan; and (v) coordinating with other stakeholders on Project implementation; and
- (b) be composed of, *inter alia*, a Project Coordinator, a senior procurement specialist, a monitoring and evaluation team, an environmental specialist, and a social specialist, with qualifications, experience, and terms of reference satisfactory to the Association and as described in the Project Operations Manual.

2. The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to:

- (a) not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, hire or appoint a senior procurement specialist to the PMU with qualifications, experience, and terms of reference satisfactory to the Association; and
- (b) ensure that the Project Coordinator represents the Recipient in the Regional Program Coordinating Unit.

B. 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, under terms and conditions approved by the Association (“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.

C. Project Operations Manual

1. The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to:
 - (a) prepare and furnish to the Association for its review a Project Operations Manual (“Project Operations Manual” or “POM”), containing detailed arrangements and procedures for implementation of the Project, including, *inter alia*: (i) the respective roles and responsibilities of the INSBU centralized units involved in the implementation of the Project; (ii) disbursement and flow of funds arrangements; (iii) institutional arrangements; (iv) fiduciary arrangements, including financial management, procurement, and anti-corruption (including the Anti-Corruption Guidelines); (v) environment and social management systems; (vi) monitoring and evaluation, reporting and communication; and (vii) such other administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements, procedures and necessary terms of reference as shall be required for the Project;
 - (b) adopt the POM approved by the Association and, thereafter, implement the Project in accordance with the approved POM; and
 - (c) not amend, abrogate, waive, or permit to be amended, abrogated, or waived, the POM, or any provision thereof, without the prior written consent of the Association.
2. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the POM and those of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

D. Annual Work Plans and Budgets

1. The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to:
 - (a) no later than March 30 of each year, prepare for the purpose of forwarding to the Association, a draft annual work plan and budget for the Project (including Training and Operating Costs) for the following Fiscal Year, of such scope and detail as the Association shall have reasonably requested; and
 - (b) shall afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to review such draft annual work plan and budget, and thereafter shall carry out (or cause to be carried out) such annual work plan and budget during such following Fiscal Year as shall have been approved by the Association (“Annual Work Plan and Budget” or “AWP&B”).
2. Only those activities that are included in an Annual Work Plan and Budget shall be eligible for financing out of the proceeds of the Financing.
3. Annual Work Plans and Budgets may be revised as needed during the implementation of the Project subject to the Association's prior written approval.

E. Environmental and Social Standards

1. The Recipient shall, and shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to, ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards, in a manner acceptable to the Association.
2. Without limitation upon paragraph 1 above, the Recipient shall, and shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to, ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (“ESCP”), in a manner acceptable to the Association. To this end, the Recipient shall, and shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to, 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 Association shall otherwise agree in writing, as

specified in the ESCP, and ensure that the revised ESCP is disclosed promptly thereafter.

3. In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
4. The Recipient shall, and shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to, ensure that:
 - (a) all measures necessary are taken to collect, compile, and furnish to the Association through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Association, 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 Association, 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 Association 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.
5. The Recipient shall, and shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to, 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 Association.
6. The Recipient shall, and shall cause the Project Implementing Entity to, ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for civil works under the Project include the obligation of contractors, subcontractors, and supervising entities to: (a) comply with the relevant aspects of ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein; and (b) adopt and enforce codes of conduct that should be provided to and signed by all workers, detailing measures to address environmental, social, health and safety risks, and the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment and violence against children, all as applicable to such civil works commissioned or carried out pursuant to said contracts.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

The Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than one (1) month 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: (a) finance Eligible Expenditures; and (b) repay the Preparation Advance, in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each Category of the following table:

Category	Amount of the Financing Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training and Operating Costs for the Project	13,680,000	100%
(2) Refund of Preparation Advance	1,520,000	Amount payable pursuant to Section 2.07 (a) of the General Conditions
TOTAL AMOUNT	15,200,000	

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

Definitions

1. “African Union” means the union established by the Constitutive Act of the African Union adopted on July 11, 2000.
2. “Annual Work Plan and Budget” means the work plan and budget prepared annually by the Project Implementing Entity in accordance with the provisions of Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
3. “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.
4. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
5. “Central Census Bureau” means the Recipient’s central office in charge of census, established by Decree No. 100/109 of November 30, 2020.
6. “East African Community” means the regional intergovernmental organization established by Article 2 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community and comprised of eight Partner States, namely, the Republic of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Federal Republic of Somalia, the Republic of South Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Republic of Uganda.
7. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated May 24, 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.
8. “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”; and (x) “Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure”; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Association.

9. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for IDA Financing, Investment Project Financing”, dated December 14, 2018 (Last revised on July 15, 2023).
10. “Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental expenses incurred by the Recipient or the Project Implementing Entity in connection with implementation of the Project, including consumable materials and supplies, communications, mass media and printing services, vehicle purchase, operation and maintenance, office rental, charges for the opening and operation of bank accounts required for the Project, travel, lodging and *per diems*, and salaries of staff working on the Project (other than consulting services), but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient or the Project Implementing Entity.
11. “Operation” means the Eastern Africa Regional Statistics Program for Results operation.
12. “Participating Countries” means the countries participating in the Operation, including this Project, namely, the Republic of Burundi, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, and the United Republic of Tanzania.
13. “Preparation Advance” means the advance referred to in Section 2.07 (a) of the General Conditions, granted by the Association to the Recipient pursuant to the letter agreement signed on behalf of the Association on April 9, 2024 and on behalf of the Recipient on April 16, 2024.
14. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 85 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated September 2023.
15. “Program” means the activities described in Part I of the Operation.
16. “Project Implementing Entity” means the *Institut National de la Statistique Du Burundi* (INSBU) established and operating under the Project Implementing Entity’s Legislation, or any successor thereto.

17. “Project Implementing Entity’s Legislation” means the Recipient’s Decree No. 100/153, dated November 16, 2022, on the creation, organization and functioning of the national statistics authority.
18. “Project Operations Manual” means the manual referred to in Section I.C.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
19. “Regional Program Coordinating Unit” means the unit established under the Operation, responsible for coordinating Program implementation and providing oversight and monitoring of activities thereunder.
20. “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.
21. “Training” means the costs incurred for purposes of training under the Project, including through seminars, workshops, knowledge sharing activities and study tours, and covers the following costs associated with such activity: travel and subsistence costs for training participants, 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.