

Date: January 20, 2023

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Minister of Economy and Finance
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Abidjan
Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

Re: Credit No. 72560-CI
Strengthening Primary Education System Program
Additional Instructions: Disbursement and Financial Information Letter.

Excellency:

I refer to the Financing Agreement between Republic of Cote d'Ivoire ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("Association") for the above-referenced Program. The General Conditions, as defined in the Financing Agreement, provide that the Recipient may from time to time request withdrawals of Credit ^{1]} amounts from the Credit Account in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter ("DFIL"), and such additional instructions as the Association may specify from time to time by notice to the Recipient. The General Conditions also provide that the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter may set out Program specific financial reporting requirements. This letter constitutes such Disbursement and Financial Information Letter and may be revised from time to time.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Credit Funds, and Reporting of Uses of Credit Funds

(i) Disbursement Arrangements

The table in Schedule 1 sets out the disbursement methods which may be used by the Recipient, information on registration of authorized signatories, processing of Withdrawal Applications (including the processing of advances), instructions on supporting documentation, and reporting of advances.

• ***Disbursement Guidelines for the Project***

The *Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing*, dated February 2017 ("Disbursement Guidelines"), are available on the Association's public website at on the Bank's secure website "Client Connection" at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org> and its public website at <https://www.worldbank.org>. The Disbursement Guidelines are an integral part of the DFIL, and the manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the Credit is specified below.

(ii) Withdrawal Applications (Electronic Delivery)

[¹ "Financing" means: (a) the Credit if the Financing Agreement provides for a Credit only; (b) the if the Financing Agreement provides for a only; or both the Credit and the if the Financing Agreement provides for both a Credit and a .]

The Recipient shall deliver Withdrawal Applications (with supporting documents, "Applications") electronically through the Association's web-based portal "Client Connection" at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. This option will be effective after the officials designated in writing by the Recipient who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications have registered as users of "Client Connection." The designated officials shall deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through "Client Connection." By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, which can be delivered manually or electronically, the Recipient confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Association by electronic means. The Recipient may exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form on exceptional cases (including those where the Recipient encounters legal limitations) and which were previously agreed with the Association. By designating officials to use SIDC and deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the Authorized Signatory Letter its agreement to (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with the Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, available in the Association's public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and "Client Connection" at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>; and (b) to cause such officials to abide by those terms and conditions.

(iii) Disbursement Linked Results (DLRs) (Program only)

The Recipient shall deliver applications of amounts of the Credit allocated to individual Disbursement Linked Results ("DLRs") may, pursuant to the provisions of Section IV.A.2 of Schedule 2 of the Credit Agreement, be submitted to the Bank at any time after the Bank has notified the Recipient in writing that it has accepted evidence of achievement of the specific DLRs.

(iv) Withdrawal Amount for the Program

The Application may be for an amount not to exceed the amount of the Credit confirmed by the Bank for the specific DLRs in respect of which the withdrawal is requested, as specified in the Bank's notice to the Recipient.

(v) Advances and Recovery of Advances for the Program

The Recipient may, in accordance with provisions of the Credit Agreement, request advances of amounts of the Credit allocated to DLIs/DLRs that have not yet been achieved using the Form attached (Attachment 2).

The Bank records an amount of the advance as disbursed for an achieved DLR ("recovered") after it has notified the Recipient of its acceptance of the evidence of achievement of the DLR for which the advance was provided. The amount so reclassified becomes available for further advances in accordance with the preceding paragraph.]

II. Financial Reports and Audits

(i) Financial Reports.

The Recipient must prepare and furnish to the Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, interim unaudited financial reports ("IFR") for the Program and the Project covering the semester.

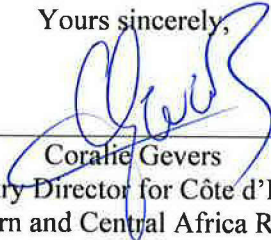
(ii) Audits.

Each audit of the Financial Statements for the Program and the Project must cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal was made. The audited Financial Statements for each such period must be furnished to the Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

III. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the Bank's public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and "Client Connection" at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org> the Bank recommends that you register as a user of "Client Connection." From this website, you will be able to prepare and deliver Authorized Signatory Letters and Withdrawal Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Credit and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, or if you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the Bank by email at askloans@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,



Coralie Gevers
Country Director for Côte d'Ivoire
Western and Central Africa Region

Attachments

1. Sample Form for Advances for the Program
2. Statement of Expenditure (SOE) for the Project

Schedule 1 : Disbursement Provisions

A. Basic Information			
IDA Credit / Number	Country	Republic of Cote d'Ivoire	Closing Date
	Recipient/ Name of the Operation	Republic of Cote d'Ivoire Strengthening Primary Education System Program	
72560-CI			Section IV. B.3 of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement. Six (06) months after the closing date.
B. Disbursement Methods and Supporting Documentation			
		• Under the Program	
		Supporting Documentation	
Disbursement Methods	Methods		
Reimbursement (DLI payment for achieved results)	Yes	Confirmation issued by the Association of achieved results	
Advance	Yes	Request in the format provided in Attachment 2 of the DFIL	
		• Under the Project	
		Supporting Documentation	
Disbursement Methods	Methods		
Direct Payment	Yes	Copy of records	
Reimbursement	Yes	Statement of Expenditures (SOE) in the format provided in Attachment 2 of this DFIL	
Designated Account	Yes	Statement of Expenditures (SOE) in the format provided in Attachment 2 of this DFIL	
Special Commitments	Yes	Copy of Letter of Credit	
C. Advances			
		• Under the Program	
Financial Institution - Name	BCEAO		Amount / Limit Euro 82,325,000
			Currency Euro
		• Under the Project	
Type and Management Unit	Segregated DA for Category 10		Ceiling Fixed
Financial Institution - Name	BCEAO		Currency XOF
Frequency of Reporting	Monthly		Amount XOF 1,000,000,000
		• D. Minimum Value of Applications under the Project	
The minimum value of applications for Reimbursement, Direct Payment and Special Commitment is XOF 100,000,000 equivalent.			
E. Authorized Signatories			
<i>Withdrawal and Documentation Applications</i>			

(i) Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1). Applications for this Financing will be signed by the official(s) designated in the Standing Authorization Letter and authorized to sign Withdrawal Applications, including by electronic means, for all Cote d'Ivoire projects.

(ii) Applications (subsections 3.2 - 3.3). All Withdrawal Applications and their supporting documentation shall be electronically submitted via the Association's web-based Portal "Client Connection".

F. Additional Instructions

All withdrawals from the Financing Account shall be deposited by the Association into an account specified by the Recipient at the Central Bank (BCEAO).

Other

Attachment 1: Sample Form for Advances

[Ministry/Implementing Agency Letterhead]

[Date]

Loan Department – [name of Regional Center]
The World Bank
[address of regional center]
Attention: [name of regional center team lead]

**Subject: Re: IDA Credit 72560-CI (Strengthening Primary Education System Operation)
-Request for Advance**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the Financing Agreement between the Association (the “Association”) and [*insert the name of the Recipient*] (the “Recipient”) providing for the above Credit.

In accordance with the provisions of the Disbursement Letter and Schedule ____, Section _____ of the Financing Agreement, to support the implementation of the above Program and to facilitate the achievement of the planned results, we request an Advance in the amount of [*insert amount*]¹.

[We request that the Advance be disbursed in [*currency requested for disbursement*] equivalent to the Total Advance Requested above.]² We acknowledge that the amount disbursed will be charged to the Credit Account in the currency of the Financing at the rate of exchange in effect at the time of disbursement.

Sincerely,
[*insert Name and Position*]³

¹ The Proposed Advance should be in the currency of the DLI/DLR as set out in the disbursement table in the [Financing] Agreement and in accordance with provisions in the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter. Normally, this is the currency of commitment of the Credit.

² Use this text to designate the currency of the Advance if it should be different from the currency set out in the disbursement table in the [Financing] Agreement.

³ To be signed by a representative of the implementing/coordinating agency of the Recipient, OR by the person(s) authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal under the Credit/ as set out in the applicable Authorized Signatory Letter.

Attachment 2 – Statement of Expenditures format

Statement of Expenditures

Payment made during the period from to

The following expenditures have been incurred during the retroactive financing period (please tick)
 The following expenditures have been incurred before the closing date of the loan/credit/grant (please tick)

Yes	No
Yes	No

Financier	
Loan/Credit/Grant #	
Application #	
Category #	
Page #	

ONLY for the Designated Account

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Item No	Supplier's Name	Brief Description of the Expenditure	Prior Review (Contract?) <i>(YES or NO)</i>	Contract # <i>(Client Connection # for Prior Review Contracts)</i>	Contract Currency and Amount <i>(Original + Amendment)</i>	Invoice Number	Date of Payment	Total Amount of Invoice Covered by Application <i>(Net of Retention)</i>	% Financed from the Bank	Eligible Amount <i>(Col 9 x 10)</i>	Exchange Rate	Date of Withdrawal from the Designated Account	Amount Withdrawn from the Designated Account <i>(Col 11/12)</i>
								0.00		0.00		TOTAL	0.00

Supporting documents for this SOE are retained at

_____ *(insert location)*

A separate form should be used for each category.
